

RESOLUTION

Approving the Wetland Project Relating to Construction of a New Western Middle School at the Wheeler North Site

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 administrative staff to commence with appropriate action to implement this Long-range Facilities Plan; and

WHEREAS, the School Board adopted Resolution B-7-08-2558 on July 15, 2008 selecting the new western middle school site to be located at the North Wheeler location; and

WHEREAS, the School Board adopted Resolution B-10-09-2682 on October 20, 2009 approving the Schematic Design of this project; and

WHEREAS, the project design consultants and District Administration, having consulted with the local staff representing the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, South St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the City of Duluth, have developed the project to minimize environmental impacts including wetland disturbances; and

WHEREAS, the project will disturb approximately 2.5 acres of wetland area which mitigation requires the application for and approval of a wetland project that includes the withdrawal of wetland credits from the Minnesota Wetland Bank thru the execution of a Purchase Agreement For Wetland Banking Credits; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the School Board hereby authorizes the Director of Business Services to execute required applications and other transactions required to gain approval of the wetland project, and further execute a Purchase Agreement for Wetland Banking Credits valued at \$108,900.00 plus \$7,078.50 State Board of Water and Soil Resources fee, which expenses are contingent upon the wetland project approval.