



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

October 24, 2022
District Services Center
Large Conference Room

The study session of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Chair Nelson in the board room at the District Services Center on October 24, 2022 at 6:10 p.m.

Board members present: Bernick, Crosby, Drewes, Frantz, Nelson, Ruelle, Velázquez

Board members absent: None

Administrators Present: Superintendent Thomas, Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson, Executive Director of Administrative Services Herman, District Administrators

Board Chair Nelson welcomed everyone and Superintendent Thomas opened the meeting with the meeting purpose.

Per request of the superintendent, the Superintendent Relations portion of the agenda was moved up to accommodate scheduling of the presenter.

Savage School Resource Officer Jackie Kelch presented data that has been collected on the long-range effects from drug usage beginning in teen years. Kelch shared with the board discussion that has been taking place with administrators regarding drug searches with canines in the parking lot at the high school. The board is in support of the searches. Notification will be sent to parents so they will be aware of the random searches. This was a report for informational purposes only.

Board Chair Nelson reviewed the school board 2022-23 agenda and working document. This document is provided at all study sessions.

Jim Eichten, representing MMKR, presented the 2021-22 preliminary audit for review. The board acceptance of receiving the report was requested later in the meeting. Board approval of the audit will take place at the board meeting on November 14, 2022.

The board discussed 2022 American Education Week. The board will visit all schools during the week of November 14-18, 2022 and a proclamation will be read at the November 14, 2022 regular board meeting.

Board Treasurer Ruelle read a proclamation proclaiming November 1-4, 2022 as Business and Finance Staff Appreciation Week. Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson spoke in appreciation of the business office staff.

Board Vice-Chair/Clerk Crosby read a proclamation proclaiming November 7-11, 2022 as National School Psychologists Appreciation Week. Director of Student Support Services Cuka spoke in appreciation for our school psychologists.

Board Director Drewes read a proclamation proclaiming November 7-11, 2022 as Community Education Appreciation Week. Director of Community Education Services Dahl spoke in appreciation for the community education staff.

Board Chair Nelson called for policies for board review and first and second readings.

The following policies was presented for review:

- Policy 509.1: Kindergarten Early Entrance
- Policy 213: School Board Committees
- Policy 203: Board Operating Norms
- Policy 208: Development, Adoption & Implementation of Policies
- Policy 201.1: School Board Vacancies
- Policy 204: School Board Member Violation of Policy
- Policy 205: Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- Policy 215: School Board Use of Electronic Communications

The first reading of these policies, with added discussion and revisions, will take place at the November 14, 2022 board meeting.

The following policies were presented for a first reading:

- Policy 201: Legal Status of the School Board
- Policy 202: School Board Officers and Membership
- Policy 202.1: Student Representative on School Board
- Policy 209: Code of Ethics
- Policy 210: Conflict of Interest – School Board Members
- Policy 211: Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Members, Employees or Students
- Policy 212: School Board Development and Evaluation
- Policy 214: Out-of-State Travel by School Board

The second reading of these policies will take place at the November 14, 2022 board meeting.

The following policy was presented for a second reading:

- Policy 535: Service Animals in Schools

Board action will be requested at the November 14, 2022 board meeting.

No community members spoke during the public forum portion of the agenda.

The study session adjourned and transitioned into an open meeting.

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m.

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

Board members absent: none

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Enrique Velázquez to approve the agenda.

Motion carried: 7 – 0

Earlier in the study session, the 2021-22 audit report was presented by Jim Eichten, representing MMKR. The board was requested to acknowledge receipt of this report.

A motion was made by Jonathan Drewes, seconded by Julie Bernick, to acknowledge receiving the audit report. The formal approval will take place on November 14, 2022.

Motion carried: 7 – 0

Executive Director of Administrative Services Herman presented an additional 2022-23 staffing (certified) request for approval.

A motion was made by Mary Frantz, seconded by Enrique Velázquez, to approve the following additional staffing, as presented:

- Dean of Students (7 stipends - \$40,950)

Motion carried: 7 – 0

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Amy Crosby, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried: 7 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The board transitioned to a closed session in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (Minn. Stat. 13D.03) for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy.

A motion was made by Mary Frantz, seconded by Enrique Velázquez, to open the meeting.

Motion carried: 7 – 0

The meeting re-opened at 9:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Julie Bernick, seconded by Amy Crosby, to adjourn.

Motion carried: 7 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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