

## **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, November 15, 2011

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

I.V. Foster, Superintendent  
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

### **Members Absent:**

Mary Cameron

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of November 15, 2011 to order at 4:30 p.m.

Member Kasper presented the resolution:

### **RESOLUTION** **Executive (Closed) Session**

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the School Board shall meet in Executive (Closed) Session on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussion related to the sale and acquisition of properties as listed on attachment, conducted pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. (3).

Resolution B-11-11-2951

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### **M-Kasper, S-Wasson, to approve the Resolution B-11-11-2951 - Executive Closed Session.**

Member Johnston objected to the closed session because he feels the information should be public.

### **M-Wasson, S-Grover, to amend the resolution as follows:**

In order to help meet the District's obligation to enact appropriate security safeguards, (1) the District will maintain one official recording of closed sessions when required and in accordance with the law; (2) that individual Board members are not allowed to record closed sessions; (3) that individual board members must affirm before going into a closed session that he or she will not record the closed session; (4) that failure to make such an affirmation precludes the Board member from attending the closed session.

Member Johnston stated that the motion is illegal and isn't germane to the resolution. Member Glass asked how the amendment relates to the properties.

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Chair Seliga Punyko ruled the amendment germane.

**M-Johnston, S-Glass, to appeal the decision on the chair.**

Board discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment.

**Upon a vote to reverse the decision of the chair the same failed 2-4 as follows:**

**Yea: Glass, Johnston**

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

**Upon a vote on the amendment to the resolution, the same passed 4-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

**Upon a vote on the resolution as amended, the same was approved 4-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

**Upon a roll call survey yes or no to affirm whether or not board members will be recording the meeting:**

**Glass — will not record**

**Grover — will not record**

**Johnston — refused to answer**

**Kasper — will not record**

**Seliga Punyko – will not record**

**Wasson – will not record**

Chair Seliga Punyko noted that since Member Johnston did not answer the recording question that he was in violation of the amended resolution and therefore should not attend the closed session.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of November 15, 2011 at 4:38 p.m.