

Minutes of the Regular 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, September 18, 2012

Members Present:

Mary Cameron
Tom Kasper
Mike Miernicki
Art Johnston
Judy Seliga Punyko
Ann Wasson
Bill Westholm

Others Present:

Ed Crawford, Assistant Superintendent
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Student Representatives

Alex Livesay
Ariel Pendelton

- Chair Wasson called the regular school board meeting of September 18, 2012 to order at 6:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

M-Wasson, S-Seliga Punyko, to move the superintendent's report prior to public comment. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Miernicki, to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a vote on the agenda as amended, the same was approved – unanimously.

Chair Wasson asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of August 21, 2012.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 Regular School Board Meeting as presented.

Member Johnston noted a correction on page 4 – the policy number should be listed as 4171 not 4211. He also noted that there was ongoing discussion at the end of meeting and there should have been a vote on adjournment.

Upon a vote as amended, the same was approved – unanimously.

Superintendent's Report **September 2012**

Superintendent Gronseth reviewed the bids and add alternates within the Congdon Park Elementary project. He stated that there would be upcoming design team meetings regarding the project and the issues with the possible addition of a retaining wall and there would be time for additional public input.

Public Comments
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Chair Wasson reminded the audience to follow the civility code and that they have three minutes to speak.

Michael Almond, 2214 Oakes Avenue, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the denial of his child's early enrollment into kindergarten.

Sue VanOss, 2427 East 3rd Street, spoke to the board regarding the Congdon Park PTA Executive Boards concern with the playground area at the Congdon Park site.

Sandy Bacon, 2502 East 7th Street, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the playground area at the Congdon Park site.

Sara Vallie, 2614 Branch Street, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the playground area at the Congdon Park site.

Anne Hindeliter, 1309 East 8th Street, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the playground area at the Congdon Park site.

Loren Martell, 623 East 7th Street, spoke to the board regarding his concerns with the school board and financing issues.

Marcia Stromgren, 6219 Lakewood Road, spoke to the board regarding her concerns with the lack of funds raised through property sales and large class sizes.

Sue McClernon, 240 Misquah Road, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the playground area at the Congdon Park site.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.
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Chair Wasson acknowledged communications received.

Education Committee Report
September 2012

Member Kasper presented the Education Committee report, a copy of same being in the hands of each school board member.

Member Kasper presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 requires a school district to accept grants by resolution expressed in the terms prescribed by the donor in full; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant in accordance with the donor's terms is in the best interest of the Duluth Public Schools:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duluth Public Schools does accept the below-described grants from said organizations in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Duluth Public Schools wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to these various organizations.

	Organization	Author/Contact	Project Title	Award Amount	Terms
1	Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota State Colleges & Universities	Jim Arndt	Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant	\$445,576.48	Funds will be used to support secondary and post-secondary Career and Technical Education Programs and Activities within the Consortium.
2	Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (OA/OGM/Region V)	Pam Rees	Federal Head Start Grant	\$1,889,485	Funds from this grant award will be used to support the Duluth Public Schools Head Start Program.
3	Minnesota Department of Education	Deborah Wagner	McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Grant	\$40,000	Funds from this grant award will be used to provide services to increase the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth.
4	VSA of Minnesota	Bonnie Wolden	Artists in the Classroom Grant	\$3,000	Funds from this grant award will be used for a dance project for DCD and autistic students at Lester Park.
5	Minnesota Department of Education	Nathan Glockle	School Improvement Grant – Priority School	\$1,321,365.42	Funds from this grant award will be used for staff development opportunities, added positions of support to

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					ensure fidelity of our interventions, building in accountability measures through Plan Do Study Act cycles as measured by data, and to provide opportunities for Laura MacArthur to team with the community.
6	Essentia Health	Deidre Quinlan	Essentia Health Corporate Contributions Grant	\$20,000	Funds from this grant award will be used to fund an on-site clinical nurse practitioner to provide health care services and an on-site clinical social worker to provide infant mental health services at Habitat Health Services, which is a school-based clinic that partners with the Habitat Program to provide comprehensive services to Duluth Public Schools pregnant and parenting teens and their children.

Resolution #E-9-12-3050

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M-Kasper, S-Westholm, to approve the Resolution E-9-12-3050 Acceptance of Grants Awards to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

M-Kasper, S-Westholm, to approve the remainder of the Education Committee Report as presented.

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.A.4) School Improvement Plans to note his concerns with the testing process and thanked the district staff for their work in continuing to improve test scores.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Human Resources Committee Report
September 2012

Member Westholm presented the Human Resources Committee report, a copy of same being in the hands of each school board member.

M-Westholm, S-Kasper, to approve the Human Resources Committee Report as presented.

Member Kasper asked for an update on the staff that has been recalled from layoff. Tim Sworsky, Human Resources Certified Manager and Harrison Dudley, Non-Certified Manager, reviewed the recalls from layoff to date.

Upon a vote the same was approved – unanimously.

Business Committee Report
September 2012

Member Seliga Punyko presented the Business Committee report, a copy of same being in the hands of each school board member.

Administration pulled Resolution B-9-12-3051 – Maximum Levy Certification.

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Release and Pledge of Collateral

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that it hereby releases the \$250,000 par value FNNT note, CUSIP number XXXXXRP80, pledged as collateral by Duluth Teachers Credit Union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the School Board, that it accepts the pledge collateral of a \$250,000 par value FHLB note maturing 12/12/2014, CUSIP number XXXXXVNU1 in exchange for the released collateral noted above.

B-9-12-3052

September 18, 2012

M-Seliga-Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve Resolution B-9-12-3052 – Release and Pledge of Collateral. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N
Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Located at 5231 Glenwood Street

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 the identification and negotiation of land to be acquired as identified in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Administration working with Johnson Controls and the District's Legal Counsel identified property and negotiated terms and by Resolution #B-5-08-2536 the School Board authorized the purchase of real property located at 5231 Glenwood Street; and

WHEREAS, said property will no longer be used for purposes set forth in Minnesota Statute Section 123B.51.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board hereby authorizes the real property located at 5231 Glenwood Street to be sold according to the terms considered by the School Board in Closed Session on September 18, 2012, said property described as Assessor's Parcel No. 010-0790-03800, further described as Lots 380 and 381, Block 34, Crosley Park Addition to Duluth in St. Louis County, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board authorizes the School Board Chair to execute a purchase agreement consistent with the terms considered by the board in Executive Closed Session on September 18, 2012 and to sign all other documents required for closing this sale transaction.

B-9-12-3054

September 18, 2012

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve Resolution B-9-12-3054 – Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Located at 5231 Glenwood Street. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to approve the Business Committee Report, withholding the resolutions, as presented.

Member Kasper withheld Item 4.A.1)

Member Westholm withheld Item 1.F.

Member Johnston withheld Items 2.A.1), 2.A.3), 4.B.3), 4.B.4), and 4.B.5)

Member Westholm withheld Item 1.F. – WADM Projections to ask where the district is with enrollments at this time. Superintendent Gronseth stated that administration continues to work on firming up numbers and hopes to have something to the board by the end of the week.

Member Johnston withheld Item 2.A.1) – Bid 1224 Congdon Park Bid Package #3 to note his concern with the exclusion of the retaining wall as an add alternate. Superintendent Gronseth clarified that the add alternates being approved were originally included in the base bid and the retaining wall was not. Board discussion continued regarding the recreational area at Congdon Park.

M-Wasson, S-Kasper, that facilities management maximize the playground space at Congdon Park, whether it is blacktop or rubberized. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Upon a vote separate vote on Bid 1224 – Congdon Park Elementary School Bid Package #3, the same was approved 6 – 1 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm
Nay: Johnston

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.A.3) – Bid 1225 – Data Center co-Location Services to note his concern with the cost of the project. Keith Anderson, Technology Director, explained the bid and the services involved. Board discussion continued regarding the bid.

Member Kasper withheld Item 4.A.1) – Lake Superior Swim Club Contract to ask if there is a detailed schedule of use. Bill Hanson, Director of Business Services explained the contract and how the scheduling will be handled.

Member Johnston withheld Item B.2.3)a. – West (Lincoln Park) Middle School Change Orders to note his concern with the timing of change order and why it isn't the companies responsibility. Kerry Leider, Facilities Management Supervisor, stated that he didn't have the details available and that he would get back to him with more information.

Member Johnston withheld Item B.3.4) – Bid 1222 Congdon Park Elementary School Add Alternates to ask for an update on the site work. Kerry Leider provided an update on the site earth work.

Upon a vote separate vote on Bid 1222 – Congdon Park Elementary Add Alternates, the same was approved 6 – 1 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm
Nay: Johnston

Member Johnston withheld Item B.3.4) – Bid 1223 Congdon Park Elementary School Add Alternates to note his concern with the timing in relation to the possibility of a retaining wall.

Upon a vote separate vote on Bid 1223 – Congdon Park Elementary School Add Alternates, the same was approved 6 – 1 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm
Nay: Johnston

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.D. – Facilities Management and Capital Project Status Report regarding his request for information.

Upon a vote on the remainder of the business committee report as presented, the same was approved 6 – 1 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm
Nay: Johnston

Other
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- Chair Wasson adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of September 18, 2012 at 8:03 p.m.