

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, April 2, 2013

Members Present:

Art Johnston
Tom Kasper
Mike Miernicki
Judy Seliga Punyko
Bill Westholm

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mary Cameron
Ann Wasson

- Chair Kasper called the special school board meeting of April 2, 2013 to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Public Comment as Related to Agenda Items Listed Below
Greg Repensky, 324 Halsey Street, spoke to the school board regarding the need for equity among the elementary school buildings and encouraged board members to approve the items on the agenda.

Luisa VanOss, 2427 East 3rd Street, spoke to the school board regarding the need for additional outdoor activity space and accessibility at Congdon Park.

Renee Willemsen, 2930 Branch Street, spoke to the school board regarding the need to complete projects at Congdon Park for safety/accessibility.

Kim Wood, 2408 East 2nd Street, spoke to the school board regarding the need to complete projects at Congdon Park Elementary for safety/equity/accessibility.

Sandy Bacon, 2502 East 7th Street, spoke to the school board to ask that the safety and accessibility issues at Congdon Park be addressed first when voting on items.

Kathi Marshall, 201 Clover Street, spoke to the school board on behalf of the Congdon Park staff to ask that they approve the safety/accessibility items.

Sara Vallie, 2614 Branch Street, spoke to the school board regarding the need for clarification that the hockey group wasn't asking for more, but for something that was taken away and had been there before the new construction at Congdon Park. She also stated that the group doesn't want to be seen as against the safety/accessibility items.

➤ Consideration for Construction Project Items Related to Congdon Park Elementary School

Member Westholm presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Approving Working Drawing Amendments to Add Scope of Work and to Authorize
Previously Approved Work Scope to Proceed by Change Order at Congdon Park
Elementary School

WHEREAS, the School Board, by Resolution B-6-07-2452, adopted a Long-range Facilities Plan for the District, and therein also directed the District’s Administration and Johnson Controls Inc. to proceed with Development of Plans and Specifications; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2009 by Resolution B-11-09-2686, the School Board approved the Schematic Design Pertaining to the Building Only at Congdon Park School; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2011 by Resolution B-9-11-2932 the School Board approved the Site Plan Schematic Design Pertaining to Congdon Park School, as presented at the September 12, 2011 Business Committee Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2012 by Resolution B-2-12-2979 the School Board approved the Working Drawings Pertaining to Congdon Park School, as presented at the February 13, 2012 Business Committee Meeting; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the Working Drawings for Construction at Congdon Park Elementary School, as presented at the February 13, 2012 Business Committee Meeting, are hereby amended to add the attached scope of work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School Board directs the Administration and Johnson Controls to proceed with completing the approved items on the attached list.

B-4-13-3085

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Congdon Park Elementary School				
Resolution #B-4-13-3085				
Item	Authorized To Proceed	Work Scope		Estimated Cost
1	YES / NO	Exterior Masonry Repair		330000
2	YES / NO	New Sidewalk at Greysolon Place and 31st Avenue East		29400
3	YES / NO	Front Sidewalk, Sstairs and Railing Replacement		59800
4	YES / NO	Interior Limited Use Elevator		32000
5	YES / NO	Sand field and related drainage and engineering		100000
6	YES / NO	Additional Hardsurface and Basketball Hoops		50000
7	YES / NO	Expanded Play Apparatus		50000
8	YES / NO	Retaining Wall to Increase Play Field Area 4,800 sqft		200000

M-Westholm, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve the resolution Approving Working Drawing Amendments to Add Scope of Work and to Authorize Previously Approved Work Scope to Proceed by Change Order at Congdon Park Elementary School.

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M-Miernicki, S-Seliga Punyko, to amend the list to take Item 8 - Retaining Wall item off the list for approval.

Discussion took place regarding the retaining wall and the other items on the list for approval.

Upon a vote on the amendment, the same was approved 4-1 as follows:

Yea: Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Westholm

Nay: Johnston

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to support approving items 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 on the list.

Discussion took place regarding the items.

Upon a vote to support approving items 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 on the list, the same was approved 5-0.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to remove items 1 and 5 from the list (not approve).

Discussion took place regarding the items.

Upon a vote to remove (not approve) items 1 and 5 on the list, the same was approved 5-0.

Upon a vote on the resolution/list as amended, the same was approved 5-0.

➤ Chair Kasper adjourned the Special School Board meeting of April 2, 2013 at 6:49 p.m.