



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

September 25, 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 Acting Board Chair Frantz, in the large conference room at the District Services Center on September 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Atkinson, Bernick, Bullyan, Frantz, Olstad

Board members absent: Crosby, 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

Acting 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.

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

Casey Blochowiak, representing Studer Education, presented 2023 Stakeholder Survey data. This was a report only. No board action was requested.

Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson gave an update on the 2022-23 audit. Our auditing firm will present the report and answer questions at the October 9, 2023 board meeting. The board will be requested to approve the audit at that meeting.

Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson gave an update on 2023-24 enrollment. This was a report only. No board action is requested.

Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson presented the proposed property tax levy for payable 2024. The recommendation was to certify the levy at an increase of 3.92%. The levy is derived by a complex formula of adjusted net tax capacity, referendum market value and pupil units. The board will take action later in the meeting.

Executive Director of Administrative Services Herman presented an annual class size and staffing report. This was a report only. No board action was requested.

Board Director Olstad read a proclamation recognizing Human Resources Appreciation Week September 25-29, 2023. Executive Director of Administrative Services Herman spoke in appreciation of our Human Resource Professionals.

Board Director Bullyan read a proclamation recognizing National Physical Therapists Month, October, 2023. Director of Student Support Services Cuka spoke in appreciation of our Physical Therapist Professional.

Board Director Atkinson read a proclamation recognizing Operational Staff Appreciation Week October 2-6, 2023. Director of Operational Services Dellwo spoke in appreciation of our Operational Staff.

Board Treasurer Bernick read a proclamation recognizing National Coaches Appreciation Day, October 6, 2023. In the absence of Activities Director Marshall, Superintendent Thomas read a statement from Director Marshall in appreciation of our coaches & advisors.

Acting Chair Frantz read a proclamation recognizing Arts, Athletics and Activities Staff Appreciation Week, October 2-6, 2023. In the absence of Activities Director Marshall, Superintendent Thomas read a statement from Director Marshall in appreciation of our arts, athletics and activities staff.

Superintendent Thomas updated the board on the School Resource Officers (SRO's) and activities during Homecoming Week.

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

- * Strategic Plan consideration of options
- * Board Policy 904 through community engagement process

The study session adjourned at 8:46 p.m. and transitioned into an open meeting.

Acting Chair Frantz called the meeting to order at 8:47 p.m.

Board members present: Lisa Atkinson, Julie Bernick, Amy Bullyan, Mary Frantz, Jessica Olstad

Board members absent: Amy Crosby, Enrique Velázquez

Acting Chair Frantz appointed Director Jessica Olstad to serve as the clerk pro-tem.

A motion was made by Amy Bullyan, seconded by Lisa Atkinson, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried: 5 – 0

Executive Director of Business Services Fredrickson presented a preliminary levy presentation during the study session earlier in the evening. The board was asked to approve the maximum levy at this time.

A motion was made by Julie Bernick seconded by Jessica Olstad, to certify the maximum levy authority, as presented. The final levy approval will be at the December board meeting.

Voting in favor: Bernick, Bullyan, Frantz, Olstad

Voting against: Atkinson

Motion carried: 4 – 1

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

Motion carried: 5 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The board recessed and reassembled at 8:57 p.m.

The board 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 Amy Bullyan, to open the meeting.

Motion carried: 5 – 0

The meeting re-opened at 9:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Julie Bernick, seconded by Amy Bullyan, to adjourn.

Motion carried: 5 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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