

Special School Board Meeting - Canvass Election

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

District Services Center

709 Portia Johnson Dr.

Duluth, MN 55811

5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

**3. Resolution SP-11-23-3993 - Canvassing Returns of Votes for the School
District General Election of November 7, 2023**

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4. Adjournment

RESOLUTION

Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election and Special Election of
November 7, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District 709, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the General election of the voters of this district, held on November 7, 2023, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. **At Large:**

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 25,446 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as a school board member for one, four-year term vacancy on the school board caused by expiration of term on January 1, 2024 next following the general election as follows:

Alanna Oswald	11,532
Stephanie Williams	13,373

3. Candidate Stephanie Williams, having received the highest number of votes, is elected to a four-year term for the At Large school board seat beginning January 1, 2024.

4. **District Two:**

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 5,419 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as school board member for one four-year term vacancy on the school board caused by expiration of term on January 1, 2024 next following the general election as follows:

Sarah Mikesell	5,289
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5. Candidate Sarah Mikesell, having received the highest number of votes, is elected to a four-year term for the Second District school board seat beginning January 1, 2024.

6. **District Three:**

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 6,392 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as school board member for one four-year term vacancy on the school board caused by expiration of term on January 1, 2024 next following the general election as follows:

Henry L. Banks	3,253
Loren Martell	3,088

7. Candidate Henry L. Banks having received the highest number of votes, is elected to a four-year term for the Third District school board seat beginning January 1, 2024.

8. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the Special Election of the voters of this District, held on November 7, 2023 was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

9. **Ballot Question #1:**

Shall Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth) be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$21,800,000 to provide funds to refinance, for general fund operational savings, the District's Refunding Certificates of Participation, Series 2019A, dated May 29, 2019, and Refunding Certificates of Participation, Series 2021B, dated March 9, 2021 both of which financed improvements to and equipment for the District's facilities throughout the District?

YES	15,879
NO	13,219

10. Ballot Question #1 was approved.

11. **Ballot Question #2:**

Shall the capital project levy proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth) be approved?

YES	14,443
NO	14,734

12. Ballot Question #2 was defeated.

13. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the County Auditor of each County in which the School District is located in whole or in part.

**ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR GENERAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH), STATE OF MINNESOTA
ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST**

**GENERAL ELECTION, DISTRICT NO. AT LARGE
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.	<u>59,896</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:	<u>1,669</u>
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C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER	<u>*</u>
D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS	<u>*</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE GENERAL ELECTION	<u>25,446</u>

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX	<u>*</u>
G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX:	<u>*</u>

H. TOTAL NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS IN THE SPOILED BALLOT ENVELOPE	<u>*</u>
I. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNUSED BALLOTS RETURNED TO THE CLERK	<u>*</u>

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
DISTRICT NO. AT LARGE**

CANDIDATE – Alanna Oswald	<u>11,532</u>
CANDIDATE – Stephanie Williams	<u>13,373</u>

Total number of Write In votes for this office:	<u>541</u>
Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE:	<u>25,446</u>

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ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST**

**GENERAL ELECTION, DISTRICT NO. TWO
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.	<u>14,548</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:	<u>712</u>
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C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER	<u>*</u>
D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS	<u>*</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE GENERAL ELECTION	<u>5,419</u>

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX	<u>*</u>
G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX:	<u>*</u>

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
DISTRICT NO. TWO**

CANDIDATE – Sarah Mikesell	<u>5,289</u>
Total number of Write In votes for this office:	<u>130</u>
Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE:	<u>5,419</u>

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**GENERAL ELECTION, DISTRICT NO. THREE
November 7, 2023**

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.	<u>14,601</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:	<u>364</u>
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C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER	<u>*</u>
D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS	<u>*</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE GENERAL ELECTION	<u>6,392</u>

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX	<u>*</u>
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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
DISTRICT NO. THREE**

CANDIDATE – Henry L. Banks	<u>3,253</u>
CANDIDATE – Loren Martell	<u>3,088</u>
Total number of Write In votes for this office:	<u>51</u>
Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE:	<u>6,392</u>

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C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER	<u>*</u>
D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS	<u>*</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION	<u>29,098</u>

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX	<u>*</u>
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SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION #1

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YES	<u>15,879</u>
NO	<u>13,219</u>
Completely Blank Ballots	<u>*</u>
Completely Defective Ballots	<u>*</u>
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS QUESTION	<u>29,098</u>

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D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS	<u>*</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION	<u>29,177</u>

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX	<u>*</u>
G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX:	<u>*</u>

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YES	<u>14,443</u>
NO	<u>14,734</u>
Completely Blank Ballots	<u>*</u>
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TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS QUESTION	<u>29,177</u>

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