



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

4540 Tower Street SE
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

School Board Members: Julie Bernick, Amy Crosby, Jonathan Drewes, Mary Frantz, Michael Nelson, Stacey Ruelle, Enrique Velázquez

School Board Study Session Minutes

January 25, 2021
Interactive Technology
and In-Person

The study session of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Chair Ruelle via in-person and audio/visual conferencing on January 25, 2021 at 6:07 p.m.

Board Members present in-person: Bernick, Crosby, Drewes, Frantz, Nelson, Ruelle
Board Members present via Google Meet: Velázquez

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

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

Board Chair Ruelle reviewed the school board 2020-21 agenda and working document including a policy timeline.

Board Chair Ruelle shared the superintendent evaluation process for 2021 as an informational piece for new board members.

Executive Director of Business Services Cink presented a 2020-21 budget guide that can be located on our district website. 2021-22 budget assumptions were reviewed and discussed. The board recommended using Scenario #2 with 188 students for enrollment projections moving forward. This will be a topic in upcoming board meetings.

Each year as part of the district continuous improvement cycle, as well as the superintendent evaluation process, the superintendent provides a mid-year update of the status of our district data and goals. Superintendent Staloch presented the mid-year progress report that highlighted district priority work. Due to COVID-19, trend data was not available at this time.

The following policies were reviewed by the board:

- Policy 213: School Board Committees
- Policy 205: Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- Policy 211: Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee or Student
- Policy 212: School Board Member Development and Evaluation
- Policy 605: Co-Curricular Activities
- Policy 605.1: Adding, Staffing and Eliminating of Co-Curricular Activities
- Policy 605.2: Level of Athletic Participation
- Policy 605.3: Co-Curricular Banquets, Fundraisers and Social Events
- Policy 605.4: Intramural Athletics
- Policy 514.1: Chemical Use and Abuse
- 514.1 Procedures

The policies will be brought back for a first read on February 8, 2021.

The following policy was discussed with board input:

- Policy 419: Tobacco-Free Environment, Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices and Electronic Delivery Devices

The board gave direction to the superintendent to submit a letter on behalf of the school district to the Prior Lake City Council and the Savage City Council regarding educational impacts to our school district students concerning an industry targeting youth.

Superintendent Staloch gave a brief board report that highlighted the following:

- Welcoming K-2 students back into our buildings last week
- Excited for grades 3-5 next week (board members can sign-up to visit the sites)
- Getting secondary students back to hybrid in February
- Vaccine pilot location was moved to Xcel Energy Center for staff. Our allotment increased to 381 this week.
- Governor Walz releasing educational vision titled “Due North”. Tuesday more information will be shared with budget alignment.
- The first day of staff COVID saliva testing went well.

Board Chair Ruelle acknowledged and read a proclamation designating January 25-31, 2021 as Paraprofessional Recognition Week in PLSAS.

Reminder of the joint meeting with local legislators on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be virtual and live-streamed.

There were no comments received from the community to be read at the public forum portion of the meeting.

The study session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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