

## Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at the Historic Old Central High School, 215 North First Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

### Members Present:

Tom Kasper  
Mike Miernicki  
Art Johnston  
Judy Seliga Punyko  
Ann Wasson  
Bill Westholm

### Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

### Student Representatives

Absent

### Members Absent:

Mary Cameron

- Chair Wasson called the regular school board meeting of October 16, 2012 to order at 6:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon a vote on the agenda as presented, the same was approved – 6-0.**

Chair Wasson asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of September 18, 2012.

**M-Westholm, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.**

Chair Wasson asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 18, 2012.

**M-Westholm, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.**

Chair Wasson asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of October 8, 2012.

**M-Kasper, S-Westholm, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.**

**Public Comments**

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Chair Wasson reminded the audience to follow the civility code and that they have three minutes to speak.

Jeff Pridie, from the Perpich Center for the Arts, spoke to the board regarding the grant with the Duluth Schools.

Loren Martell, 623 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the board regarding issues he has with the red plan and timing of projects and change orders.

**Communications, Petitions, Etc.**

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Superintendent Gronseth stated there had been no communications received.

**Superintendent's Report**

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Superintendent Gronseth acknowledged/congratulated:

- United Way was acknowledged at the White House for their work with the Duluth Schools
- Board meeting recordings are now on You Tube for viewing
- Principals month – he thanked them for their dedication and hard work

**Education Committee Report**

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Member Kasper presented the Education Committee report, a copy of same being in the hands of each school board member.

**M-Kasper, S-Miernicki, to approve the Education Committee Report as presented.**

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.A.1) Duluth Bully Free Campaign Collaborative to thank those involved in the presentation.

**Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.**

**Human Resources Committee Report**

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Member Westholm presented the Human Resources Committee report, a copy of same being in the hands of each school board member.

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**M-Westholm, S-Miernicki, to approve the Human Resources Committee Report as presented.**

Member Kasper asked for an update on the staff that has been recalled from layoff. Tim Sworsky, Human Resources Certified Manager, reviewed the recalls from layoff to date.

**M-Westholm, S-Wasson, to approve the new position of Interim Manager of Technology.**

Discussion took place regarding the position.

**Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-1 as follows:**

**Yea: Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm**

**Nay: Johnston**

**M-Westholm, S-Wasson, to approve the new position of Senior Manager of Human Resources.**

Discussion took place regarding the position.

**Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-1 as follows:**

**Yea: Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm**

**Nay: Johnston**

**Upon a vote on the remainder of the Human Resources Report as presented, the same was approved – 6-0.**

**Business Committee Report**

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Member Seliga Punyko presented the Business Committee report, a copy of same being in the hands of each school board member.

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

***Authorized Student Activity Bank Account Signer***

RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that it hereby authorizes the following:

<u>District Building</u>	<u>Banking Institution</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Addition of Authorized Signer</u>	<u>Removal of Authorized Signer</u>
Lincoln Park	Park State Bank	XXXXXX0	Jacob Hintsala	Adrian Norman
ALC (Unity)	DTCU	XXXX4	Leea Power, Adrian Norman	
Merritt Creek	DTCU	XXXX0	Leea Power	Gregg Maus
Woodland Hills	DTCU	XXXX1	Leea Power	Gregg Maus

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**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve Resolution B-10-12-3056 – Authorized Account Signers. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.**

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to approve the Business Committee Report, withholding the resolutions, as presented.**

Member Johnston withheld Items 4.B.1., 4.B.2, 6.E and 6.F.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.B.1. – Change Orders – Ordean East Middle School to note his concern with the change orders being approved after the work has begun.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.B.2. – Change Orders – Lincoln Park to note his concern with the change order being approved after the work has been done and whether they should be change orders at all. Kerry Leider, Facilities Management Supervisor explained the process and the authorizations already received to proceed with these projects.

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.E. – JCI Long Range Facilities Plan Status Report to thank Mr. Leider for the information he has provided.

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.F. – Change Orders Relating to the Long Range Facilities Plan to than Mr. Leider for providing information that he had requested.

Discussion took place regarding ventilation issues at Denfeld and bike racks.

**Upon a vote on the remainder of the business committee report as presented, the same was approved 5 – 1 as follows:**

**Yea: Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm**

**Nay: Johnston**

**Other**  
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➤ Chair Wasson adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of October 16, 2012 at 7:17 p.m.