

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Available via Live Stream at www.spps.org/boe**

**August 31, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Jeanelle Foster, Vice Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Board of Education: J. Vue, J. Kopp, S. Marchese, Z. Ellis, J. Foster, J. Brodrick
C. Allen was absent.

Staff: Superintendent Gothard; Chuck Long, General Counsel; Jamie Jonassen, Assistant General Counsel; Cedrick Baker, Chief of Staff; Marie Schrul, Chief Financial Officer; Kate Wilcox-Harris, Chief Academic Officer; Marcy Doud, Assistant Superintendent of Specialized Services; Kevin Burns, Director, Office of Communications; Kaying Thao, Board Administrator; Sarah Dahlke, Board Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Foster, and seconded by Director Ellis, to approve the order of the agenda.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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| Director Vue | Yes |
| Director Allen | Absent |
| Director Kopp | Yes |
| Director Marchese | Yes |
| Director Ellis | Yes |
| Director Foster | Yes |
| Director Brodrick | Yes |

IV. MAIN AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Foster and seconded by Director Brodrick that the Board of Education close the special meeting and continue the meeting as a closed meeting to discuss attorney-client privileged information regarding threatened litigation in the matter of J.T., individually and on behalf of

D.T., et al, vs. Bill De Blasio, in his official capacity as Mayor of New York City, et al, and litigation strategy, as is provided for by Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b).

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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| Director Vue | Yes |
| Director Allen | Absent |
| Director Kopp | Yes |
| Director Marchese | Yes |
| Director Ellis | Yes |
| Director Foster | Yes |
| Director Brodrick | Yes |

The Board of Education and staff discussed the matter of matter of J.T., individually and on behalf of D.T., et al, vs. Bill De Blasio, in his official capacity as Mayor of New York City, et al, and litigation strategy.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Foster to conduct the remainder of this meeting as an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Brodrick.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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| Director Vue | Yes |
| Director Allen | Absent |
| Director Kopp | Yes |
| Director Marchese | Yes |
| Director Ellis | Yes |
| Director Foster | Yes |
| Director Brodrick | Yes |

MOTION: It was moved by Director Foster to to permit the General Counsel's Office to pursue and join, as appropriate, a Joint Defense Agreement to defend or otherwise represent Saint Paul Public Schools in the matter of J.T., Individually and on behalf of D.T., et al. v. Bill De Blasio, et al., Case No. 20-CV-5878.. The motion was seconded by Director Brodrick.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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| Director Vue | Yes |
| Director Allen | Absent |
| Director Kopp | Yes |
| Director Marchese | Yes |
| Director Ellis | Yes |
| Director Foster | Yes |
| Director Brodrick | Yes |

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Director Foster, and seconded by Director Ellis, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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| Director Vue | Yes |
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| Director Allen | Absent |
| Director Kopp | Yes |
| Director Marchese | Yes |
| Director Ellis | Yes |
| Director Foster | Yes |
| Director Brodrick | Yes |

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

For clarity and to facilitate research, these minutes reflect the order of the original Agenda and not necessarily the time during the meeting the items were discussed.

Prepared and submitted by:

Sarah Dahlke

Assistant Clerk,

St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education