

## 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, May 6, 2014

### Members Present:

Annie Harala  
Art Johnston  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Mike Miernicki  
Judy Seliga Punyko  
Harry Welty  
Bill Westholm

### Others Present:

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

- Chair Miernicki called the special school board meeting of May 6, 2014 to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Public Comment

Richard Paulson, 524 West Ideal, spoke to the school board regarding his concern with increased costs of HRA accounts for district employees and encouraged them not to accept the proposed contract and to go back to negotiations.

Dan O'Neill, 2929 South Lake, member of the AFLCIO, spoke to the school board in support of the contract and encouraged board members to approve the agreement.

- Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution:

### RESOLUTION

Duluth Federation of Teachers Local 692, A.F.T.

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Independent School District #709 and the Duluth Federation of Teachers Local 692, A.F.T., a summary of which is in the hands of all School Board members, be approved and adopted for the periods July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, and July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017 inclusive, and that the Chairperson and Clerk of the School Board be hereby authorized to execute said Agreements on behalf of the School District.

Resolution HR-5-14-3175

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**M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve Resolution HR-5-14-31754 – Duluth Federation of Teachers Local 692 A.F.T.**

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**M-Johnston, S-Welty, to broadcast the meeting on Channel 22.**

Discussion took place among board members regarding broadcasting the meeting. Chair Miernicki ruled that there was a motion on the floor to approve the resolution and that any other motion was out of order at this time.

Discussion regarding the contract agreement continued.

**M-Johnston, S-Welty to amend the resolution to delete “and July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017” from the resolution.**

Discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment.

**M-Harala, S-Miernicki to call the question. Upon a vote, the same passed 5-2 as follows:**

**Yea: Harala, Loeffler-Kemp, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Westholm**

**Nay: Johnston, Welty**

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

**Yea: Johnston, Welty**

**Nay: Harala, Loeffler-Kemp, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Westholm**

Discussion continued regarding the proposed contract.

**M-Harala, S-Westholm to call the question. Upon a vote the same passed 5-2 as follows:**

**Yea: Harala, Loeffler-Kemp, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Westholm**

**Nay: Johnston, Welty**

**Upon a vote on the original resolution, the same passed – 5-2 as follows:**

**Yea: Harala, Loeffler-Kemp, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Westholm**

**Nay: Johnston, Welty**

➤ Chair Miernicki adjourned the Special School Board meeting of May 6, 2014 at 7:20 p.m.