

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

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of April 30, 2011 to order at 9:03 a.m.

M-Wasson, S-Grover, to offer a six month extension contract to Dr. Dixon from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, and then offer candidate Bill Gronseth a 2 ½ year contract beginning January 1, 2012.

Member Glass called a point of order that the item isn't on the agenda and it would take unanimous consent to add it. Member Johnston stated that he felt the motion is out of order. Chair Seliga Punyko ruled that the motion was part of the process and could be voted on. Member Johnston appealed the decision of the Chair.

Upon a vote on upholding the ruling of the Chair the same failed 3-4 as follows:

Yea: Grover, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

Nay: Cameron, Glass, Johnston, Kasper

The motion is therefore out of order and the board continued with the selection process.

School Exec Connect reviewed the process.

The school board members ranked the superintendent finalists.

The board recessed at 10:05 and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

M-Wasson, S-Grover, to authorize administration to enter into contract negotiations with I.V. Foster for the position of Superintendent. Upon a vote the same was approved – unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of April 30, 2011 at 10:35 a.m.