



# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

4540 Tower Street SE  
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

School Board Members: Michael Murray, Chad Rittenour, Stacey Ruelle, Lee Shimek, Todd Sorensen, Dan White, Richard Wolf

## School Board Work Session Minutes

February 24, 2014  
District Services Center  
Professional Development Center

The work session of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Chair Sorensen in the professional development center at the District Services Center on February 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Murray, Rittenour, Ruelle, Sorensen, White, Wolf

Board Members Absent: Shimek

Administrators Present: Superintendent Gruver, Assistant Superintendent Holmberg, Director of Business Affairs Cink, Director of Human Resources Mons, District Elementary, Middle School and High School Principals

Prior Lake High School Dean of Students Janel Hengel and Adam Dittberner presented a 2013-14 school year report.

SEE Executive Director Brad Lundell updated the board on the legislative platform.

Superintendent Gruver updated the board on a new extreme weather plan Kids' Company will be implementing for cold weather school closings. One site would be open from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for current Kids' Company parents that need care for their children. This would only apply for emergency closings such as extreme cold weather but will not include closings due to snow. Kids' Company is exploring options for next year that would allow families to sign up with Kids' Company on a drop in or emergency basis.

Director of Operations/Transportation Dellwo presented a proposal from P.L.A.Y. for Laker Field. P.L.A.Y. would like to replace storage. The proposal also re-purposes current concession/storage above the field to meet needs of lacrosse and soccer. Replace with garage for district. A lacrosse wall (CMU) will also be added to main field. The district is working with Nexus on design and cost. There could be a possible issue on current drain tile across one end of Laker Field. The current baseball field will be repurposed as green space.

Activities Director Rodine updated the board on the scoreboard proposal. This was a report. Board approval will be requested at the March 10, 2014 regular board meeting.

At a previous study session, the board was interested in any possibilities of a fee decrease for 2014-15. Activities Director Rodine presented budget cuts from 2010. \$43,000 was cut for assistant coaches in 2010. Fees have remained stable. Second largest cost is bussing of students. Director of Business Affairs Cink will work with Rodine to refine these costs for coaches and will bring costs back to the April study session.

Activities Director Rodine presented a middle school activities update along with Prior Lake High School winter intramurals. This was a report only.

Activities Director Rodine updated the board on the plan for a rugby program. The program will run through the Burnsville school district in spring 2014. It will be run as a club through community education. 25 interested students are from Prior Lake High School.

Director of Business Affairs Cink presented an enrollment update for SY 2014-15. 435 registrations for all-day kindergarten have been received to date.

Director of Business Affairs Cink presented a preliminary budget update based on budget assumptions for 2014-15. This was a report only.

Director of Business Affairs Cink and the board discussed 2014-15 program and staffing reductions and additions. Cink will work with principals and department heads to refine district needs. The board will be updated at the March study session.

Superintendent Gruver presented Policy 511: Student Fundraising for a first reading. Second and final reading will take place at the March 10, 2014 regular board meeting.

The board opened the meeting up at this time for regular business to take place.

The meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Board Chair Sorensen, in the professional development center at 8:20 p.m.

Chair Sorensen appointed Dan White as acting clerk/treasurer in absence of Shimek.

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Chad Rittenour, to approve the agenda, as amended.  
Motion carried: 6 - 0

Board Chair Sorensen requested a representative be assigned to Metro ECSU for 2014.

A motion was made by Mike Murray, seconded by Rich Wolf, to nominate Dan White to serve as the Metro ECSU representative for 2014.

A motion was made by Chad Rittenour, seconded by Stacey Ruelle, to close nominations.

Dan White was appointed as the representative.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

Based upon MDE's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment for PLSAS proposed installation of artificial turf at Prior Lake High School on Dan Patch Field and at Twin Oaks Middle School on Laker Field. The board was requested to approve moving ahead with the proposed project and advertising for bids.

A motion was made by Dan White, seconded by Rich Wolf, to approve the review and comment from MDE and move forward with the call for bids, as presented.

Voting in favor: Murray, Ruelle, Sorensen, White, Wolf

Voting against: Rittenour

Motion carried: 5 - 1

The board discussed issuing March 20, 2014 as a school make-up day for the school closing on February 21, 2014. This date was an early release date on the calendar.

A motion was made by Dan White, seconded by Stacey Ruelle, to approve March 20, 2014 as a school make-up date and therefore no early release on this day.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

A motion was made by Dan White, seconded by Stacey Ruelle, to adjourn.  
Motion carried: 6 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Dan White, Acting Clerk/Treasurer  
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