



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

4540 Tower Street SE
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Board Chair Bullyan, in the board room at the District Services Center on May 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Bullyan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Lisa Atkinson, Amy Bullyan, Mary Frantz, Charles Johnson (arrived at 7:25pm), Jessica Mason, Jessica Olstad, Dustin Smith, Student Rep Obioma Osuji

Board Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Superintendent Thomas, Executive Director of Business Services Rider, Executive Director of Administrative Services Cothorn, Executive Director of Academic Services Anderson, District Administrators

LAKER PRIDE | SPECIAL RECOGNITION | LAKER SHOWCASE

- MSBA President, Kristi Peterson & Executive Director Kirk Schneidawind presented Student Rep, Obioma Osuji with a scholarship for his outstanding service to our district.
- We recognized Major Magnitude Field Trip groups.
 - PLHS Choir Directors Randi Erlandson and Rob Hahn shared a slide show of the choir's trip to Ireland.
 - PLHS Spanish Teacher, Maria Lecceardone-Brown, and students Chance Heinz and Arabella Fritzen, shared a slide show of the Spanish students' trip to Spain.
 - PLHS French Teacher, Jill Hanson-Follingstad, and her student Atticus Bell, shared a slide show of the French students' trip to France.
- Executive Director Jayme Anderson presented the 2026 Spring Grant Award recipients.
- Principal of Jeffers Pond, Patrick Glynn, Director of Student Support Services, Michelle Cuka along with representatives Michelle Lindell, Tracy Flemming and Katy Kelch presented highlights from the fundraising and an outline for the vision for Every Buddy's Playground.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Thomas highlighted the following:

- Realtor Meeting April 29: learned about housing trends in our area and shared important updates about PLSAS.
- Athena Award Luncheon: Honored Keeley Mohling, three-sport athlete and role model for her peers.
- Dakota Language Students: Four Laker teams competed in the 4th annual Hocokata Ti Dakota Language Bowl competing against 31 teams across the region.
- Welcome to Dani Kleist: Last week we wished Martha Walz a happy retirement after 33 years of service and welcomed Dani as the new Executive Assistant.

PROCLAMATIONS

Director Smith read the following proclamation:

Youth Appreciation Week - May 11-15, 2026

Director Mason read the following proclamation:

National Speech & Language Pathologist Week - May 18-22, 2026

Per board policy 203, Board Chair Bullyan called for anyone wishing to address the board during the open forum segment on the board agenda and two community members spoke during this forum.

A motion was made by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Olstad, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried: 7 – 0

Director Mason requested the removal of an item from the consent agenda under personnel, the addendum to the Superintendent Employment Contract to new business. Director Atkinson requested the removal of Financial Reports be moved to new business.

A motion was made by Director Mason, seconded by Director Atkinson, to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

- A. Financial Items: Due to this meeting taking place this early in the month, the financials were not available except the Bank Reconciliation for March and the Financial Board Packet.
 - 1. Check/Wire Transfer Disbursement Summary Not Available
 - 2. Wire Transfer, EFT and ACH Banking Activity Not Available
 - 3. Bank Reconciliation Statements for March 2026
 - 4. Monthly Investment Summary Not Available
 - 5. Monthly Wire Detail Not Available
 - 6. Monthly Health/Dental Wire Detail Not Available
 - 7. Monthly Check Detail Not Available
 - 8. Monthly ACH Detail Not Available
- B. Purchases over \$25,000 None at this time.
- C. Monthly Financial Report for April 2026 - Moved to New Business
- D. School Board Minutes for:
 - Regular Board Meeting - April 13, 2026
 - Special Study Session - April 27, 2026
 - Board Study Session - April 27, 2026
- E. Personnel Items:
 - 1. Candidates for Employment as follows:

Certified:

- Jodi Berghoefer - 2nd Grade Teacher MTS - FH (leave of absence)
- Lori Bui - ESTEM Specialist - Elementary (reorganization)
- Yasmarie Correa - Bilingual ESTEM Specialist - LODL (reorganization)
- Katherine Davenport - Elementary Dean of Students MTS - FH (leave of absence)
- Kay Dicke - ESTEM Specialist - Elementary (reorganization)
- Laura Hageman - ESTEM Specialist - Elementary (reorganization)
- Rachael Kohler - Special Education Teacher MTS - TOMS (leave of absence)
- Andrew Lubinski - ESTEM Specialist - Elementary (reorganization)
- Anne Nelson - ESTEM Specialist - Elementary (reorganization)
- Eileen Schintgen - Spanish Immersion Teacher - LODL (resignation)

Coaches:

- Brandon Acord - Summer Swim - CES (resignation)
- Katherine Hizon - Summer Swim - CES (resignation)
- Kaitlyn Pfingsten - Summer Swim - CES (resignation)
- Madison Scholl - Asst. Girls' Track & Field Coach - HS (pending/new position)
- Willow Smith - Summer Swim - CES (resignation)
- Molly Zack - Summer Swim - CES (resignation)
- Erin Zimmer-Borger - MS Track Coach - TOMS/HOMS (resignation)

Support Staff:

- Samantha Gray - Benefits Specialist - DSC (resignation)
- Danielle Kleist - Executive Assistant to the Superintendent - DSC (resignation)

2. Resignations, terminations and non-renewals as follows:

- Kate Egerman - Assistant Principal - HS (effective June 30, 2026)
- Samantha Gray - Payroll Specialist - DSC (effective July 17, 2026)
- Michael Greenwaldt - Custodian - RR (effective April 8, 2026)
- David Hruby - B Squad Girls' Basketball Coach - HS (effective April 7, 2026)
- Danielle Kleist - Administrative Assistant of LAI - DSC (effective April 30, 2026)
- Anne Koloski - Special education Para - FH (effective April 15, 2026)
- Katerine Sandberg - 3rd Grade Teacher - FH (effective June 5, 2026)
- Daniel Silowski - Technology Education Teacher - HS (effective June 5, 2026)
- Elizabeth Tillemans - Kindergarten Teacher - GD (effective June 5, 2026)
- Adrienne Young Koplitz - Track & Field Coach - MS (effective April 14, 2026)
- Megan Young - 4th Grade Teacher - GD (effective June 5, 2026)

3. District Retirements, with gratitude for years of service, as follows:

- Lisa Kraft - Administrative Assistant to Assessment - DSC (14 years of service)
- Debra Maxfield - Early Childhood Teaching Assistant - EW (14 years of service)
- Diane Torrey - Lead Custodian - HOMS (21 years of service)

4. Rescind Retirements as follows:

- Patti Trabing - 5th Grade Teacher - WW

Motion carried: 7-0

Chair Bullyan introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Director Olstad and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Atkinson, Bullyan, Frantz, Johnson, Mason, Olstad, Smith

The following voted against the same: none

The foregoing resolution was approved this 4th day of May 2026.

(full resolution on file at the district office)

Executive Director of Administrative Services requested the board consider the additional staffing of Girls' Track & Field Coach (1.0 FTE).

The motion was introduced by Director Olstad and seconded by Director Frantz.

The motion carried: 7-0

Executive Director of Business Services Rider reviewed and answered questions regarding the Monthly Financial Report. The motion to approve was introduced by Director Olstad and seconded by Lisa Atkinson.

The motion carried: 7-0

A discussion regarding the Addendum to the Superintendent Employment contract and terms for termination took place. A motion to amend the language of the contract to include a cooperation agreement was made by Director Atkinson and seconded by Director Johnson. Upon request, the vote on the motion was taken by roll call.

Voting in favor: Atkinson, Johnson, Mason

Voting against: Olstad, Frantz, Smith, Bullyan

Motion failed: 3-4

A motion to accept the resignation of Superintendent Thomas with the contract as written was made by Director Frantz and seconded by Director Smith. Upon request, the vote on the motion was taken by roll call.

Voting in favor: Bullyan, Frantz, Olstad, Smith

Voting against: Atkinson, Johnson, Mason

Motion carried: 4-3

The board considered the options for replacing the outgoing Superintendent with guidance from Barb Dorn representing MSBA. The board agreed to move forward with MSBA as the search firm and will begin the planning for conducting a search for an interim superintendent. Planning meetings to be scheduled early next week.

Superintendent Thomas and Executive Director of Business Services Rider provided the board with the necessary information to establish parameters for the levy options. There was a discussion only. No board action was taken.

Director Olstad motioned to accept the Curriculum Recommendation Adoption presented at the April 27, 2026 Study Session. The motion was seconded by Director Frantz.

Motion carried: 7-0

The CESO Transportation Consulting Contract was presented for action by Executive Director of Business Service Rider and members of Prior Lake School Bus Association, Lynsay Harrigan, Geri Berens, and Nikki Gendron. The contract to assist us in moving our routing data, implementation and training was discussed. A motion to approve was made by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Frantz.

Motion carried: 6-1

Executive Director of Administrative Services Cothorn presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Read Act Phase 2 for Board action. The motion to approve was made by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Frantz.

Motion carried: 7-0

The approval to begin the issuance of purchase orders for 2026-2027 was presented by Executive Director of Business Services Rider. The motion to approve was made by Director Frantz and seconded by Director Smith.

Motion carried: 7-0

Executive Director of Administrative Services Cothorn presented board policies for a second and final reading.

Director Johnson moved, seconded by Frantz, to approve Policies 102, 103, 301, 302, 303, 304, 306, 506 and 806 was approved as a group.

Motion carried: 7-0

Director Atkinson moved to amend Policy 621.1 to add Honors to the list of weighted classes. The motion was not seconded.

Director Johnson moved to delay the approval of Policy 621.1 until the policy can be discussed further with the leadership team at PLHS. The motion was seconded by Director Atkinson.

Motion carried: 5-2

A motion was made by Director Smith seconded by Director Olstad, to adjourn and move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (Minn. Stat. 13D.03) for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Director Frantz left the meeting at 11:01 pm

After a short recess, the closed session commenced at 11:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Johnson, to open the closed meeting.
Motion carried: 6 – 0

The closed meeting opened at 11:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Smith, to adjourn.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

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