



## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

4540 Tower Street SE  
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

School Board Members: Jonathan Drewes, Melissa Enger, Mary Frantz, Michael Nelson, Stacey Ruelle, Lee Shimek, Enrique Velázquez

### School Board Study Session Minutes

November 23, 2020  
Interactive Technology  
and In-Person

The study session of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Chair Shimek via in-person and audio/visual conferencing on November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present In-Person: Drewes, Nelson, Ruelle, Shimek

Board Members present via Google Meet: Frantz, Velázquez

Board Member absent: Enger

Administrators Present: Superintendent Staloch, Assistant Superintendent Holmberg, Executive Director of Business Services Cink, Executive Director of Human Resources Quiram (Google Meet), District Administrators

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

Board Chair Shimek reviewed the school board 2020-21 agenda and working document.

Director of Operations/Transportation Dellwo presented an updated construction report on high school projects. No board action was requested.

Director Nelson introduced the work of the Board's Public Engagement & Legislative Committee that included the background on how the group arrived at bringing forward an equity and inclusion resolution and understanding the process involved. Equity and inclusion work are part of the district's strategic plan and priority work. The Public Engagement & Legislative Committee worked on finding ways to increase meaningful engagement with different groups in our community. Stakeholders that have been part of this process and spoke to the board were Sarah Wheelock, Nneka Sederstrom, Jayla Henderson and Mark Paulsen. Members of the committee are Michael Nelson, Stacey Ruelle, Enrique, Velázquez and Dr. Staloch.

A draft of the Board Equity/Inclusion Resolution was read and reviewed. Board action on the resolution will take place at the board's regular meeting in December.

Superintendent Staloch and Executive Director of Business Services Cink presented the 2020-21 budget for review that included enrollment changes and preliminary and revised budget for the general fund and other fund categories. Next steps include board action on the 2020-21 budget at the December 14, 2020 regular board meeting, development of budget parameters for 2021-22, budget scenarios based on these parameters and continual monitoring of student enrollment and legislative session updates.

Assistant Superintendent Holmberg and Director of Technology Milazzo presented the capital project/tech levy for review. The presentation overview included a brief recap of district technology (presented at the August 3, 2020 board study session), additional revenue themes with long term strategies, technology levy, planning information and student & staff feedback through surveys and focus groups. Additional information will be brought back to the board at an upcoming meeting.

Superintendent Staloch updated the board on the ready to learn plan including E-12 programs transitioning to distance learning on November 30, 2020. We are required to offer Tier 1 childcare and are providing fee-based childcare. Our Bridges students will have reduced time in-person for students and staff during the current “pause”. Services are provided as we are able. Local school data is requested so we remind families to let the school know if your student is positive for COVID even during distance learning.

Board Chair Shimek reviewed Policy 203: Board Operating Norms. During the pandemic, with the public viewing the board meeting remotely, an exception has been and will be made until the pandemic is over regarding comments on a topic included in the board agenda.

Assistant Superintendent Holmberg presented the following policy for a second reading:

- Policy 521: Student Disability Nondiscrimination (Section 504)

Board action will take place at the December 14, 2020 regular board meeting.

The board adjourned the study session at 8:49 p.m. and transitioned to a closed meeting.

The meeting closed in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (Minn. Stat. 13D.03) for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy.

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Michael Nelson, to open the meeting.

Motion carried: 6 – 0

Meeting re-opened at 9:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Enrique Velázquez, to adjourn.

Motion carried: 6 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Stacey Ruelle, Vice Chair/Clerk  
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