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**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, Dan White

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## **School Board Study Session Minutes**

November 25, 2024  
District Services Center  
Large Conference Room

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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 November 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Per board policy 203, Board Chair Frantz called for anyone wishing to address the board during the open forum segment on the board agenda and one person spoke during this forum.

Superintendent Thomas presented the purpose and the agenda for the study session.

Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson presented property tax levy information for the upcoming truth in taxation at the December 9, 2024 board meeting. This was a report only. No board action was requested.

Superintendent Thomas spoke regarding the budget reductions/cost containments moving forward with the operating levy not being approved. To address these challenges, our administrative team is reviewing costs associated with areas identified during the levy information campaign as potential reductions. The board will be presented with additional information at the December 9, 2024 board meeting and will be adding an additional study session to review the information on December 19, 2024.

Executive Director of Academic Services Edwards presented calendar drafts for the 2025-26 school year and the 2026-27 school year. After discussion, edits will be made to the 2025-26 calendar and brought back to the board for approval on December 9, 2024. The 2026-27 school year calendar will be brought back at a future date for consideration.

Director Olstad read a proclamation recognizing Inclusive Schools Week, December 2-6, 2024. Director of Student Support Services Cuka and Director of Equity & Inclusion Ouk spoke in appreciation of the work of our educators and families to build a stronger and inclusive community.

### Superintendent Relations

Superintendent Thomas noted a change of date for the study session (changed to December 19) and that he is currently the AMSD Chair Elect on the Federal Education Policy Committee.

Informational Items

- Chair Frantz will be sending out committee assignment information to all board members for 2025.
- Please join us in thanking our outgoing board members Amy Crosby, Julie Bernick and Enrique Velazquez for a reception on December 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the district office.

Future Agenda Topics

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Amy Bullyan, Board Vice Chair/Clerk  
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