



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

4540 Tower Street SE
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

School Board Members: Melissa Enger, Mary Frantz, Ben Hanson, Stacey Ruelle, Lee Shimek, Todd Sorensen, Richard Wolf

School Board Work Session Minutes

March 27, 2017
District Services Center
Large Conference Room

The work session of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Chair Wolf in the large conference room at the District Services Center on March 27, 2017 at 6:14 p.m.

Board Members Present: Enger, Frantz, Hanson, Ruelle, Shimek, Sorensen, Wolf

Administrators Present: Superintendent Staloch, Assistant Superintendent Holmberg, Executive Director of Business Services Cink, Executive Director of Human Resources Mons, District Administrators

Board Chair Wolf welcomed everyone and Superintendent Staloch opened the meeting with the meeting purpose.

Governance and Policy

Chair Wolf presented the 3-year board agenda for review. This document will be included in all the work session materials.

Oversight of Operations

Executive Director of Business Services Cink presented a 2017-18 enrollment, budget and staffing update including current kindergarten enrollment numbers. The following was presented and discussed:

- Budget Calendar
- Financial Data
- Enrollment Projections
- Revenue Assumptions
- Expenditure Assumptions
- Expenditure Considerations and Discussion

This was an update only. The board took action on an administration recommendation of accepting 75 new open enrollees into the district for 2017-18 later in this meeting.

Chair Wolf opened discussion regarding board governance and Nexus Solutions. The AIA questions to-date have been answered. Based on governance discussion at the professional development meeting earlier in the evening, the question was raised as to what governance means as we interact with the public regarding Nexus Solutions. In looking at ways to reach out to the public, the charge will be given to the Board Public Engagement Committee, to look at ways to get information to the public and come back with a recommendation to the full board. It was suggested to hold an open forum (similar to July 2016) with preset parameters. In addition, a consistent process should be outlined to determine the vendor which is a form of board governance. Consultant Dennis Cheesebrow, Teamworks, Intl. weighed in on this discussion. The discussion revolves around existing contracts and pending contracts with questions and doubt creating the narrative. Accurate facts and performance should be addressed during the open forum with a Q/A session. At the regular meeting on April 10, 2017, action will be requested on the AIA Agreement. If the board has additional questions concerning the contract, let administration know.

Superintendent Staloch and team presented the following:

Strategic Direction F: Engage parents, families and community to strengthen a culture of respect and inclusion.

Report on Operational Plan 6A: Stakeholder Survey

6A: A parent, staff and student satisfaction survey will be created and administered to encourage multiple perspectives in feedback for district and site continuous improvement efforts.

Assistant Superintendent Holmberg presented the following:
Strategic Direction A: Increasing measurable student growth and achievement.

Report on Operational Plan 1F: Educational Equity and Educational Excellence

1F: A comprehensive E-12 educational equity and excellence plan, inclusive of gap closing measures, culturally responsive teaching strategies and learning environments, family engagement and professional development will be developed.

Public Engagement

The next Facilities Task Force public input session is Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the DSC beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Public Forum

3 community members spoke during the public forum portion of the study session with the topic centering on open enrollment.

The study session adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

At this time, the board opened the meeting for an action item.

The meeting opened at 8:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Lee Shimek, to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried: 7 – 0

Earlier in the board work session, the budget and enrollment numbers were presented along with a recommendation to approve 75 additional kindergarten students under open enrollment.

A motion was made by Lee Shimek, seconded by Todd Sorensen, to approve the administrative recommendation to accept 75 additional students under open enrollment into the district.

A motion was made by Mary Frantz, seconded by Melissa Enger, to amend the original motion to accept a total of 40 additional students under open enrollment.

After discussion, a vote was taken on the amended motion to accept 40 additional open enrolled students into the district instead of 75 as originally recommended.

Voting in favor: None

Voting against: Enger, Frantz, Ruelle, Shimek, Sorensen, White, Wolf

Motion failed: 0 – 7

The original motion was brought back to the table to allow 75 additional open enrolled students into the district.

Voting in favor: Ruelle, Shimek, Sorensen, White, Wolf

Voting against: Enger, Frantz

Motion carried: 5 – 2

A motion was made by Ben Hanson, seconded by Todd Sorensen, to adjourn

Motion carried: 7 – 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

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