

## **Regular School Board Meeting**

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

### Agenda

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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**
- 5. Reading and Approving Minutes**
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- 9. Report of the Superintendent**
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- 10. Report of Standing Committees**
  - A. Education Committee (*see separate report*)
    - 1) Board Members in attendance at the November 13, 2019 Regular Monthly Education Committee: Durick Eder, Kirby, Lofald, Loeffler-Kemp
  - B. Human Resources Committee (*see separate report*)
    - 1) Board Members in attendance at the November 12, 2019 Regular Monthly Human Resources Committee: Durick Eder, Kirby, Lofald, Loeffler-Kemp, Oswald, Sandstad, Trnka
  - C. Business Committee (*see separate report*)
    - 1) Board Members in attendance at the November 12, 2019 Regular Monthly Business Committee: Durick Eder, Kirby, Lofald, Loeffler-Kemp, Oswald, Sandstad, Trnka
- 11. Special Resolutions**
- 12. Questions / Other**
- 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 15, 2019

Members Present:

David Kirby (arrived at 6:58)  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Jill Lofald  
Nora Sandstad  
Sally Trnka

Members Absent:

Alanna Oswald

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, CFO  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Vanessa Farrell (East)

Others Absent:

Emma Natale (Denfeld)

➤ Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Regular School Board meeting of October 15, 2019 to order at 6:38 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

**M-Sandstad, S-Trnka, to approve the agenda.**

**M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to remove item 5.A.2. Essentia Health Sports Medicine Contract from the Business Committee agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved 4-0.**

**Upon a vote to approve the agenda as amended, the same was approved – 4-0.**

Chair Loeffler-Kemp asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of September 13, 2019.

**M-Sandstad, S-Lofald, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2019 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 4-0.**

Chair Loeffler-Kemp asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 17, 2019.

**M-Lofald, S-Sandstad, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 4-0.**

Chair Loeffler-Kemp asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of September 17, 2019.

**M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 4-0.**

Chair Loeffler-Kemp asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of September 27, 2019.

**M-Lofald, S-Sandstad, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2019 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 4-0.**

Chair Loeffler-Kemp asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of September 30, 2019.

**M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2019 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 4-0.**

### **School and Community Recognition**

**October 2019**

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Jeff Horton:

Members of the Board, this month I'm pleased to introduce students, teachers and faculty advisors from Duluth East's Circle of Friends.

Circle of Friends provides an opportunity for partnership and friendship between students with disabilities and students without disabilities.

Students participate in activities that promote collaboration and cooperation. Activities include art projects, games, cooking, sports, school activities and more.

They work to reduce incidents of bullying and promote disability awareness among students and staff.

Since 2015, Circle of Friends has connected more than 80 student mentors with students with disabilities Duluth East.

They spend time together during WIN Advisory, often wishing it was longer than 30 minutes.

Circle of Friends participated in Duluth East for Peace week, the Peace Walk, student activity fairs, Cookie Club and Night to Shine.

They're assisting with the creation of a new physical education course for next year, modeled after Special Olympics Unified Physical Education.

Thank you, Circle of Friends, for your example and your inspiration.

### **Public Comments**

**October 2019**

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

Joanne Coffin-Langdon, 800 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, spoke to the School Board regarding her concern with the change in staffing to the early childhood program. She stressed the importance of having someone licensed and fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) working with deaf and hard of hearing students.

Julie Gontjes, 1009 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the School Board regarding her sons experience as a deaf, hard of hearing student and stressed the importance that the staff hired to work with deaf and hard of hearing students be fluent in ASL and connected to the deaf, hard of hearing community.

David Moberg, 2409 Leonard Street, spoke to the School Board regarding the importance of support for deaf and hard of hearing students particularly for the early childhood years.

Joyce Atchison, 211 17<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the School Board regarding the importance of support for deaf and hard of hearing students in the classroom and the importance of exposure to ASL in the early childhood years.

Nancy McFarlin Dienar, 5818 Morningstar Drive, spoke to the School Board regarding ASL language deprivation in children, and provided statistics that show it is better to expose them to ASL early.

Angela Elmendorf, 1422 East 2rd Street, spoke to the School Board regarding the success her daughter had due to exposure to ASL and access to deaf and hard of hearing teachers.

Sybrella Radven, a deaf/hard of hearing student, spoke to the School Board regarding the importance for students to be able to communicate directly with their teacher rather than having to communicate with an interpreter. Deaf children need to have those relationships, support and access to sign language.

Sunny Brysch, 7934 Long Lake Road, spoke to the School Board regarding the importance of exposure to ASL for deaf and hard of hearing students at an early age. She asked board members to keep ASL licensure requirements in mind when hiring.

Mandy MacDonald, 518 Winnipeg Avenue, spoke to the School board regarding the importance of early exposure to ASL for deaf and hard of hearing students at home and in the school setting.

Marie Pank, 1910 Denim Street, spoke to the school board regarding her daughters experience with a teacher who was fluent in ASL and the importance of early exposure for deaf and hard of hearing students.

Betty Greene, 4015 Dodge Street, spoke to the School Board regarding the importance of including community members in the superintendent search, to include members of underserved communities, and to be transparent in the process.

Ethan Fisher, DFT President, spoke to the School Board regarding, teacher of the year nominations, the great things teachers are doing in our schools He stated they held the first round of labor management meetings and some common themes were the lack of substitutes, technology needs, and school safety.

Erick Fronden, 5330 Munger Shaw Road, and members of the Hunter Fronden family, who passed away from suicide, presented a \$3,000.00 check for the Sources of Strength suicide prevention program in Denfeld and East High Schools. Funds were collected through Skate for 8, an event dedicated to providing financial assistance for local youth programs that support mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Doris Malkmus, 1122 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the School Board regarding the importance of showing evidence that you are reaching out to all areas of the community and to bring the community into the process of hiring the new superintendent.

Kevin Skwira Brown, no address provided, spoke to the School Board lend his support to having qualified staff for the deaf and hard of hearing students. He thanked everyone involved in the school board search process. He also thanked the administration staff for making it easy to understand, being transparent, and including the community in the process.

**Communications, Petitions, Etc.**

**October 2019**

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Chair Loeffler-Kemp stated that a communication was received from Kim Swanstrom regarding paraprofessional concerns.

**Superintendent's Report**

**October 2019**

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Today was a full day of working with the first phase of our boundary study work groups. About 50 people participated today and the work continues tomorrow with about 30 more people. These groups are using an interactive planning tool to create various boundary scenarios and explore the impacts of each. The overall goal is addressing capacity concerns across the district. In November we will bring together focus groups to further review and provide feedback regarding draft scenarios. In January, drafts will be shared online and at community meetings. Information will include maps and impact analysis and further community feedback will be gathered. Final recommendations will be considered by the school board in February or March. The earliest any boundary changes would take place would be September 2020.

Many of our schools are in the process of holding conferences. This is an important opportunity for educators and families to come together to support students. Research has shown time and time again that students whose families are engaged in their schools experience higher levels of success. We encourage all families to find ways of being involved in their child's education and in their school. Listening to your child, asking questions about school, and not settling for "nothing" in response to the question "what did you learn in school today?" is a great way to

begin the journey. Building an expectation and environment where reviewing the day is just what you do will go a long way to encourage discussions throughout your child’s life.

I would also like to encourage families to monitor student social media accounts. While it can be a fun way to connect with family and friends, it can also be a place where bullying, threats, and other hurtful comments are made. Take the opportunity to teach positive behaviors and the importance of respecting, honoring, and valuing all people.

As a reminder, this is a short week for students. Students do not have school on Thursday and Friday. Thursday is a staff development day and the district is closed on Friday.

Vanessa Farrell, Student Representative from Duluth East, reported to the Board that school counselors are career planning, helping seniors apply to colleges, and making sure seniors are on track to graduate. Juniors have the PSAT test tomorrow, and scholarship night will be on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The East play (Chicago) will take place October 24-27th. Last week the Executive Board and Circle of Friends conducted a peace walk that over 100 students attended. She also gave updates on sports events.

**Education Committee Report**  
**October 2019**

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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.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Author/Contact</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Terms</b>
Northland Foundation	Jen Jaros	First Year Program	\$5,000	Funds will be used to provide Infant Mental Health Consultation as part of the ECFE First Year Program.
Minnesota Department of Education	Jason Crane	Special Education: SPDG – Single Source	\$160,000	Funds will extend the Special Education: SPDG – Single Source Grant through September 30, 2020.

**M-Lofald, S-Trnka, to approve Resolution E-10-19-3682 – Acceptance of Grant Awards to the Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

**M-Lofald, S-Sandstad, to approve the remainder of the Education Committee Report. Upon a vote, the remainder of the Education Committee Report was approved – 5-0.**

**Human Resources Committee Report**  
**October 2019**

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

**M-Kirby, S-Trnka, to approve the Human Resource Committee report. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

**Business Committee Report**  
**October 2019**

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

Member Trnka 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	COMMENTS
Denfeld	Brian and Geraldine Saari	In Kind	None	2001 Ford F150 truck
Denfeld	Larry M. Nord	In Kind	None	2001 BMW 525 sedan
Denfeld	Mielke Electirc Works, Inc.	\$200.00	T-shirts for students	
Denfeld	St. Lukes	\$100.00	T-shirts for students	
Denfeld	Barr Engineering Co.	\$250.00	T-shirts for students	
Denfeld	Northern Lights Driver	\$200.00	T-shirts for students	
Denfeld	Mark and Heather Emmel	\$100.00	Theater Dept.	
Denfeld	James and Kathy Doyle	\$150.00	Theater Dept	
Denfeld	Audrey Tusken	\$50.00	Student t-shirts	

Denfeld	Steve & Kristin Regas	\$50.00	Student t-shirts	
District-wide	Carla Larson	In Kind	Music Program	Scotti 1/2 Size Violin
District-wide	Carla Larson	In Kind	Music Program	Donated a Suzuki-Nagoya 1/4 size Violin
Headstart	Jane Killough	\$50.00	None	
Lester Park	Lester Park Foundation	\$2,505.81	Used for unpaid lunch debt at Lester	
Lester Park	Health Partners	In Kind	For students	10 backpacks full supplies
Lincoln Park	Donors Choose.org	In Kind	Spanish Classroom	Donated 2 exercise balls and a lap desk.
Lowell	Lee Drengler	In Kind	None	Mud kitchen (homemade)
Lowell	Peg Kroegh	In Kind	None	Several reams of paper and other school supplies to anyone at Lowell that was in need
Lowell	Cub Foods	In Kind	None	64 bags of school supplies
Lowell	Texas Roadhouse	In Kind	None	525+ free meal gift certificates for Birthday Club
Lowell	Applebee's Restaurant	In Kind	None	525+ free children's meal gift certificates for Birthday Club
Myers-Wilkins	Alan Schlichting	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Alice Olson	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Ann Miller	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Anne Baden	\$430.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Anne Skwira-Brown	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Autumn Johnson	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Barbara Hauck	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Barbara Kolquist	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Bernadette Burnham	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Beth Kaiser	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Bonita Mike	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	C. Cigalio	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Carlene Chase	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Carol Harris	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Carol Lilyquist	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Carolyn Bystedt	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Catherine Roby	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Charlene Gallian	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Cheryl LaPlante	\$9.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Christine Niedergeses	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Christine O'Connor	\$9.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Christine Ostby	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Christine Russom	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Clara Weitz	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Claudia Cohen	\$380.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Colleen Cheek	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Cynthia Grindy	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Daniel and Karla Foley	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	David Plotnicky	\$300.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Dawn Velandar	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	

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Myers-Wilkins	Deb Anderson	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Deb Herstad	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Deborah Rasmussen	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Delores Rogers	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Diane Kroll	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Diane Madsen	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Donna Salmi	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Doris Walter	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Dorothy Huotari	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Dory Sjoblom	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Dr. Virginia Brown	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Elizabeth Holt	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Elizabeth Hone	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Erin Piefer	\$90.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Evelyn Anderson	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Gail Gilliland	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Gayle Stegner	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Gaynelle Johnson	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Georgina Cantoni	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Inese Holte	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	James Anderson	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Jane Killough	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Janet Olsen	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Janet Sklaris	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Joyful Catholic Reader	\$6,000.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Jo and Len Schneider	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Joan Setterlund	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Joe Kirkeby	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	John Carow	\$75.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	John Pastor	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Josie Bergeson	\$130.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Josie Bergeson	\$90.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Judith Arvold	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Julie Anderson	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Julie Jago	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Julie Porter	\$9.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Julie Seidelmann	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Jyl Verlennich	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Kara Raymond	\$108.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Karen Allison	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Karen Alworth	\$1,000.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Karen Maack Younggren	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Karen Utick	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Katherine Laaksonen	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Kathleen Jansen	\$9.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Katie Greene	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Kay Slack	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Kevin, Rosa, & Kent Jarvis	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Kristen Mango	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Kristin Yapel	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Laura Budd	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	

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Myers-Wilkins	Lawrence McGahey	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Leslie Hughes	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Linda Balach	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Linda Herron	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Linda Olson	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Lisa Sanders	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Louis and Martha Sinko	\$1,000.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Lucy E. Mallery	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Lynn Gentilini	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Lynne Raschke and Scott Seagroves	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Marcia Lothner	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Margaret Broderius	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Margaret Evavold	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Margaret Lynne Bell	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Maria Isley	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Marilyn Melhus	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Marjorie Ballew	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Marjorie Tri	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Mary Bowker	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Mary Campbell	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Mary Manion-Bick	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Mary Nelson	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Mary Rapps	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Michael Goettel	\$500.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Michelle Wegler	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Nancy Gangerness	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Nicholas Pappas	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Ogston's Body and Paint	In Kind	Books for Kids literacy project	Resurfaced, painted, and sealed Book Cart
Myers-Wilkins	Pam Everson	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Pam Kramer	\$40.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Patti Kusnierek	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Paul Sandholm	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Paul Tynjala & Mary Almyly	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Port Duluth Kiwanis Club	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Rachel Mason	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Randall Keillor	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Rebecca Lindquist	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Rich Axler & Cindy Hagley	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Rita Tellers	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Roberta Hoyt	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Robin Sullivan	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Rodney Graf	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Sandra Fogo	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Sarah Perry-Spears	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Shannon Johnson	\$9.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Sharon Jean Becker	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Sharon Rud	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Sheila Christianson	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Shirley Johnson	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Shirley Overby	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Solveig Rennan	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	

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Myers-Wilkins	Sonya Mirus	\$40.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Stanley and Jeanette Rosand	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Stefanie Olson	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Stephanie Appleby	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Steve Patronas	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Susan Carlson	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Susan Munns	\$200.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Suzanne Cervin	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Terese Tomanek	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Terrie Shannon	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	The King of Creams	\$370.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Valerie Godsey	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Ben Dummer & Chelsea Hurst	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Betty Arbour	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Carole Turner	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Char Thompson	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Christine Jenkins	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Cori Mathews	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Cynthia Hayden	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	David Gerhart	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Deanne Roquet	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Diane Markell	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Doris Eggers	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Geiger Yount	\$70.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Greg Irvine	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Gwendolyn Plumb	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Hal Moore	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Inese Holte	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Jack McLeod	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Jane Weegman	\$27.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Janet Strey	\$90.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Jeanette McDonald	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Judith Haugen	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Karen Gunderson	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Katherine Isaacson	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Kathleen Hannan	\$500.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Kathleen Kelly	\$70.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Kathleen Nervick	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Kathleen Thibault	\$20.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Linda Benson	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Lindsey Sykes	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Lori Jackson	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Marjorie Cox	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Mark Rauschenfels	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Mary Lou Carlson	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Mary Wovcha	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	McLennan Welles	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Meredith Cornett	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Nora Ulland	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Norma Wittich	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Patricia Mayer	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project
Myers-Wilkins	Paul Sjogren	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project

Myers-Wilkins	Sara Blaylock	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Susan Hawkinson	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Suzanne Wasilczuk	\$150.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Wendy Rectenwald	\$30.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Kathleen Clark	\$75.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Linda Meagher	\$10.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Gayle Gilmore	\$25.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Richard Fischer	\$100.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Myers-Wilkins	Sara Carlson	\$50.00	Books for Kids literacy project	
Piedmont	Robert and Barbara Johnson	\$200.00	Apply to unpaid lunch balances	
Stowe	Vintage Acres residents	In Kind	Student use	School supplies
Stowe	Asbury United Methodist Church	In Kind	Student use	Backpacks and school supplies
Stowe	Bethel Church	In Kind	Student use	School supplies for students
Stowe	Patrick and Lewy Smith	In Kind	Student use	School supplies
Stowe	Proctor Federal Credit Union	In Kind	Student use	School supplies
Stowe	Mars Supply Staff	In Kind	Student use	Staff and company gave supplies, paper products, pencils, pens, glue, etc.
Stowe	Cub Foods	In Kind	Student use	School supply bags donated from customers, staff and store
Stowe	Thrivent Financial	\$250.00	5th grade Wolf Ridge trip	Visa card for student snacks and necessities for Wolf Ridge Learning Center 5th grade trip

B-10-19-3683

October 15, 2019

**M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-10-19-3683 – Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

Member Trnka presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
Authorized Bank Account Signer

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
East High School	North Shore North Shore North Shore HPCU	XXXXXX9 XXXXXX2 XXXXXX3,4,5 XXXX6	Kyle Rock	Gail Campbell
East High School	North Shore	XXXXXX3,4,5	Alyssa Thompson	

Resolution B-10-19-3684

October 15, 2019

**M-Trnka, S-Lofald, to approve Resolution B-10-19-3684 – Authorized Bank Account Signer. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

Member Trnka presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting For School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. Each combined polling place must be a polling place that has been designated by a county or municipality. The following combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:

**Combined Polling Places (District #1):** Lakeview Covenant Church  
(City of Duluth, Precinct #5)  
1001 Jean Duluth Road  
Duluth, MN 55804

"These combined polling places serve all territory in Independent School District No. 709 located in the City of Duluth (Precincts 1, 2, 4-7), City of Rice Lake, Gnesen Township, Lakewood Township, Normanna Township, North Star Township, Unorg Township 2 and Unorg Township 23 located in St. Louis County, Minnesota."

**Combined Polling Place (District #2):** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth  
(City of Duluth, Precinct 12)  
835 West College Street  
Duluth, MN 55811

"This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 709 located in the City of Duluth (Precincts 3, 8-14) located in St. Louis County, Minnesota."

**Combined Polling Place (District #3):** Duluth Heights Community Club  
(City of Duluth, Precinct #22)  
33 West Mulberry Street

Duluth, MN 55811

"This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 709 located in the City of Duluth (Precincts 15-20, 22-25) located in St. Louis County, Minnesota."

**Combined Polling Place (District #4):** Asbury United Methodist Church  
(City of Duluth, Precinct #32)  
6822 Grand Avenue  
Duluth, MN 55807

"This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 709 located in the City of Duluth (Precincts 21, 26-30, 32-34) located in St. Louis County, Minnesota."

**Combined Polling Places (District At-Large):** Use combined polling places for Districts 1-4

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a non-forwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

B-10-19-3685

October 15, 2019

**M-Trnka, S-Lofald, to approve Resolution B-10-19-3685 – Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election Certification.**

Discussion took place regarding the resolution.

**Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

**M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to approve the remainder of the Business Committee report. Upon a vote, the remainder of the Business Committee report was approved – 5-0.**

**Special Resolutions**  
**October 2019**

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Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

Designation of Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access  
Recertification System

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with State Access Control Security Standard 1.0 which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user's access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency (LEA).

RESOLVED, The Superintendent recommends the Board authorize Melinda Thibault to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Duluth Public School District 0709-01.

Resolution B-10-19-3686

October 15, 2019

**M-Lofald, S-Kirby, to approve Resolution B-10-19-3686 – Designation of Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

**Other**  
**October 2019**

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**M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of October 15, 2019 at 8:18 p.m.

## Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

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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 29, 2019

### Members Present:

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

### Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, Deputy Clerk  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

### Members Absent:

Sally Trnka

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of October 29, 2019 to order at 4:37 p.m.

Chair Loeffler-Kemp read the following statement:

The next item on the agenda is preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to the School Board's authority. This meeting will be closed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 2(b). I will entertain a motion that this meeting now be closed for the purpose stated.

**M-Sandstad, S-Kirby, that this meeting be closed to consider allegations or charges against an individual subject to the School Board's Authority. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of October 29, 2019 at 4:39 p.m.

## Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

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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

Friday, November 1, 2019

### Members Present:

Kelly Durick Eder  
David Kirby  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Jill Lofald  
Alanna Oswald  
Nora Sandstad

### Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, CFO  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

### Members Absent:

Sally Trnka

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of November 1, 2019 to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Loeffler-Kemp swore in Kelly Durick Eder. Member Durick Eder was formally seated as a Board Member.

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

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of November 1, 2019 at 1:05 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

Friday, November 8, 2019

Members Present:

Kelly Durick Eder  
David Kirby  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Jill Lofald  
Nora Sandstad

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, CFO  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Members Absent:

Alanna Oswald  
Sally Trnka

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of November 8, 2019 to order at 10:05 a.m.

Board members ranked the RFP's submitted for the superintendent search as follows:

	Loeffler Kemp	Kirby	Sandstad	Oswald	Trnka	Lofald	Durick Eder	TOTAL
MSBA Executive Search Services	1	4	3	Absent	Absent	2	3	13
McPherson & Jacobson Executive Recruitment	4	2	5			4	4	19
School Exec Connect	3	5	2			5	2	17
BWP & Associates	5	1	1			1	1	9
Ray & Associates	2	3	4			3	5	17

Discussion took place regarding which firms to have present to the board.

**M-Sandstad, S-Lofald, to have the following firms come and present to the board: BWP & Associates, MSBA Executive Search Services, and Ray & Associates. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

**M-Sandstad, S-Durick Eder, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of November 8, 2019 at 10:45 a.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 12, 2019

**Members Present:**

Kelly Durick Eder  
David Kirby  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Alanna Oswald  
Nora Sandstad  
Sally Trnka

**Others Present:**

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, CFO  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Jill Lofald

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of November 12, 2019 to order at 4:20 p.m.

Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election of November 5, 2019

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the General election of the voters of this district, held on November 5, 2019, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. **At Large:**

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 21,376 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as school board member for two four-year term vacancies on the school board caused by expiration of terms on January 1, 2020 next following the general election as follows:

Alanna Oswald	10,528
John Schwetman	8,667

3. Candidate Alanna Oswald having received the highest number of votes, is elected to a four-year term for the one At Large school board seat beginning January 1, 2020.

4. **District Two:**

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 5,180 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as school board member for one four-year term vacancy on the school board caused by expiration of term on January 1, 2020 next following the general election as follows:

David Kirby	3,100
Harry Welty	1,563

5. Candidate David Kirby, having received the highest number of votes, is elected to a four-year term for the Second District school board seat beginning January 1, 2020.

6. **District Three:**

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 5,517 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as school board member for one four-year term vacancy on the school board caused by expiration of term on January 1, 2020 next following the general election as follows:

Loren Martell	2,214
Paul Sandholm	2,590

7. Candidate Paul Sandholm having received the highest number of votes, is elected to a four-year term for the Third District school board seat beginning January 1, 2020.

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 GENERAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH), STATE OF MINNESOTA  
ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST  
GENERAL ELECTION, DISTRICT NO. AT LARGE  
November 5, 2019**

.....  
A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M. 59,332

B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY: 854

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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 GENERAL ELECTION 21,376

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

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

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

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

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
DISTRICT NO. AT LARGE**

**CANDIDATE – Alanna Oswald** 10,528

**CANDIDATE – John Schwetman** 8,667

Total number of Write In votes for this office: \*

Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes) \*

Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes) \*

TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE: 21,376

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\*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 GENERAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH), STATE OF MINNESOTA  
ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST  
GENERAL ELECTION, DISTRICT NO. TWO  
November 5, 2019**

.....	
A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.	<u>14,640</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:	<u>407</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 GENERAL ELECTION	<u>5,180</u>
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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>
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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>
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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
DISTRICT NO. ONE**

<b>CANDIDATE – David Kirby</b>	<u>3,100</u>
<b>CANDIDATE – Harry Welty</b>	<u>1,563</u>
Total number of Write In votes for this office:	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE:</b>	<u>5,180</u>

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**ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR GENERAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH), STATE OF MINNESOTA  
ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST  
GENERAL ELECTION, DISTRICT NO. THREE  
November 5, 2019**

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.	<u>14,989</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:	<u>162</u>
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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 GENERAL ELECTION	<u>5,517</u>
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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>
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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
DISTRICT NO. FOUR**

<b>CANDIDATE – Loren Martell</b>	<u>2,214</u>
<b>CANDIDATE – Paul Sandholm</b>	<u>2,590</u>
Total number of Write In votes for this office:	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE:</b>	<u>5,517</u>

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**M-Loeffler Kemp, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-11-19-3690 – Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election of November 5, 2019. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.**

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

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of November 12, 2019 at 4:25 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 12, 2019

Members Present:

David Kirby  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Jill Lofald  
Sally Trnka

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, CFO  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Members Absent:

Kelly Durick Eder  
Alanna Oswald  
Nora Sandstad

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of November 12, 2019 to order at 8:08 p.m.

Chair Loeffler Kemp read the following statement:

The next item on the agenda is the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05 subdivision 3.(a), a public body may close a meeting to evaluate the performance of an individual who is subject to its authority. The public body shall identify the individual to be evaluated prior to closing a meeting. During the meeting, the Board will review the Superintendent's progress towards his evaluation goals. Accordingly, pursuant to the law I have cited, I will hereby entertain a motion that this meeting be closed for the purpose of reviewing the Superintendent's progress towards his evaluation goals.

**M-Kirby, S-Trnka to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of the superintendents evaluation. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 4-0.**

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of November 12, 2019 at 8:11 p.m.

8. Communications, Petitions, etc.  
None

**Please note that we have changed the way we post some of our meetings in order to meet the requirements of a recent advisory opinion on meeting postings. The meetings and how they are run will not change.<sup>27</sup>**

**DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISD 709  
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**All meetings are scheduled at Historic Old Central High School, 215 N 1st Avenue East, unless otherwise noted.**

**November 18-22, 2019**

Monday	November 18, 2019	5:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting Committee of the Whole RE: Boundary Study Update/Presentation Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	November 19, 2019	4:45 p.m.	<b>ISD 709 Annual Report to the Community Tenured Teacher Celebration</b> 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

*Member Trnka will be participating remotely from  
Omni San Diego Hotel/Lobby  
675 L Street, San Diego, CA*

**November 18-22, 2019 (continued)**

Tuesday	November 19, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting* Board Room - 2nd Floor
Thursday	November 21, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor

**November 25-29, 2019**

*No meetings scheduled at this time*

**December 2-6, 2019**

*No meetings scheduled at this time*

**December 9-13, 2019**

Monday	December 9, 2019	4:15 p.m.	School Board Meeting Education Committee - Working Session Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	December 10, 2019	4:15 p.m.	School Board Meeting Human Resources Committee - Working Session Board Room - 2nd Floor
Tuesday	December 10, 2019	4:30 p.m.	School Board Meeting Business Committee - Working Session Board Room - 2nd Floor
		<i>(or to follow the Human Resources Committee)</i>	
Thursday	December 12, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Parent Advisory Committee Special Education Room 203C - 2nd Floor

**December 16-20, 2019**

Tuesday	December 17, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting* ● Includes Truth in Taxation Hearing Board Room - 2nd Floor
Thursday	December 19, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room - 2nd Floor

**December 23-27, 2019***No meetings scheduled at this time***December 30, 2019 - January 3, 2020***No meetings scheduled at this time***January 6-10, 2020**

Monday	January 6, 2020	4:30 p.m.	Annual Organizational Meeting Board Room - 2nd Floor
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**January 13-17, 2020**

Monday	January 13, 2020	4:15 p.m.	School Board Meeting Education Committee - Working Session Board Room - 2nd Floor
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Tuesday	January 14, 2020	4:15 p.m.	School Board Meeting Human Resources Committee - Working Session Board Room - 2nd Floor
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Tuesday	January 14, 2020	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow the Human Resources Committee)</i>	School Board Meeting Business Committee - Working Session Board Room - 2nd Floor
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*\*If a Regular School Board meeting is cancelled and cannot be held on the regularly scheduled date listed above, due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, it will be held the very next day at the same time and location.*

Office of the Superintendent  
November 14, 2019