

Regular School Board Meeting
Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709
Agenda
Tuesday, December 21, 2021
Denfeld High School Media Center
401 N 44th Ave W
Duluth, MN 55807
7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
5. **School and Community Recognition**
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Reading Communications, Petitions, Etc.**
8. **Report of the Superintendent**
 - A. Reports from Student School Board Representatives
 - B. Superintendent's Report 2
 - C. Schedule of Meetings and Events
9. **Report of Standing Committees**
 - A. Committee of the Whole
 - 1) Monthly Committee of the Whole (*December 7, 2021*)
 - B. Human Resources/Finance Committee (*December 14, 2021*)
 - C. Policy Committee (*December 9, 2021*)
10. **Consent Agenda**
11. **Special Resolutions and Action Items**
 - A. SP-12-21-3857 Board Member Attendance at 2022 MSBA Leadership Conference 10
 - 1) SP-12-21-3858 Board Member Attendance at MSBA Phase I and Phase II Orientations 11
12. **Questions / Other**
13. **Adjournment**

Superintendent Report

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District and Board Recognition

- City of Duluth Proclamation
- Student Representatives
 - Aliyah Bartling
 - Stella Schutz
- Transitioning Board Member
 - Sally Trnka
- Recognition of the Duluth Public Schools Board of Education

Upcoming School Board Meetings

- Organizational Meeting - January 4th (Alternate of January 5th)
- Policy Committee Meeting - January 6th
- Committee of the Whole Meeting - January 6th
- HR/Finance Committee Meeting - January 11th
- Regular School Board Meeting - January 18th

School Resource Officer Community Presentation

with Marnita's Table on February 7th from 5-8 pm

World's Best Workforce Report - Coming Soon

District Communications Update

- We thank Katie Kaufman for her many years of service
- Conducted a district communications needs assessment through Bob Noyed of The CESO Group to update the position description
- A draft updated position description was brought to HR/Finance
- HR Director can provide additional details on the process and position titles
- We plan to post the position tomorrow, pending board approval

2021-22 Safe Learning Plan



ISD 709

Guiding Principles

FOR SAFE IN-PERSON LEARNING

- 1 Ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff
- 2 Deliver high-quality instruction to students
- 3 Equity: Ensuring all means all
- 4 Optimize use of resources (space & materials)
- 5 Community and stakeholder engagement in plan development

Equity Criteria:

Access

Participation

Representation

Outcomes

[ISD709.org/Equity](https://isd709.org/Equity)

Current COVID Rates

- 9/5-9/18 - 42.02
- 9/12-9/25 - 41.27
- 9/19-10/2 - 46.92
- 9/26-10/09 - 60.33
- 10/03-10/16 - 59.25
- 10/10-10/23 - 54.50
- 10/17-10/20 - 57.25
- 10/24-11/6 - 74.14
- 10/31-11/13 - 92.12
- 11/7-11/20 - 109.59
- 11/14-11/27 - 110.76
- 11/21-12/4 - 109.18
- 11/28-12/11 - (Decrease Projected)

Continued Monitoring of Our Situation

It is important that we continue to stress the importance of watching key variables to ensure our ability to provide safe learning environments and to be good community partners.

We continue to monitor:

- Developments with the Omnicron variant
- Current COVID rates
- Transmission within the community
- Transmission within our classrooms
- Vaccination and booster rates
- Hospital capacity
- Other factors

Critical Safety Precautions

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that we continue to emphasize:

- Promoting vaccines
- Universal masking
- Physical distancing
- Staying home when sick
- Testing
- Additional layers of safety

RESOLUTION

Board Member Attendance at 2022 MSBA Leadership Conference

RESOLVED, That Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, pay costs incurred, as per District policy, for school board members to attend the Minnesota School Boards Association 2022 Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 12-14, 2022.

Resolution SP-12-21-3857

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RESOLUTION

Board Member Attendance at MSBA Phase I and Phase II Orientations

RESOLVED, that Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, pay costs incurred, as per District policy, for school board members to attend the MSBA Phase I and Phase II Orientations in December 2021 and/or January 2022.