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Board member Tomasetti introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE POLYMET
MINING NORTHMET PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the ISD #695 – Chisholm Public Schools is aware that the PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project is proceeding through the joint State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the metals that PolyMet will mine are essential for daily life – copper, nickel, cobalt, platinum, palladium and gold – found in countless products, including cell phones, computers, joint replacements, medical treatments and devices, wind turbines and catalytic converters; and

WHEREAS, the combination of strict Minnesota regulations and PolyMet's commitment to mining in a way that protects the environment will serve as a global template for responsible, ethical and successful mining practices; and

WHEREAS, the proposed mining and processing operation will create 360 direct jobs and over 600 indirect jobs in St. Louis County alone; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Mining project will require 2 million hours of labor during its construction phase; and

WHEREAS, PolyMet Mining will contribute millions of dollars to local cities, school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, occupation taxes, and sales tax; and

WHEREAS, it is stated within the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Forest Service's supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), "The SDEIS has thoroughly evaluated water quality impacts, and has shown the project will not cause an exceedance of aquatic life water quality standards."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the ISD #695 – Chisholm Public Schools strongly supports the PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Rahja and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Tomasetti, Lucas, Rahja, Johnson, Vicari
Absent: Sever

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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