

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, February 7, 2012

Members Present:

Tom Kasper
Mike Miernicki
Judy Seliga Punyko
Ann Wasson
Bill Westholm

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Interim Superintendent
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Sue Talerico, Interim Secretary

Members Absent:

Mary Cameron
Art Johnston

➤ **Chair Wasson called the special school board meeting of February 7, 2012 to order at 2:30 PM.**

Chair Wasson asked Kerry Leider to give an explanation as to the reason for the meeting and action needed. Mr. Leider explained that all bids received related to Bid 1217 were in excess of the budget allocated for the project. Legal counsel advised that a formal rejection of the bid, which would allow the District to then re-advertise the bidding process, would be in the best interest of the District. Changes have been found that are expected to result in a lower cost that should be reflected in bids when next advertised, which the District is hoping to do on February 21, 2012, with a recommendation brought before the board for action at the regular school board meeting of February 28, 2012. Mr. Leider also stated that he will present the board with an updated Ten-Year Capital Facilities Plan at that meeting, which will include an alternate facilities levy which could help cover asbestos abatement for this project if needed.

Member Westholm presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Rejecting all Laura MacArthur School Demolition Bids Related to Bid 1217

WHEREAS, Bid 1217 – Laura MacArthur School Demolition was advertised according to statute and publicly opened on January 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, all bids received for the demolition were in excess of budget allocated for that scope of work; and

WHEREAS, further consideration of work scope and specifications by the design and construction management team has identified changes that are expected to result in a lower cost closer to the budget for this project if it is re-bid; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota that the Duluth School Board formally rejects all bids related to Bid 1217 – Laura MacArthur School Demolition.

B-2-12-2974

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M-Westholm, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve the Resolution B-2-12-2974 – Rejecting all Laura MacArthur School Demolition Bids Related to Bid 1217. Upon a vote the same was approved 5-0.

➤ **Chair Wasson adjourned the Special School Board Meeting of February 7, 2012 at 2:35 PM.**