



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

November 27, 2023
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 Crosby, in the large conference room at the District Services Center on November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Atkinson, Bullyan, Crosby, Frantz (6:11 pm), 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 Crosby 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 Crosby reviewed the school board 2023-24 agenda and working document. This document is provided at all study sessions.

Casey Blochowiak, representing Studer Education, joined the meeting virtually to give an overview of the strategic planning process and Superintendent Thomas shared the 2024 strategic plan timeline. This was a report only. No board action was requested.

Executive Director of Business Services Frederickson presented the 2023-24 final budget. This was a report only. No board action was requested.

Board Director Olstad read a proclamation recognizing Inclusive Schools Appreciation Week, December 4-8, 2023. Director of Equity & Inclusion Ouk spoke in appreciation of Inclusive Schools Week.

Board Chair Frantz & Director Velázquez presented the following policy for a first reading:

- Policy 208: Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies

Second and final reading will take place at the December 11, 2023 board meeting.

Board Chair Crosby and the Policy Committee presented the following policies with edits, for review:

- Policy 401: Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy 402: Disability Nondiscrimination Policy
- Policy 404: Employment of All Staff
- Policy 405: Veteran's Preference
- Policy 412: Travel Reimbursement
- Policy 509: Enrollment of Non Resident Students
- Policy 511: Student Fundraising
- Policy 533: Student Wellness
- Policy 534: School Meals Policy

A final reading/board approval will take place at the December 11, 2023 board meeting.

Per board policy, agenda topics for an upcoming work session with the majority of the board agreeing, was as follows:

- Additional funding scenario on the five year forecast

The study session closed at 8:45 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 Jessica Olstad, seconded by Enrique Velazquez, to open the meeting.
Motion carried: 6 – 0

The meeting re-opened at 9:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Amy Bullyan, seconded by Mary Frantz, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried: 6 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Mary Frantz, Board Vice-Chair/Clerk
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