

## 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

Monday, June 11, 2012

### Members Present:

Mary Cameron  
Judy Seliga Punyko  
Ann Wasson  
Bill Westholm

### Others Present:

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

### Members Absent:

Art Johnston  
Tom Kasper  
Mike Miernicki

- Chair Wasson called the special school board meeting of June 11, 2012 to order at 4:25 p.m.

Public Comment as Related to Agenda Items Listed Below - None

### A. Contract Awards – Bids/Quotes – Re: Congdon Park & Myers Wilkins Schools

- 1) Bid #1215 – Myers-Wilkins Elementary School Bid Package #1  
Contract #0241 – Demolition – Kellington Construction - \$397,835.00  
Contract #3100/#3210 – Earthwork/Asphalt Paving – Veit & Company, Inc - \$834,155.00

Recommendation: It is recommended the School Board approve entering into contracts with the firms listed above based on their low responsive bids as shown on the Bid Tab and Letter of Recommendation, as provided in response to Bid#1215 – Myers-Wilkins Elementary School Bid Package #1. The total cost of the contracts related to Bid #1215– Myers-Wilkins Elementary School Bid Package #1 as listed above is \$1,231,990.00, which remains within the overall budget district-wide.

Kerry Leider, Facilities Management Supervisor, reviewed the bids and contract awards as listed above.

Member Cameron asked if it is within overall budget or this project budget. Mr. Leider stated it is within both budgets. Chair Wasson noted that it is important to move forward with these bids in order to stay on time for opening.

**M-Westholm, S-Cameron, to approve the Contract Awards – Bids/Quotes – Re: Congdon Park and Myers Wilkins Schools Contract 0241 and 3100/3210 as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved 4-0.**

- 2) Bid #1222 – Congdon Park Elementary – Bid Package #1  
Work Scope #4 – Structural Steel–Supply – Ben’s Structural Fabrication, Inc -  
\$172,000.00

Recommendation: It is recommended the School Board approve entering into a contract with the firm listed above based on their low responsive bids as shown on the Bid Tab and Letter of Recommendation, as provided in response to Bid#1222 – Congdon Park Elementary – Bid Package #1. The total cost of the contract related to Bid#1222 – Congdon Park Elementary – Bid Package #1 as listed above is \$172,000.00, which remains within the overall budget district-wide.

Kerry Leider reviewed the bids and recommendations as listed above.

**M-Cameron, S-Westholm, to approve the Contract Awards – Bids/Quotes – Re: Congdon Park Bid 1222 – Bid Package 1 as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved 4-0.**

- B. Resolution B-6-12-3031 – Resolution Amending Resolution B-4-12-3007 and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Full Term Capital Appreciation Certificates of Participation, Series 2012A, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,801,327, to Finance a Portion of the Project Costs for Congdon Elementary and Grant (now Myers-Wilkins) Elementary

Bob Toftey, Legal Counsel, reviewed the resolution and the reason for modifying the previous resolution. Chair Wasson noted her concern that when lawsuits are brought against the district it ultimately hurts the taxpayer.

**M-Westholm, S-Cameron, to approve the Resolution B-6-12-3031 – Resolution Amending Resolution B-4-12-3007 and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Full Term Capital Appreciation Certificates of Participation, Series 2012A, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,801,327, to Finance a Portion of the Project Costs for Congdon Elementary and Grant (now Myers-Wilkins) Elementary. Upon a vote, the same was approved 4-0.**

- C. Resolution B-6-12-3032 – Resolution Amending Resolution B-4-12-3008 and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Certificates of Participation, Series 2012B, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,430,000, to Finance a Portion of the Project Costs for Congdon Elementary and Grant (now Myers-Wilkins) Elementary

Bob Toftey explained the changes.

**M-Cameron, S-Westholm, to approve the Resolution B-6-12-3032 – Resolution Amending Resolution B-4-12-3008 and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Certificates of Participation, Series 2012B, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,430,000, to Finance a Portion of the Project Costs for Congdon Elementary and Grant (now Myers-Wilkins) Elementary. Upon a vote, the same was approved 4-0.**

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D. Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709, Comprehensive Equity and Inclusion Plan (CEIP) 2013-2015

Recommendation: It is recommended the School Board approve the Comprehensive Equity and Inclusion Plan 2013-2015 for the Duluth Public Schools, which must be revised and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education every three years.

Discussion took place regarding the plan and the boards concern that there be more accountability and more in depth work with the students.

**M-Westholm, S-Cameron, to approve the Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709, Comprehensive Equity and Inclusion Plan (CEIP) 2013-2015. Upon a vote, the same was approved 4-0.**

- Chair Wasson adjourned the Special School Board meeting of June 11, 2012 at 4:48 p.m.