



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719

4540 Tower Street SE
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

School Board Members: Melissa Enger, Ben Hanson, Chad Rittenour, Stacey Ruelle, Todd Sorensen, Dan White, Richard Wolf

School Board Work Session Minutes

September 28, 2015
District Services Center
Large Conference Room

The work session of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Chair Ruelle in the large conference room at the District Services Center on September 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Enger, Hanson, Rittenour, Ruelle, Sorensen, White

Board Members Absent: Wolf

Administrators Present: Superintendent Staloch, Assistant Superintendent Holmberg, Executive Director of Business Services Cink, Executive Director of Human Resources Mons, District Administrators

Superintendent Staloch led the introduction and purpose of the meeting.

Executive Director of Business Services Cink presented the preliminary 2015 levy for discussion prior to adoption. The recommendation was to certify the levy at 4.7%. The levy is derived by a complex formula, taking into account factors such as the district's enrollment, health and safety needs, operating capital and more. In approving the 4.7% levy increase, the school board will have time for verification of the formula and any needed corrections before adopting the final levy amount in December. The board took action later in the meeting.

Dennis Hoogeveen, representing Clifton Larson Allen LLP, presented a review of the 2014-15 audit. Formal approval will be requested at the October 12, 2015 regular board meeting.

Activities Director Reetz presented uniform proposals from multiple vendors. A three year contract agreement was discussed. The proposed contract with one vendor would ensure consistency in brand, school colors, logos, simplify the purchasing process while being fiscally responsible. The recommendation will be brought to the October 12, 2015 board meeting for action. This does NOT include spirit wear.

Director of Technology Milazzo updated the board on technology initiatives for 2015-16. The overview addressed the district's digital learning plan, 1:1 rollout and 2015 summer projects. Technology Integration Specialists Corey Soukup and Amanda Fay & Digital Learning Specialist Jessica McMahon presented high school, middle school and elementary integration projects and opportunities. A Twitter chat opportunity, topic "Reimagining Learning" will take place on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The conversation with teachers, administrator's, students and parents can be accessed at #PLSASchat.

Superintendent Staloch and Assistant Superintendent Holmberg updated the board on key messages from the recent demographic review committee meeting. Topics covered were Morris Leatherman results and current enrollment. Preliminary messages included K-12 outpacing demographic projections, kindergarten numbers (575) being the highest in our history, PLSAS attracts and retains students, available land and new developments and communication. The next meeting will take place on September 30, 2015 and will focus on programs and all day pre-K. Recommendations will be reviewed at the October 26, 2015 work session and board action will take place at the November 2, 2015 regular board meeting.

Board Chair Ruelle presented the draft PLSAS three year governance plan for board review. After minor changes, the document will be brought back to the board for action on October 12, 2015.

Superintendent Staloch presented the draft superintendent operational plan and goals for review. The documents will be brought back to the board for action on October 12, 2015.

The Policy Committee presented a first look at Policy 504: Student Dress and Appearance. Second and final reading will take place at the regular school board meeting on October 12, 2015.

Board Chair Ruelle called for the meeting to be opened for board action.

A motion made by Dan White, seconded by Todd Sorensen, to open the meeting for action items.

Motion carried: 6 – 0

Meeting opened at 7:57 p.m.

Executive Director of Business Services Cink presented the preliminary 2015 levy for adoption.

A motion was made by Chad Rittenour, seconded by Dan White, to approve the recommendation to certify the levy at a 4.7% increase. Final approval of the levy certification will take place at the December 14, 2015 board meeting.

Motion carried: 6 – 0

A motion was made by Dan White, seconded by Ben Hanson, to adjourn this portion of the meeting.

Motion carried: 6 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The board convened into a closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (MN. Stat. 13D.03) for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy.

A motion was made by Ben Hanson, seconded by Todd Sorensen to open the meeting.

Motion carried: 6 – 0

Meeting opened at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Dan White, seconded by Melissa Enger, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Dan White, Clerk/Treasurer
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