

## 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, August 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

### Members Present:

Annie Harala (arrived at 4:25 p.m.)  
Art Johnston  
David Kirby  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Alanna Oswald  
Nora Sandstad  
Harry Welty

### Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Doug Hasler, Deputy Clerk  
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

- Chair Kirby called the Special School Board meeting of August 14, 2017 to order at 4:04 p.m.

### Public Comments

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Bogdana Krivegorsky, address not provided, spoke to the School Board about seeking second opinions from outside companies regarding school finances.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Douglas Hasler, updated the School Board on the background of the following two (2) Resolutions and why the date extensions were needed.

Several zoning items were discussed by the School Board.

Member Sandstad presented the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION**

Amending Resolution B-5-17-3450 Regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2017A

WHEREAS, the School Board (the "Board") of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth), located in St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "District") approved on May 30, 2017 Resolution B-5-17-3450 Regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2017A (the "Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Resolution established the process for the sale of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2017A (the "Bonds") in the maximum amount of \$3,640,000; and

WHEREAS, District staff has progressed the Project defined in the Resolution in that the Commissioner of Education has approved the District's Ten-Year Facilities Plan – FY2018 Update and the District's issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.05 of the Resolution provided as follows:

3.05 If the Pricing Committee has not approved the sale of the Bonds to Northland and executed the related bond purchase agreement by August 15, 2017, this resolution shall expire.

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WHEREAS, the District is still in the process of resolving zoning issues for the Project and thus the District will not sell the Bonds prior to August 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to proceed with the Bond sale as provided in the Resolution, except that the expiration date set forth in Section 3.05 be extended to October 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the District that Section 3.05 of the Resolution be amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

3.05 If the Pricing Committee has not approved the sale of the Bonds to Northland and executed the related bond purchase agreement by October 31, 2017, this resolution shall expire.

Resolution B-8-17-3471

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**M-Welty, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-8-17-3471 - Amending Resolution B-5-17-3450 Regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2017A.**

Discussion took place regarding this item.

**Upon a vote, the same passed – 6-0 as follows:**

**Yea: Johnston, Kirby, Loeffler-Kemp, Oswald, Sandstad, Welty**

Member Welty presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

Amending Resolution B-5-17-3451 Regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2017B

WHEREAS, the School Board (the “Board”) of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth), located in St. Louis County, Minnesota (the “District”) approved on May 30, 2017 Resolution #B-5-17-3451 Regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2017B (the “Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Resolution established the process for the sale of General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2017B (the “Bonds”) in the maximum amount of \$615,000; and

WHEREAS, District staff has progressed the Project defined in the Resolution in that the Commissioner of Education has approved the District’s issuance of the Bonds and no petition for referendum was filed with the Board calling for a vote on the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.05 of the Resolution provided as follows:

3.05 If the Pricing Committee has not approved the sale of the Bonds to Northland and executed the related bond purchase agreement by August 15, 2017, this resolution shall expire.

WHEREAS, the District is still in the process of resolving zoning issues for the Project and thus the District will not sell the Bonds prior to August 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to proceed with the Bond sale as provided in the Resolution, except that the expiration date set forth in Section 3.05 be extended to October 31, 2017.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the District that Section 3.05 of the Resolution be amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

3.05 If the Pricing Committee has not approved the sale of the Bonds to Northland and executed the related bond purchase agreement by October 31, 2017, this resolution shall expire.

Resolution B-8-17-3472

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**M-Sandstad, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve Resolution B-8-17-3472 - Amending Resolution B-5-17-3451 Regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2017B.**

Discussion took place regarding this item.

**Upon a vote, the same passed – 6-0 as follows:**

**Yea: Harala, Johnston, Kirby, Loeffler-Kemp, Oswald, Welty**

CFO Douglas Hasler updated the School Board on research being done for the Resolution passed at the June Board meeting on Long Range Facility Plan debt restructuring.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

**M-Sandstad, S-Oswald, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same passed – 7-0.**

- Chair Kirby adjourned the Special School Board meeting of August 22, 2017 at 4:50 p.m.