



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

January 22, 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 January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Velázquez

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.

One community member spoke during the public forum portion of the agenda.

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

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

Board Vice-Chair Bullyan read a proclamation recognizing MN Para Educators Week, January 22-26, 2024. Director of Student Support Services Cuka spoke in appreciation of Para Educators Week.

Board Director Olstad read a proclamation recognizing National School Counseling Appreciation Week, February 5-9, 2024. Director of Student Support Services Cuka spoke in appreciation of PLSAS School Counselors.

Superintendent Thomas read a proclamation recognizing School Board Recognition Month, February 2024 and spoke in appreciation of our PLSAS School Board.

Superintendent Thomas gave a progress report update for the superintendent mid-year review using agreed upon domains. Board members will receive a link for feedback after this meeting. The board will have until January 29, 2024 to complete. The feedback will be coded and themes will be brought forward and presented at the closed session on February 12, 2024.

Executive Director of Academic Services Edwards and Director of Assessment & Improvement Zumbusch along with teaching representatives, presented the following:

- Elementary Specialist Program Review Update
- MNCAPS Program Review Update

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

Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson presented 2024-25 budget planning which included proposed reductions for discussion. PLSAS senior leadership and the board will continue to refine the reductions and the draft will be presented to the board on February 12, 2024 for preliminary budget approval.

Superintendent Thomas reported on the upcoming Strategic Plan Core Team meetings. The meeting on January 23, 2024 will be a closed meeting.

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

- Policy 406: Public and Private Personnel Data
- Policy 409: Employee Publications, Instructional Materials Inventions and Creations
- Policy 409.1: District Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
- Policy 524: Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use Policy
- Policy 414: Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
- Policy 416: Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Policy 417: Chemical Use and Abuse (Staff)
- Policy 418: Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
- Policy 419: Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School (Tobacco)
- Policy 428: Employee Use of Social Media
- Policy 506.1: Bullying Prohibition
- Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Student Records
- Policy 520: Student Surveys
- Policy 522: Student Sex Nondiscrimination
- Policy 525: Website and Intranet Policy
- Policy 525.1: Student Use of Cellular Phones, Digital Imaging Devices & Other Personal Electronic Devices
- Policy 526: Hazing Prohibition
- Policy 531: Memorials for Deceased Students or Staff
- Policy 609: Religion
- Policy 622: The Pledge of Allegiance
- Policy 722: Public Data Requests

A final reading/board approval will take place at the February 12, 2024 board meeting that will include the suggested edits.

Informational Items:

Chair Frantz noted a School Board Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 9:30 am with the topic of board retreats for 2024.

Future Agenda Topics:

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

The study session closed at 10:11 p.m. and 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 Julie Bernick, seconded by Jessica Olstad, to open the meeting.

Motion carried: 6 – 0

The meeting re-opened at 10:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Jessica Olstad, seconded by Amy Crosby, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried: 6 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Amy Bullyan, Board Vice-Chair/Clerk
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