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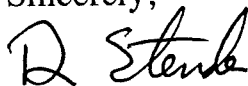
Jon Cherry
President
PolyMet Mining
444 Cedar Street
St. Paul MN 55101

Dear Mr. Cherry:

At the March 10, 2014 school board meeting, the Board of Education of Virginia Public Schools passed a Resolution supporting the PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project. A copy of said resolution is enclosed for your files and records.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Deron Stender
Superintendent

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Enclosure

TREASURER STOKES introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE POLYMET MINING NORTHMET PROJECT

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 706 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 it's 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,

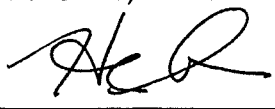
WHEREAS, it is stated within the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Forest Service's supplemental draft of Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) that "The SDEIS has thoroughly evaluated water quality impacts, and has shown the project will not cause an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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 706 strongly supports the PolyMet Mining NorthMet project.

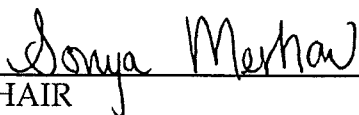
The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by CLERK SURLA and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Hafdahl, Merhar, Stokes, Surla, Tamaro;
and the following voted against the same: None;
and the following abstained: None;
and the following were absent: Riordan.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on March 10, 2014.



CLERK



CHAIR