



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

4540 Tower Street SE
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

Special School Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education

The special/canvass board meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Board Chair Frantz, in the large conference room at the District Services Center on November 15, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of canvassing election results.

Board Members Present: Lisa Atkinson, Julie Bernick, Amy Bullyan, Mary Frantz, Jessica Olstad

Board Members Absent: Amy Crosby, Dan White

Administration Present: Superintendent Thomas

A motion was made by Jessica Olstad, seconded by Lisa Atkinson, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried: 5 – 0

The board read and signed the canvassing board oath.

An election summary, along with the following from Scott County, were reviewed:

- Abstract of Votes Cast
- Statement of Votes Cast
- Statement of Votes Cast (Absentee)

Member Olstad moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 719, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of this school district held on November 5, 2024, in conjunction with the state general election, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, voters of the district voted at said general election on the election of three (3) school board members for four (4) year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Anna Brynteson	9,406	Gail Lewis-Miller	8,560
Mary Frantz	10,519	Jessica Mason	10,678
Charles Johnson	10,815	Adam Tlusty	10,137
3. Charles Johnson, Jessica Mason and Mary Frantz, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four (4) year terms beginning on the first Monday in January, 2025.
4. The clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Atkinson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Lisa Atkinson, Julie Bernick, Amy Bullyan, Mary Frantz, Jessica Olstad

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The Clerk presented affidavits showing filing, mailing, publishing and posting of notice, in accordance with the resolution adopted August 12, 2024, of the special election held November 5, 2024, to vote on the question of the revocation of the School District’s existing referendum revenue authorization and approval of the School District’s new referendum revenue authorization. The Clerk also presented the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges. The affidavits and the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges were duly examined, approved and ordered placed on file in the office of the Clerk.

Member Bernick introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Bullyan:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools), Minnesota that the special election held in and for the School District on November 5, 2024, was in all respects duly and legally called and held, the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at the special election for and against the question submitted to the electors were as follows:

- School District Question
- Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization;
- Approving New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools), Minnesota has proposed to revoke the School District’s existing referendum revenue authorization of \$623.97 per pupil and replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,803 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2024 for taxes payable in 2025 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES** Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authorization and the new authorization proposed
- NO** by the Board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools), Minnesota be approved?

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Votes <u>YES</u> 12,215	Votes <u>NO</u> 15,293	Spoiled, Defective or <u>Blank Ballots</u> N/A	TOTAL <u>VOTES</u> 27,508
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The ballot question, having not received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared not to have carried.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for the ballot question in written form within 15 days after the results have been certified by the Board.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Atkinson, Bernick, Bullyan, Frantz, Olstad and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chairperson and attested by the Clerk.

Member Bernick introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held in conjunction with the state general election on November 5, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake/Savage Area Schools), State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 719 to the following candidates:
 - a. Charles Johnson
 - b. Jessica Mason
 - c. Mary Frantz

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto. *(on file at the district office)*
3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver a certificate to each person entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.
4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Bullyan and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Atkinson, Bernick, Bullyan, Frantz, Olstad

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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

Motion carried: 5 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Amy Bullyan, Board Vice-Chair/Clerk
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