

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at: East High School Media Center, 301 North Fortieth Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55804, on

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Members Present:

Kelly Durick Eder
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Amber Sadowski
Paul Sandholm

Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent
Patty Paquette, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Lauryn Molitor
Elsa Priest

Absent:

Simone Zunich, Deputy Clerk
Destiny Williams
Joniya Metcalf

- Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting March 21, 2023 to order at 6:32 p.m.

M-Durick Eder, S-Sadowski, to approve the agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

School and Community Recognition

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Assistant Superintendent Bonds presented the School and Community Recognition

Public Comments

March 2023

Dennis Hansen spoke to the school board regarding cutting gym class.
Michelle Bowker spoke to the school board regarding equity.
Michelle Riley spoke to the school board regarding safety.
Katie Dols spoke to the school board regarding support of our school.
Ethan Fisher spoke to the school board regarding several topics.
Anna Berry spoke to the school board regarding Exec/Association merge.
Sofia Orman spoke to the school board regarding Exec/Association merge.
Rachelle Trost spoke to the school board regarding respecting gender identity.
Jason Kenison spoke to the school board regarding respecting gender identity.
Olivia Maki spoke to the school board regarding Denfeld student perspective.
Frances Wittenberg spoke to the school board regarding gender inclusion policy.
Catherine Nachbar spoke to the school board regarding collaboration.
Brandon Stere spoke to the school board regarding gender issues.
Jennifer Fuchs spoke to the school board regarding support of gender inclusion.

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Communications, Petitions, Etc.

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Chair Lofald stated there was one communication received.

Superintendent's Report

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Student Representative Lauryn Molitor presented the Denfeld student report.

Student Representative Elsa Priest presented the East student report.

Superintendent Magas presented the Superintendent's Report. Topics included the following:

- Student Representative Reports
- Strategic Planning Update
- Legislative Update
- Elementary and Middle Level Scheduling Updates
- Community and Schools Outreach Update

Monthly Committee of the Whole Report

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Anthony Bonds, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Committee of the Whole report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Discussion was had.

Human Resources/Business Services Committee Report

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Member Durick Eder presented the Human Resources/Finance Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Discussion was had.

Policy Committee Report

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Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the Policy Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Discussion was had.

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General Board Committee Updates

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Member Sadowski shared an Education Equity Advisory Committee (EEAC) update.
Member Sadowski and Member Durick Eder shared an Inter-Governmental update.
Member Loeffler-Kemp shared a Head Start Policy Council update and a Duluth Public Schools Foundation update.

Consent Agenda

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M-Durick Eder, S-Oswald, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Resolutions from Committee Reports

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B-3-23-3951 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools

M-Oswald, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve B-3-23-3951 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

B-3-23-3952 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm to approve B-3-23-3952 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Special Resolutions/Other Action Items

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None

Other

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M-Oswald, S-Durick Eder to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of March 21, 2023 at 8:56 p.m.