

Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

District Services Center

709 Portia Johnson Dr.

Duluth, MN 55811

6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
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 - C. Business Committee (*see separate report*)
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13. **Adjournment**

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at the Historic Old Central High School, 215 North First Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Members Present:

Josh Gorham
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Nora Sandstad

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Cathy Erickson, CFO
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Maggie Carlos (Denfeld)

Members Absent:

Sally Trnka

➤ Chair Kirby called the Regular School Board meeting of October 16, 2018 to order at 6:32 p.m.

M-Kirby, S-Sandstad, to appoint Cathy Erickson, as Deputy Clerk. Upon a vote, the same was approved - 6-0.

The pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Gorham, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon a vote, the agenda was approved as presented – 6-0.

Chair Kirby asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of September 18, 2018.

M-Sandstad, S-Oswald, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Kirby asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 18, 2018.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Gorham, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

School and Community Recognition October 2018

Members of the Board, this month we're recognizing the employees of our Special Education Department. Please welcome Jason Crane, Director of Special Education. The Minnesota

Department of Education reviews public school special education systems throughout the state. MDE reviewed our district in 2017-18 and it required a lot of work on the part of our Special Education Department staff to get ready. Over the course of the year, nearly every month was filled with requirements and deadlines our team worked together to complete. They include, but were not limited to:

- Record and File Review
- Building and Staff Summary
- Special Education Director Interview Total Special Education System Plan Review
- Restrictive Procedures Plan Review
- And Special Education Monitoring Online Interviews

All of that work paid off. We were notified by MDE that our Special Education department passed the audit with No Findings. The letter from MDE states, quote, “The administration and special education staff are commended for their commitment to providing compliant services to children with disabilities and their families. The Division of Compliance and Assistance appreciates the efforts that resulted in this exemplary outcome.” Congratulations to Jason Crane, Director, and the employees in our Special Education Department, we appreciate all you do.

Public Comments
October 2018

Member Oswald read the Community Vision and Priorities for Duluth’s Schools and the Eleven Tools of Civility.

Kevin Skwira-Brown, no address provided, spoke to the School Board about the Community Based School Equity Initiative.

Bernie Burnham, no address provided, spoke to the School Board to thank you for supporting and attending the “Breakfast with Bernie” events, door knocking for the upcoming education levy referendum, and introduced the Executive Director of the Duluth Community Schools Collaborative.

Tonya Kjerland, address not provided, the new Executive Director of the Duluth Community Schools Collaborative, introduced herself to the Board.

Jesse Frischmann, address not provided, spoke to the School Board about being a new teacher in the District (Myers-Wilkins).

Tyler Henkels, address not provided, a teacher at Lincoln Park Middle School, spoke to the School Board about feedback he received from parents at the recent parent teacher conferences.

Loren Martell, 623 East Seventh Street, spoke to the School Board about the upcoming levy.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.

October 2018

Superintendent Gronseth stated that no communications had been received.

Superintendent's Report

October 2018

To start tonight I want to welcome Cathy Erickson, our new CFO to her very first School Board meeting. We are excited to have Ms. Erickson with us.

The election is just 21 days away! We have been visiting all of our schools, PTSA groups, community leaders and organizations to share information about the referendum. There have been two mailings that have gone out to everyone in the district, and another will be going out soon. There will also be informational pieces coming out through our local media and through social media as well. The majority of these mailings and postings are required by law, but help everyone to learn more about the referendum questions. As a reminder, there are three referendum questions being considered. The three questions are linked and require that voters answer all three questions.

The first question is for a renewal of our current referendum. Since 2013, the referendum has supported 16-18 full-time teachers, curriculum updates including the Wonders Reading Curriculum, and strategies to close the achievement gap such as the implementation of our multi-tiered systems of support and professional learning communities. Again question 1 is a renewal and does not result in a tax increase.

The second question addresses class size, something that every group we've talked to has listed as their top priority. Question 2 is an increase of \$575 per pupil to add an additional 25 teachers, allows for specific interventions at specific sites to address student needs, and ensures long-term financial stability for the district. Question 2 is an increase of \$8.64 per month for the average household in Duluth.

Question 3 supports classroom technology. Although it may feel as though the Long Range Facilities Plan just happened, it is actually celebrating a decade since the first projects. The technology that was implemented at that time is still in place in most cases. This technology is fading quickly (I'm not sure how many of us have cell phones or laptops that we were using 10 years ago!). Passing question 3 would allow us to update our smart boards and other technologies, ensure that every student and staff have access to a device, provide professional development and ongoing support for our teachers and tech staff. It also allows us to upgrade our infrastructure such as increasing from 1 GIG of bandwidth to 10 GIG. Question 3 is an additional increase of \$5.03 for the average household.

When the costs for this referendum were calculated, we looked at average expenses over the course of the referendum, costing less in the beginning and more at the end. If people have

further questions or would like to see what their estimated taxes would be for each question, they can visit our website at www.ISD709.org and visit the Levy page. You can enter your parcel number and see what the tax impact would be for your property. We encourage everyone to get out and vote on November 6, or before, because I know early voting is more popular than ever before!

As I am sure everyone has noticed, winter seems to be visiting early this year. We have already had snow and ice coverage a few times this year. We met today with regional superintendents to start our yearly conversations about severe weather preparedness. So, I am hopeful that it won't be anytime soon, but should we have school cancellations people should be aware that we do report closures or two-hour late starts through the local media, Infinite Campus, our automated dialer system and through our social media accounts. We do try to make decisions as early as possible but as the experts tell us, Duluth weather is not always predictable!

Student Representative Maggie Carlos spoke to the School Board about activities happening at Denfeld such as Homecoming, Hunter Pride, great attendance at sporting events, hall decorating, Pathways 2 Teaching class, career and college-ready month, scholarship night, and FAFSA night. Everyone is invited to the play, "Anything Goes", which will be November 1-4, 2018.

Education Committee Report

October 2018

Member Lofald presented the Education Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Member Lofald presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 requires a school district to accept grants by resolution expressed in the terms prescribed by the donor in full; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant in accordance with the donor's terms is in the best interest of the Duluth Public Schools:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duluth Public Schools does accept the below-described grants from said organizations in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Duluth Public Schools wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to these organizations.

Organization	Author / Contact	Project Title	Award Amount	Terms
Northland Foundation	Jacob Hintsala	Preventure Lincoln Collaborative	\$20,000	Funds will be used to support funds will be used to support the Preventure Lincoln Collaborative, a school-based intervention aimed at reducing adolescent drug and alcohol use in high-risk teenagers.
Boston Scientific – High Tech Kids	Calvin Harris	FIRST LEGO League Team	\$650	Fund will be used to support a FIRST LEGO League Robotics Team at Laura MacArthur Elementary School.

Resolution E-10-18-3591

October 16, 2018

M-Lofald, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution E-10-18-3591 – Acceptance of Grant Awards to the Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

M-Lofald, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve the remainder of the Education Committee Report.

Member Oswald withheld Items 1.C.1) and 2.B.1)

Member Oswald withheld Item 1.C.1) North Star Accountability System Presentation – Part 2, to discuss expectations for students.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

Member Oswald withheld Item 2.B.1) Extended Trip Request – Montgomery, AL, to verify the dates of the trip.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

Upon a vote, the remainder of the Education Committee Report was approved – 6-0.

Human Resources Committee Report

October 2018

Member Gorham presented the Human Resources Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

M-Gorham, S-Oswald, to approve the Human Resource Committee report. Upon a vote, the Human Resources Committee report was approved – 6-0.

Business Committee Report
October 2018

Member Gorham presented the Business Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Member Gorham presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 requires a school district to accept donations by resolution expressed in the terms prescribed by the donor in full; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of the donations in accordance with the donor’s terms is in the best interest of the Duluth Public Schools:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duluth Public Schools does accept the below-described donations from said organizations in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Duluth Public Schools wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to these individuals and organizations.

SCHOOL	DONOR	AMOUNT	RESTRICTION
Congdon	Xin Liang	\$100.00	Art dept.
Congdon	Anne Collins	\$80.00	Battle of the Books
District-wide	Surgical Services Charity Committee	\$250.00	Outstanding hot lunch balances (no school specified)
East	Minnesota Vikings	\$800.00	Football
East	Corrina Halstead	\$250.00	Drama dept.
East	Deanna Bennett	\$500.00	Drama dept.
East	Gerald Martin	In Kind	Art dept.
Laura MacArthur	Duluth Public School Fund Endowment Grants	\$4,619.00	
Lester Park	Vicki Simich	In Kind	Lester Park students
Lester Park	Emily High & Health Partners Employees	In Kind	None
Lester Park	Gayle and Jonathan Koop	\$200.00	None
Lowell	Lowell PTA Families	In Kind	None
Lowell	Adventure Club/Positive Energy Outdoors	In Kind	None
Lowell	Cub Foods and community	In Kind	None
Lowell	Lowell PTA/Sarah Pugliese	\$50.00	None
Lowell	Maurices	In Kind	None
Lowell	Cub Foods and Community	In Kind	None

Resolution B-10-18-3592

October 16, 2018

M-Gorham, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve Resolution B-10-18-3592 – Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Member Gorham presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Authorized Bank Account Signer – October 2018

RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that it hereby authorizes the following:

District Building	Banking Institution	Account Number	Addition of Authorized Signer	Removal of Authorized Signer
ISD 709	MN Liquid Asset Fd	XXXXX3	Catherine Erickson	--
ISD 709	MN Trust	XXXX8	Catherine Erickson	--
ISD 709	Piper Jaffray	XXXXXXXX5	Catherine Erickson	--
ISD 709	MBS	XXXXX9	Catherine Erickson	--
ISD 709	US Bank	XXXXXXXX6	Catherine Erickson	--
ISD 709	Harbor Pointe Credit Union	XXX23	Catherine Erickson	--

Resolution B-10-18-3593

October 16, 2018

M-Gorham, S-Lofald, to approve Resolution B-10-18-3593 – Authorized Bank Account Signer. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

M-Gorham, S-Sandstad, to approve the remainder of the Business Committee report. Upon a vote, the remainder of the Business Committee report was approved – 6-0.

Other
October 2018

M-Kirby, S-Oswald, in accordance with ISD 709 Policy 213 – School Board Committees Bylaw, the School Board Chair appoint an ad hoc committee and designate the Chair thereof, to review the current organizational structure of the ISD 709 School Board. This review should include, but not be limited to, the standing committee design and function and agenda setting procedures. Furthermore, the ad hoc committee will follow all the procedures for school board committees as outlined in Policy 213, which includes open meetings. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

M-Oswald, S-Sandstad, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

➤ Chair Kirby adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of October 16, 2018 at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at the Historic Old Central High School, 215 North First Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Members Present:

Josh Gorham
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald (arrived 4:08 p.m.)
Alanna Oswald
Nora Sandstad
Sally Trnka

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary
Cathy Erickson, Deputy Clerk

- Chair Kirby called the Special School Board meeting of November 13, 2018 to order at 4:04 p.m.

Member Trnka presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Special Election of November 6, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District 709, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this district, held on November 6, 2018, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 47,474 voters of the district voted at said election on Question One (1) to renew its existing referendum revenue by seeking authorization of \$371.78 per pupil of which 32,248 voted in favor, 12,314 voted against the same.
3. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 47,474 voters of the district voted at said election on Question Two (2) of Increasing the General Education Revenue of the School District by an additional \$575.00 per pupil of which 23,805 voted in favor, 20,346 voted against the same.
4. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 47,474 voters of the district voted at said election on Question Three (3) of Increasing the General Education Revenue of the School District by an additional \$335.00 per pupil of which 21,387 voted in favor, 22,575 voted against the same.
5. Said proposition One (1), having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have passed.
6. Said proposition Two (2), having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have passed.
7. Said proposition Three (3), not having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have failed.
8. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the County Auditor of each County in which the School District is located in whole or in part.

**ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST
FOR SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST
SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION ONE (1)
November 6, 2018**

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED:
AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M. 58,186

B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY: 6,830

C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER *

D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS
ABSENTEE BALLOTS *

E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE ELECTION 47,474
(add C plus D equals E):

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT
BOX *

G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE
BALLOT BOX: *

H. TOTAL NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS IN THE SPOILED BALLOT
ENVELOPE *

I. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNUSED BALLOTS RETURNED TO THE CLERK *

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION ONE (1) - PROPOSITION OF EXCESS LEVY
REFERENDUM – TO RENEW ITS EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE BY SEEKING
AUTHORIZATION OF \$371.78 PER PUPIL**

YES 32,248

NO 12,314

Completely Blank Ballots *

Completely Defective Ballots *

TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS QUESTION: 44,562

*City Clerk's System does not generate blank or defective ballot information, which could be used for this abstract.

**ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST
FOR SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH)
STATE OF MINNESOTA
ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST
SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION TWO (2)
November 6, 2018**

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED:
AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M. 58,186

B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY: 6,830

C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER *

D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS
ABSENTEE BALLOTS *

E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE ELECTION 47,474
(add C plus D equals E):

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT
BOX *

G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE
BALLOT BOX: *

H. TOTAL NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS IN THE SPOILED BALLOT
ENVELOPE *

I. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNUSED BALLOTS RETURNED TO THE CLERK *

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION TWO (2) - PROPOSITION OF EXCESS
LEVY REFERENDUM – INCREASING GENERAL EDUCATION REVENUE BY AN
ADDITIONAL \$575.00 PER PUPIL**

YES 23,805

NO 20,346

Completely Blank Ballots *

Completely Defective Ballots *

TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS QUESTION: 44,151

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**ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST
FOR SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH)
STATE OF MINNESOTA
ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST
SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION THREE (3)
November 6, 2018**

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED: AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.	<u>58,186</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:	<u>6,830</u>

C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER	<u>*</u>
D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS	<u>*</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE ELECTION (add C plus D equals E):	<u>47,474</u>

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX	<u>*</u>
G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX:	<u>*</u>

H. TOTAL NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS IN THE SPOILED BALLOT ENVELOPE	<u>*</u>
I. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNUSED BALLOTS RETURNED TO THE CLERK	<u>*</u>

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION THREE (3) - PROPOSITION OF EXCESS
LEVY REFERENDUM – INCREASING GENERAL EDUCATION REVENUE BY AN
ADDITIONAL \$335.00 PER PUPIL**

YES	<u>21,387</u>
NO	<u>22,575</u>
Completely Blank Ballots	<u>*</u>
Completely Defective Ballots	<u>*</u>

TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS QUESTION: 43,962

*City Clerk's System does not generate blank or defective ballot information, which could be used for this abstract.

M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-11-18-3596 - Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election of November 6, 2018. Upon a vote the same passed, 7-0.

➤ Chair Kirby adjourned the Special School Board meeting of November 13, 2018 at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

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Members Present:

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Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Nora Sandstad
Sally Trnka

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary
Cathy Erickson, Deputy Clerk

- Chair Kirby called the Special School Board meeting of November 13, 2018 to order at 4:10 p.m.

Member Gorham presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION Executive (Closed) Session

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) allows the Board to go into a closed meeting for discussion under the attorney-client privilege;

WHEREAS, the District has been sued in state court in the case of Johnston v. ISD 709, Court File Number 69DU-CV-18-2260; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to meet with its attorney to discuss the status and defense of this case. It would be detrimental to the District's interests for the Board to hold a public discussion with its attorney where any adverse party or their attorney could listen to or be made aware of the Attorney's advice related to the litigation. It is in the District's best interest for the Board to obtain legal advice in a confidential setting to maintain the attorney-client privilege.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the School Board shall meet in Executive (Closed) Session on November 13, 2018, at approximately 4:15 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussing the pending litigation against the District on the above-referenced grounds.

Resolution B-11-18-3597

November 13, 2018

M-Gorham, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-11-18-3597 - Executive (Closed) Session. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 7-0.

- Chair Kirby adjourned the Special School Board meeting of November 13, 2018 at 4:14 p.m.

8. Communications, Petitions, etc.
None

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISD 709
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

November 19-23, 2018

Tuesday	November 20, 2018	4:45 p.m.	ISD 709 Annual Report to the Community Tenured Teacher Celebration 4:45PM – 5:15PM: Refreshments & Music 5:15PM – 6:00PM: Newly Tenured Teacher Celebration 6:00PM – 6:30PM: Annual Report for the Community HOCHS - Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	November 20, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting Board Room - 2nd Floor

November 26-30, 2018

No meetings scheduled at this time

December 3-7, 2018

Tuesday	December 4, 2018	5:00 p.m.	American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Room 318 - 3rd Floor
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December 10-14, 2018

Monday	December 10, 2018	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	December 11, 2018	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	December 11, 2018	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow the Human Resources Comm. Mtg.)</i>	Business Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor
Thursday	December 13, 2018	4:15 p.m.	Parent Advisory Committee Special Education Room 203-C - 2nd Floor

December 17-21, 2018

Tuesday	December 18, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting <i>*Includes Truth in Taxation Hearing</i> Board Room - 2nd Floor
Thursday	December 20, 2018	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor

December 24-28, 2018

No meetings scheduled at this time

December 31, 2018 - January 4, 2019

No meetings scheduled at this time

January 7-11, 2019

Monday	January 7, 2019	4:30 p.m.	Annual Organizational Meeting Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	January 8, 2019	5:00 p.m.	American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Room 318 - 3rd Floor

January 14-18, 2019

Monday	January 14, 2019	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	January 15, 2019	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	January 15, 2019	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow the Human Resources Comm. Mtg.)</i>	Business Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor

January 21-25, 2019

Tuesday	January 22, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting Board Room - 2nd Floor
Thursday	January 24, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor

Office of the Superintendent
November 15, 2018

Resolution

Support for a Legal Minimum Sales Age of 21 to Purchase Tobacco Products

WHEREAS, there has been a substantial increase in tobacco use rates among teens for the first time in 17 years;

WHEREAS, the increase in tobacco use among teens has been attributed primarily to the marketing, sale, and use of electronic cigarettes, vape and other electronic nicotine delivery systems. The growing use of these devices has become a prominent issue in Duluth Public Schools.

WHEREAS, the rise in nicotine addiction among middle school and high school aged youth represents a clear threat to their future health.

WHEREAS, the School District has adopted a Wellness Policy to promote healthy choices in our schools;

WHEREAS, the policy to change the minimum legal sales age of 21 to purchase tobacco products (T21) will effectively keep more kids from becoming addicted to nicotine before they are out of high school and is a common sense response that reflects our community's commitment to "health in all policies" to and advancing health equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that because of this threat to the health and well-being of our community and the costs associated with tobacco and nicotine use that the Duluth School Board encourages the Duluth City Council to pass an ordinance to raise the age required to purchase tobacco products to age 21.