



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

**4540 Tower Street SE
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372**

School Board Members: Lisa Atkinson, Amy Bullyan, Mary Frantz, Charles Johnson, Jessica Mason, Jessica Olstad, Dustin Smith

School Board Study Session Minutes

May 18, 2026
District Services Center
Large Conference Room

The study session of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Board Chair Bullyan, in the large conference room at the District Services Center, on May 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lisa Atkinson, Amy Bullyan, Mary Frantz, Jessica Mason, Jessica Olstad, Dustin Smith

Board Member Attending Virtually: Charles Johnson (7:27 pm),

Board Members Absent: None

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

Superintendent Thomas honored our Class of 2026 Retirees. He thanked each with a certificate of appreciation and PLSAS medallion. Thank you all for your dedication and service. We honored the dedication and service of our Board Student Representative, Obioma Osuji for his outstanding dedication and service this year.

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 zero community members spoke during this forum.

Superintendent Thomas presented the purpose and the agenda for the study session.
No proclamations were made at this session.

Superintendent Thomas and Executive Director of Business Services Rider presented the contract for the Prior Lake School Bus Association and the Collaborative Student Transportation.

Executive Director of Business Services Rider presented the 2026-2027 Final Preliminary Budget Review.

Matthew Hammer, representing Ehlers & Associates, presented ballot options and tax impact scenarios for November 2026.

Superintendent Thomas presented the Major Magnitude Field Trip Report for 2025-2026.

Director of Student Services Cuka presented the Language Access Plan.

Board Chair Bullyan addressed the board with the option to not discuss the Superintendent's 2025-2026 Evaluation at this time.

Board Chair Bullyan confirmed the upcoming Special Meeting to discuss Superintendent contract language Wednesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Director Mason reminded all to watch the Q&A that was hosted by MSBA held on May 13, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Jessica Olstad, Board Vice Chair/Clerk
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