

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

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Members Present:

Art Johnston
Mary Cameron
Gary Glass
Tim Grover
Tom Kasper
Judy Seliga Punyko
Ann Wasson

Others Present:

I.V. Foster, Superintendent
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Sue Talerico, Sub Secretary

Members Absent:

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of October 6, 2011 to order at 4:31 p.m.

Gary Glass proposed adding an agenda item – Eastern Middle School Naming Committee, for the purpose of adding individuals to the committee in order to create a more diverse committee.

M-Glass, S-Johnston, to approve amending the agenda to add individuals to the Eastern Middle School Naming Committee in order to create a more diverse committee.

There was discussion related to the current make-up and diversity of the committee. Superintendent Foster stated that the committee was previously discussed and that he was directed to follow the policy, which states that the Chair of the School Board will appoint board representation, and staff representatives will be appointed by the Superintendent. Superintendent Foster further asked for clarification as to whether the board wants him to include other individuals in order to make the committee more diverse. Member Wasson indicated that the current committee also did not include student and community representatives, and suggested that the board may need to look more closely at the policy and amend as needed. Member Grover stated that, although he was not opposed to the spirit of the amendment, the agenda for this meeting was full enough and that the item is already on the October 11, 2011 Education Committee agenda.

Member Johnston called a point of order that he seconded motion. Chair Seliga Punyko indicated that she did not hear him and would call for a vote.

Upon a vote to amend the agenda, the same failed 4-3 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Glass, Johnston

Nay: Grover, Kasper, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

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Public Comment:

Richard Paulson, 524 W Ideal Street, spoke to the Board regarding levy information being sent out by the school district and his concerns related to transparency and the public's need to know how the district is servicing debt, requesting that the public be informed as to what the district is doing in this area.

Education Equity Advisory Committee – Program Funding Recommendations

- A. Administration's request for professional development funding related to reducing the achievement gap in the amount of \$150,000.00.
- B. Funding the Metamorphosis Project in the amount of \$4,000.00.
- C. Funding the Youth of Duluth / 1st Annual YOD Fall/Winter Jam Basketball League programs in the amount of \$4,000.00.

M-Grover, S-Cameron, to approve Education Equity Advisory Committee's Program Funding Recommendation.

Discussion took place regarding the funding and how it will be used.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Wasson presented the resolution:

Ten-Year Capital Facilities Plan – 2011 Update

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the Ten-Year Capital Facilities Plan – 2011 Update, be approved.

Resolution #B-10-11-2936

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M-Wasson, S-Grover, to approve the Resolution B-10-11-2936 – Ten Year Capital Facilities Plan – 2011 Update.

Discussion took place regarding the ten year plan.

Upon a vote, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Grover, Kasper, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Wasson presented the resolution:

Maximum Levy Certification

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, will hold a regular school board meeting on December 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM the Board Room of the Historic Old Central High School, and will receive input from the public on the proposed certified levy for 2011 payable in 2012,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board propose the ceiling for the tax levy for Independent School District No. 709 for 2011 payable 2012 at the maximum amount.
Resolution #B-10-11-2937 October 6, 2011

M-Wasson, S-Kasper, to approve the Resolution B-10-11-2937 – Maximum Levy Certification

Discussion took place regarding the levy certification and the reason for certifying to the maximum at this time.

M-Johnston, S-Glass, to amend Resolution B-10-11-2937 to Cap Ceiling for Tax Levy Payable 2012 at the Payable 2011 Level.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment to the resolution.

Upon a vote on the proposed amendment, the same failed 2-5 as follows:

Yea: Glass, Johnston

Nay: Cameron, Grover, Kasper, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

Upon a vote on Resolution B-10-11-2937 as presented, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Grover, Kasper, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Approval to Hire Teaching/Support Positions Totaling 1.5 FTE:

- A. .5 FTE Dean of Students for Morgan Park Middle School
- B. .5 FTE Special Education Teacher for Denfeld High School
- C. .5 FTE Special Education Teacher for Woodland Middle School

M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Approval to Hire Teacher/Support Positions Totaling 1.5.FTE.

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Discussion took place regarding the hiring of additional positions.

M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Approval to Hire Teacher/Support Positions Totaling 1.5.FTE. Upon a vote, the same was approved unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of October 6, 2011 at 5.56 p.m.