

Minutes of the Special 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, June 5, 2012

Members Present:

Tom Kasper
Mike Miernicki
Judy Seliga Punyko
Ann Wasson
Bill Westholm

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mary Cameron
Art Johnston

- Chair Wasson called the special school board meeting of June 5, 2012 to order at 4:32 p.m.

Public Comment as Related to Agenda Items Listed Below – One person spoke at the end of the meeting.

A. Middle School Programming Structure for the 2012-13 School Year

Recommendation: It is recommended that the School Board approve the middle school programming structure of going from seven to six academic class periods for the 2012-13 school year as recommended by administration with respect to the District Budget Reduction Process efforts.

Ed Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the proposed programming model. School board discussion took place regarding the model and the elective offerings.

M-Wasson, S-Kasper, to amend the recommendation that for the 8th grade next year the wheel will be removed and semester elective offerings will be put in place. Upon a vote the same was approved 5-0.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve the Middle School Programming Structure for the 2012-13 School Year as amended. Upon a vote the same passed 5-0.

B. Approval of Starting and Ending Times for the 2012-13 School Year

Recommendation: It is recommended that the School Board approve starting and ending times for the 2012-13 school year as recommended by administration as a result of the new middle school program structure for the 2012-13 school year.

Discussion took place regarding the new starting and ending times.

M-Wasson, S-Miernicki, to approve the Starting and Ending Times for the 2012-13 School Year as presented. Upon a vote the same passed 5-0.

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C. Quote # 4119 - Storm Utilities and Grading for Sidewalk Restoration at Ordean East Middle School

Storm Utilities and Grading - Veit & Company, Inc - \$37,970.00

Recommendation: It is recommended the School Board approve entering into a contract with the firm listed above based on their low responsive quote as shown on the Quote Tab and Letter of Recommendation, as provided in response to Quote #4119 – Storm Utilities and Grading for Sidewalk Restoration at Ordean East Middle School. The total cost of the contract related to Quote #4119 – Storm Utilities and Grading for Sidewalk Restoration at Ordean East Middle School as listed above is \$37,970.00, which remains within the overall budget district-wide.

Kerry Leider explained the work that needed to be done within this quote.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve Quote 4119 – Storm Utilities and Grading for Sidewalk Restoration at Ordean East Middle School. Upon a vote the same passed 5-0.

D. Eastern Middle School (Ordean East Middle School)

Eastern MS LRFP – Hallway Lockers
Change Order #4, Bid #1165, WS #24 – JF Equipment, LLC
Change Order increase to furnish and install additional lockers and add fillers, slip joint and slope top corners **Add: \$133,489.00**

Recommendation: It is recommended the School Board approve the change order as listed above at Eastern Middle School (Ordean East Middle School) reflecting a total increase of \$133,489.00.

Kerry Leider explained item and the work associated with the Change Order.

M-Kasper, S-Westholm, to approve Change Order #4, Bid #1165, WS#24 JF Equipment, LLC at Ordean East Middle School. Upon a vote the same passed 5-0.

E. Valley Youth Center Lease Agreement

Attached is the lease agreement with the Valley Youth Center for the use of space at the new Laura MacArthur School. This lease agreement covers the period from June 5, 2012 through June 4, 2017, with the option to extend five (5) additional years at no cost during the term of the agreement.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Duluth School Board approve the lease agreement with the Valley Youth Center for the period from June 5, 2012 through June 4, 2017.

Kerry Leider explained the lease item.

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**M-Westholm, S-Kasper, to approve the lease agreement with the Valley Youth Center.
Upon a vote the same passed 5-0.**

Public Comment:

Tim Churchill, 1810 Eileen Avenue, spoke to the board regarding his concern with changing the registration process again and issues with large class sizes.

➤ Chair Wasson adjourned the Special School Board meeting of June 5, 2012 at 5:10 p.m.