

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at: Denfeld High School Media Center, 401 North Forty-Fourth Avenue West, Duluth, Minnesota 55811, on

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent
Cathy Erickson, CFO
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Aliyah Bartling (Denfeld)

Members Absent:

Sally Trnka

Others Absent:

Student Rep. Stella Schutz (East)

➤ Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting November 16, 2021 to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

School and Community Recognition

November 2021

Chair Lofald recognized November as National American Indian Heritage month.

Anthony Bonds:

Board Members, this month it's my pleasure to present for recognition Gaagige Aanakwadikwe, also known as Winonah Ojanen.

- Ms. Ojanen is a member of the Bad River Band of Ojibwe in Wisconsin and is an Ojibwe immersion teacher with the Misaabekong Immersion Program at Lowell Elementary.
- She also takes part in creating Ojibwe immersion curriculum for the program, with a special focus on science.
- Ms. Ojanen is a recipient of the Duluth News Tribune 20 Under 40 Award, congratulations!
- This award recognizes high achievers younger than 40 from the greater Duluth community and who are successful in their chosen fields, role models in their careers or leaders in their business or community.
- Award recipients are lifted up to the Northland community in the Duluth News Tribune.

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- In the newspaper's feature, Ms. Ojanen says, "My friends, family, dreams, love for the Ojibwe language and culture, and my passion for learning astronomy are all deeply important to me. They are the inspiration for my journey of intertwining Ojibwe, science and teaching."
- Ms. Ojanen, you are an inspiration to all of us. Once again, congratulations on receiving this award, and thank you for your leadership and support of Duluth students and families.

Public Comments

November 2021

Member Oswald read the Eleven Tools of Civility and public comment guidelines

Beth McCuskey, 4330 Krueger Rd, spoke to the Board regarding Central High School and community concerns.

Judith McKeever, 1202 Missouri Avenue, spoke to the School Board regarding employee needs.

Kristin Warmanen, 3816 Allendale Avenue, spoke to the School Board regarding quarantine compensation.

Catherine Nachbar, 5118 Colorado St, spoke to the School Board regarding labor management.

Linda Pelto, 722 N 59th Ave W, spoke to the School Board regarding labor.

Mary Hughley, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding working conditions.

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Communications, Petitions, Etc.

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Chair Lofald stated that were no communications received.

Superintendent's Report

November 2021

Student Representative Aliyah Bartling (Denfeld): There were all-star soccer games last Monday with several students from Denfeld on the team! Several students made the all-conference team. Denfeld also had students make the all-state soccer team and swim team. Junior Rotarians are working on a grant proposal because they are getting \$1,000 from the Harbortown Rotary. Dancing at Lughnasa, the fall musical, was performed this past weekend. A few male athletes wore hot pink and played against the volleyball team. It was a free event that all could attend. The boys

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were coached by senior Carter Kilroy. They did need to reschedule because when they first tried to play, the fire alarm went off due to some burnt popcorn. Unfortunately, they lost 3-0.

Winter sports begin practice this week. The girls' basketball team had a whopping 40 girls come to tryouts. Last year, there were only 10 girls and one team. Boys basketball starts next week. The boys are excited to have a new coach this year, Phil Homere. There was a Veterans Day choir concert in the auditorium last week. The Exec board is planning and working on many things: an assembly to introduce winter sports, a hygiene drive for the hunter hut, decorating a float for the Christmas City of the North parade, and candy grams. NHS members are working on getting 12 tutor hours by the end of the semester.

Superintendent Magas gave updates on the:

- Safe Learning Plan
- Current COVID rates
- Vaccine clinic updates
- Need for increased safety precautions due to the high number of COVID cases in Minnesota school children

Chair Lofald reviewed the schedule of meetings.

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.

Policy Committee Report

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There was no Policy Committee meeting for November.

Human Resources/Finance Committee Report

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CFO Erickson presented the Human Resources/Finance Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Consent Agenda

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M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Oswald, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a vote on the consent agenda as presented, the same was approved – 6-0.

Special Resolutions/Other Action Items

November 2021

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board (PELSB), and Office of Higher Education (OHE) require annual designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for each local educational agency that uses the Education Identity and Access Management (EDIAM) system; and

WHEREAS, the IOwA is responsible for authorizing, reviewing, and recertifying user access for their local educational agency in accordance with the State of Minnesota Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually; and

WHEREAS, the IOwA will authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure systems in accordance with the user's assigned job duties, and will revoke that user's access when it is no longer needed to perform their job duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent recommends the Board authorize Sheryl Williams to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for the Head Start Organization, Duluth Head Start 7010-84-001 and Duluth Head Start School Readiness 7010-84.

Resolution SP-11-21-3853

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M-Eder, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve the Resolution SP-11-21-3853 - Designation of Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Other

November 2021

Member Loeffler-Kemp invited everyone to the grand openings for the outdoor play areas recently completed at Myers-Wilkins, Piedmont and Laura MacArthur. The time is 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the following date and locations:

- Monday, 11/22 at Myers-Wilkins
- Tuesday, 11/23 at Piedmont
- Wednesday, 11/24 at Laura MacArthur

Member Sandholm thanked the Board and Technology team for his remote participation.

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

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of November 16, 2021 at 8:10 p.m.



Jill Lofald
Chair



Alanna Oswald
Clerk