



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

4540 Tower Street SE
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

School Board Members: Lisa Atkinson, Julie Bernick, Amy Bullyan, Amy Crosby, Mary Frantz, Jessica Olstad, Enrique Velázquez

School Board Study Session Minutes

February 26, 2024
District Services Center
Large Conference Room

The study session 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 February 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Atkinson, Bullyan, Crosby, Frantz, Olstad, Velázquez

Board Members Absent: Bernick

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

Board Chair Frantz welcomed everyone.

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

Superintendent Thomas opened the meeting with the meeting purpose and agenda.

Board Chair Frantz mentioned the school board 2023-24 agenda and working document. This document is provided at most study sessions.

Executive Director of Administrative Services Herman and Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson updated the board that at this time there are no additional program and staffing reductions/additions.

The following teachers reported on differentiated instruction:

- Kristin Jordan – 1st Grade Teacher at Glendale Elementary
- Ellen Abney – 5th Grade SAGE Teacher at WestWood Elementary
- Vicky Hilzendeger – Math Teacher at Twin Oaks Middle School

This was a report only. No board action was requested.

Board Director Atkinson read a proclamation recognizing School Social Workers Appreciation Week, March 4-8, 2024. Director of Student Support Services Cuka spoke in appreciation of our School Social Workers.

Board Chair Frantz and the Policy Committee presented the following policies for review and a first reading:

- Policy 425: District Staff Development (*moved to March 25, 2024 study session*)
- Policy 505: Student Entrance Requirements
- Policy 506: Student Discipline
- Policy 513: Curriculum Acceleration
- Policy 532: International Students
- Policy 601.1: Review of Curriculum Content
- Policy 603: Curriculum Development
- Policy 603.1: School District Curriculum & Instruction Goals
- Policy 611: Homeschool
- Policy 612: Shared Time Programs
- Policy 612.1: Development of Parental Involvement for Title 1 Programs

A final reading/board approval will take place at the March 11, 2024 board meeting that will include the suggested edits.

Informational Items:

Superintendent Thomas gave a strategic plan update. The next phase involves the core planning team that will synthesize the data and group into themes.

Chair Frantz noted that the board will hold a retreat on March 4, 2024 and will discuss holding a retreat in May or June with Braver Angels.

Future Agenda Topics:

No topics were introduced that received full board approval to bring to a future study session.

The study session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Amy Bullyan, Board Vice-Chair/Clerk
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