

## **Regular School Board Meeting**

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

### Agenda

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

District Services Center

709 Portia Johnson Dr.

Duluth, MN 55811

6:30 PM

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>                                   |           |
| <b>2. Roll Call</b>                                       |           |
| <b>3. Pledge of Allegiance</b>                            |           |
| <b>4. Approval of Agenda</b>                              |           |
| <b>5. Reading and Approving Minutes</b>                   |           |
| A. Special School Board Meeting of March 16, 2010         | 2         |
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| A. Education Committee <i>(see separate report)</i>       |           |
| B. Human Resources Committee <i>(see separate report)</i> |           |
| C. Business Committee <i>(see separate report)</i>        |           |
| <b>10. Special Resolutions - None</b>                     |           |
| <b>11. Questions / Other</b>                              |           |
| <b>12. Adjournment</b>                                    |           |

**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, March 16, 2010

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Keith Dixon, Superintendent  
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Chair Grover called the special school board meeting of March 16, 2010 to order at 5:15 p.m.

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

**R E S O L U T I O N**  
**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, March 16, 2010 at approximately 5:20 p.m. (or to follow Special School Board meeting) in the Board Conference Room of the Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussing acquisition of properties as listed on the attachment.

Resolution B-3-10-2746

March 16, 2010

Member Johnston stated that he believed the meeting did not need to be a closed session, and noted his concern that the attachment with the property listed wasn't posted and didn't meet the meeting notification requirements. Member Glass also requested that the meeting be open. Chair Grover indicated that the meeting had been properly posted and did meet the meeting notification requirements.

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-3-10-2746 – Executive Closed Session. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

Chair Grover adjourned the Special School Board meeting of March 16, 2010 at 5:23 p.m.

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**Student Representatives:**

Maia Dalager  
Peter Witzig

The East Sterling Strings and Choraliers performed for the school board prior to the board meeting.

Chair Grover called the regular school board meeting of March 16, 2010 to order at 6:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

Member Johnston called a Point of Order that Member Glass and he had submitted agenda items that were not included on the agenda and he wanted them included. Chair Grover ruled that he could ask to add the items at the time the agenda is approved and that it would require unanimous consent. Member Johnston appealed that decision. Chair Grover called for a vote to uphold his decision. Member Johnston called a Point of Order that there has to be debate on his Point of Order. Chair Grover asked for clarification by the Districts legal counsel. Beth Storaasli, legal counsel for the District, was asked to clarify if an appeal of the ruling on the Point of Order is debatable. Ms. Storaasli stated that it is not debatable. Member Johnston stated that he believes that his appeal of the chairs ruling should include debate. Ms. Storaasli quoted from Roberts Rules Page 20.59 regarding whether an appeal of the chairs ruling on the Point of Order is debatable and it indicated that his appeal is not debatable.

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Cameron, to approve the agenda as presented.**

Member Johnston stated that they weren't on the agenda item yet. Chair Grover stated that it had been motioned and seconded and that Beth Storaasli had indicated that it is at the discretion of the Chair whether to allow debate/discussion on his issue. Member Johnston stated that all points of order should be included in the minutes.

**M-Glass, S-Johnston, to add 5 items to the agenda. Upon a vote, the same failed 2-5 as follows:**

**Yea: Glass, Johnston**

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

Member Johnston called a Point of Order that he wants reasoning why the addition of agenda items requires unanimous consent. Chair Grover stated that policy requires unanimous consent to add an agenda item on the day of the meeting. Member Johnston asked for references on that decision. Chair Grover stated that information would be given to him after the meeting. Chair Grover called for a vote on approval of the agenda. Member Johnston stated that he had not allowed for debate. Chair Grover ruled Member Johnston out of order.

**Upon a vote to approve the agenda as presented the same was approved 5-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

Member Johnston called a Point of Order stating that this was an illegal procedure, that he wanted two other items added to the agenda and should have been able to debate and he was not recognized. Chair Grover stated that the agenda had been approved and that if someone who had voted in favor of the agenda would like to reconsider that he would allow that.

Chair Grover asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the special school board meeting of February 23, 2010.

Secretary Thibault noted that she changed the Nay vote to indicate Member Glass, and that she had Member Kasper listed on both votes and that his should have been a Yea vote.

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Cameron, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 special school board meeting as corrected. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

Chair Grover asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the regular school board meeting of February 23, 2010.

Secretary Thibault provided a corrected copy of page 36 of the minutes fixing the Yea vote on Resolution B-2-10-2731 (as amended) to indicate the Yea vote was Member Johnston, not Member Glass.

Member Glass stated that the date of adjournment on page 42 should have been February 24<sup>th</sup>, not the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Member Johnston stated that the statement on page 6 that abstaining is the same as a nay vote is an incorrect statement. Chair Grover ruled that the statement was correct - no change to the minutes.

Member Johnston stated that his vote on page 8 was incorrect and that no response is not an abstention. Chair Grover ruled that the vote listed was correct - no change to the minutes.

Member Johnston stated that the statement on Page 10 that the Policy 9105 had been voted on at the previous meeting was incorrect. Secretary Thibault indicated that Chair Grover had ruled that the policy was voted on at the prior meeting. Chair Grover ruled that the statement is correct - no change to the minutes.

Member Johnston stated that his motion on page 35 should read “amendment to substitute”.

Member Johnston stated that he had made some points of order on page 36 that were not included in the minutes and requested that they be added.

Member Johnston indicated that there was an incorrect vote on his amendment. Chair Grover indicated that it had already been corrected.

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Cameron, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 regular school board meeting as corrected. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-1 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Johnston**

**Public Comments**

**March 2010**

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Terri Akervik, Music Specialist, spoke to the board about Music in Our Schools Month.

Sam Seering, 5330 Oakley Street, thanked the board for approving the student transition teams recommendations. He stated that the group is looking forward to the naming of the Middle Schools, and asked the board to focus on the long range educational plan.

Doug Frisk, 1933 Waverly, spoke to the board regarding his belief that the Red Plan Plus would contribute to educational inequities.

Andrew Knox, no address, spoke to the board about the educational inequities in the Duluth Schools.

Bob Grytdahl, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding closing the achievement gap for students of color and his excitement over the Community Education Improvement Group.

Sarah Hill, a teacher at Lincoln/Piedmont, spoke to the board asking them to support a non fee based all day every day kindergarten program.

Maggie Kazel, no address, spoke to the board about her experiences in the Duluth District as an American Indian student and asked the board to put educational equity at the top of their priority list.

Sherry Marek, no address, spoke to the board to ask that they consider donating the land where the Central High football field is to the public as an overlook for all to enjoy in the future, and perhaps putting a plaque there in dedication to the Central Trojans.

Virginia Breidenbach, 2828 Branch Street, spoke to the board to ask them to support all day every day kindergarten.

Adam Riggle, 1504 Minneapolis Avenue, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the decision to name the high schools East and Denfeld and with the loss of the Central High School traditions.

Karen Heisick, 2723 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, spoke to the board regarding the need to work together and that the board needs to respect the voters' wishes.

Gordon Downs, 24 N 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, spoke to the board regarding having the vote on Plan B during the primaries in August.

Loren Martell, 623 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the board regarding his concern that there was never a vote on the Red Plan and the bitterness in the community over the long range plan.

Roxanne Moline, 2231 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, spoke to the board regarding her belief that the board should not fund all day kindergarten for everyone, and asked the board not to cut student programs when making the budget cuts.

Lawrence Burda, 1812 Rice Lake Road, spoke to the board regarding his support for Red Plan Plus and the opportunity it creates to bring the community back together.

Robin Downs, 5108 Washburn Road, spoke to the board regarding her support for moving forward with the long range facilities plan and that much of the community supports the plan. She added that none of the alternatives have been as well researched.

Heath Hickock, 102 South 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, spoke to the board on behalf of the Lincoln Park Business Group to voice their support for the new middle school being built above wheeler field and that they would like to see it named Lincoln Park Middle School.

Chris Ridgewell, 331 North Central Avenue, spoke to the board regarding the need for equity in Western Duluth and that they need to keep plans for a new school in Western Duluth. He stated that people need to need to adapt to change to move forward.

Gloria Ohaju, 412 Hastings Drive, a Central High student, spoke to the board to express her concern that students will lose the respect and diversity that they have at Central High School with the loss of that school.

Tim Velner, 9525 Congdon Boulevard, spoke to the board regarding his concerns with the two alternative plans, and the inclusion of changing grade configurations within those plans.

Kevin Skirwa-Brown, 2702 Northridge Drive, spoke to the board in support of the all day every day kindergarten, but stated that it should be fee based for those who can afford it.

Danielle Maciver, 2119 Ponderosa Circle, spoke to the board as a Central High School student and her concerns with changing the name of Central this coming year and the loss of traditions. She stated that should be able to keep their name for at least one more year.

Alyssa McLaughlin, 3841 Washington Road, spoke to the board to ask that Central keep its name for one more year, and her concern that they are able to graduate as Central Trojans as promised.

Cruz Mendoza, no address, spoke to the board regarding eliminating the achievement gap for students of color, that there is a new sense of hope within the district but there are still questions throughout the community.

Sharon Witherspoon, 11 West Fourth Street, spoke to the board in support of all day kindergarten, and in support of a vote to move funds to help close the achievement gap.

Claudie Washington, 11 West Fourth Street, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the closing of the schools in the central hillside and Lincoln Park areas. He thanked Mary Cameron for donating her campaign money toward education equity, and asked the board to support transferring money to be put toward closing the educational equity gap.

Stephanie Heilig, 4323 Robinson, Principal at Nettleton School, spoke to the board regarding the successes the magnet schools have had in decreasing the education equity gap, and that magnet schools have not failed.

Mimi Larson, no address, spoke to the board in support of the long range facilities plan, on behalf of the Move Forward Duluth group and read comments from members of the group.

Sandy Sand, 820 Rockview Court, spoke to the board to thank them for the work they did with the community to come up with a long range plan and having the courage to stick with that plan.

Classie Dudley, 301 Bent Creek Drive, spoke to the board to state that she served on the Students for the Future group and that although the group was very productive and got a lot done many of them felt betrayed by the boards actions and don't feel like they took their suggestions seriously.

**Communications, Petitions, Etc.**

**March 2010**

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Superintendent Dixon acknowledged the communications received.

**Superintendent's Report**

**March 2010**

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Superintendent Dixon thanked the East Choraliers and Sterling Strings for their performance. He stated that quality education in not just basics but also in the arts programs.

Superintendent Dixon acknowledged students who spoke from Central High stating that there will be three graduations next year and that after a survey it has been decided that students will be able to stay at the high school they are at next year if they choose. He also stated that it has to be a special year for all three high schools next year and they are working to make it the best for all students. He added that right now our energy has to be put in how to help all students achieve at high levels.

Superintendent Dixon addressed Ms. Heligs concerns and stated that a lot of good things have come from Nettleton and our other magnet schools and that we will take good things coming from the magnet schools and utilize them in all our schools.

Student Representative Peter Witzig stated that he was pleased to see the timeline on the agenda and asked for clarification on when the school names will change. Superintendent Dixon clarified that it will be Denfeld and Central for this upcoming year and that when the students move from Central to East and Denfeld the following year those names would take effect.

Member Johnston asked about a communication they received regarding a complaint against the Indian Education Department. Superintendent Dixon and Assistant Superintendent Hill indicated that they are dealing with this issue on an ongoing basis and they will update the board on the issue as they proceed.

Superintendent Dixon recognized/acknowledged the following:

- Congratulations to Woodland Middle School students Devin Johnson and Alyssa Everson! After placing first and second in the Regional Spelling Bee in February, they went on to place 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the State Multi Regional Spelling Bee this week!
- The students of STC's Culinary Arts program won the People's Choice Award for Best In Presentation at the 12th Annual Death By Chocolate fundraiser held at the Radisson Duluth.
- Woodland students also did well in the Northeast Regional History Day competition. Ten students were awarded medals and selected to move on to the State History Day Competition in May: Lauren Johnson, Individual Documentary: *NASA*, Maggie Campbell, Individual Exhibit: *Martha Graham*, Cole Selland, Individual Exhibit: *Atomic Bomb*, Alyssa Diaz, Individual Exhibit: *Star Trek*, Kevin Hendrickson, Individual Exhibit: *Robert Eduard Denfeld: Innovations in Education*, Meghan Friske, Individual Exhibit: *Activity Pulse Grimace Appearance Respiration SCORE*, Matthew Thibodeau & Liam Scott, Group Exhibit: *The Innovation of Spam and its Impacts on History*, Erin Bates & Kelcy Huston, Group Exhibit: *The Kodak Brownie: An Innovation in Photography*
- Jacob Baldwin, Woodland Middle School, has qualified to represent Woodland and participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee. The state Bee will be held in April at St. Cloud State University. One winner from each state will advance to the national competition, which will be held in May in Washington, D.C.
- Duluth Public School students did well in the PBS Art and Photography Contest. Twelve students were finalists and had their work displayed in the Kruk Gallery on the UWS campus: Art Finalists: Denfeld HS : Jayde Butler, Valerie Grice, Raquelle Britton, Jessica Oland, Stephanie Wickner, and Krista Haugdahl. Photography Finalists : Central HS Lacey Welsh ; Denfeld HS: Beth Haugen, Cassie Cadotte, Maren Kienitz, Kayla Bryngelson and Emily Caven.
- Stowe Elementary students and staff collected \$1018.41 in ten days for the 'Pennies for Patients' drive for children with leukemia and lymphoma.



Member Johnston stated that he would like to read some letters from the community aloud. Chair Grover stated that it was not necessary. Member Johnston began reading the letters. Chair Grover ruled Member Johnston out of order and asked Member Seliga Punyko to proceed with the Education Committee report.

**Education Committee Report**  
**March 2010**

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

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Cameron, to approve the remainder of the Education Committee report as presented.**

Member Johnston called a Point of Order that Chair Grover had cut him off while he was still talking, and that he wanted to continue speaking. Chair Grover stated that he was out of order and his request was denied. Member Johnston appealed the Chairs decision. Chair Grover asked for a vote to uphold his decision to rule Member Johnston out of order.

**Upon a vote to uphold the Chairs ruling to rule Member Johnston Out of Order, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

Member Johnston withheld Item 3.a.5.

Member Kasper withheld Item 3.a.1.

Member Glass withheld Item 3.a.2.

Member Kasper withheld Item 3.a.1) Office of Education Equity Fund Allocations for 2010-11 to state his concern with the movement of money from teacher salary to non certified staffing, and his concerns with losing additional certified staffing for those at risk students. Board discussion continued regarding the issue as follows:

- Need for Multicultural Centers at the Schools
- Need for additional certified teachers for at risk students
- Integration specialists at middle and high schools
- Prepare for upcoming steps
- Take successful aspects from magnet schools and integrate them into existing schools

Member Kasper suggested that a vote on this item be delayed or only implemented partially.

Member Glass withheld Item 3.A.2) - Kindergarten Programming Recommendation for the 2010-11 School Year to state that Plan B also includes all day every day kindergarten. Discussion continued regarding options for half day kindergarten.

Member Johnston withheld Item 3.A.5) - Western Middle School Name and Confirmation of Elementary School Names to indicate that even though people spoke in favor of the new middle school that he does not believe people that Lincoln Park residents want the new facility. Discussion continued on the issue regarding the proposed name and the lack of discussion on the issue. Member Johnston suggested a vote be postponed on the item.

**M- Johnston, S-Glass, to postpone a vote on Item 3.A.5) Western Middle School Name and Confirmation of Elementary School names for one year. Upon a vote, the same failed 2-5 as follows:**

**Yea: Glass, Johnston**

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

Member Johnston called a Point of Order stating that there were two motions on the floor. Chair Grover explained that the first motion for the entire education committee would be voted upon after the current motion. Member Johnston appealed the Chairs decision. Chair Grover called for a ruling to uphold his ruling on the issue.

**Upon a vote to uphold Chair Grover's ruling the same passed 5-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

Member Seliga Punyko 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.	Northland Foundation	Laura MacArthur	Story Bridges Activity	\$250	Funds will be used to support a Story Bridges activity with fifth grade students at Laura MacArthur.

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Cameron to approve Resolution E-3-10-2742 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to the Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote taken, the same was approved - unanimously.**

**Upon a vote taken on the remainder of the Education Committee Report the same was approved – 5-2 as follows.**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

The School Board took a brief recess at 9:45 PM.

**Human Resources Committee Report**

**March 2010**

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

**M-Cameron, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve the Human Resources Committee report as presented.**

Member Glass withheld the informational items.

Member Johnston withheld Item 3.A.

Member Glass withheld the informational items to note that it is only a small piece of the process of moving from three high schools to two. Board discussion continued regarding where administration is with the process, principal assignments and cost savings.

Member Glass asked about the status of students being able to remain at Central next year if they choose to. Superintendent Dixon explained that all current students will be able to stay at Central next year if they want. Board discussion continued regarding the bussing, scholarship funds, and zero hour.

Member Kasper recognized each of the coaches that were not selected to fill the current positions and thanked them for their service to students of the district.

Member Johnston withheld Item 3.A. – Fall Co-Curricular Appointments to note that calling Denfeld the Western High School could be offensive. Tim Sworsky, Human Resources Certified Manager, stated that the names of the schools hadn't been chosen at the time they put the information together.

**Upon a vote on the Human Resources Committee Report, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**Business Committee Report**  
**March 2010**

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

Member Wasson withheld the Resolution Items C.5.A., B., and C.

Member Wasson presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Authorized Student Activity Bank Account Signer**

RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that it hereby authorizes the following:

<u>District Building</u>	<u>Banking Institution</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Addition of Authorized Signer</u>	<u>Removal of Authorized Signer</u>
Merritt Creek Academy	DTCU	XXXX0	Patricia Paquette	Cathy O'Reilly
Woodland Hills	DTCU	XXXX1	Patricia Paquette	Cathy O'Reilly
Denfeld	DTCU	XXXX2		Claudia Anderson
B-3-10-2744				March 16, 2010

**M-Wasson, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve Resolution B-3-10-2744 – Authorized Student Activity Bank Account Signer. Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – unanimously.**

Member Wasson presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Joint Purchasing Agreement with the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance**

Whereas, Minnesota Statute 471.59, Subdivision 1, authorizes Joint Powers Agreements allowing subdivisions to purchase from contracts initialized by other political divisions;

Whereas, it would be to the benefit of Independent School District No. 709 to have access to the purchase of contract items and services from current and future U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance;

Whereas, entering into such an agreement would pose no financial impact on Independent School District #709;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the School Board of Independent School District #709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, authorized the Director of Business Services to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance for the purchase of contract items and services.

B-3-10-2745

March 16, 2010

Member Glass asked how much money is involved. Mr. Hanson explained that it doesn't cost anything to join. Member Glass asked what might be purchased with this program. Mr. Hanson stated that he doesn't have a listing but that he could get him one. Member Grover reminded members to please ask questions for more information at the committee meetings to allow administration time to provide the answers. Member Johnston noted that the procedure of having resolutions and recommendations is confusing. Board discussion took place regarding asking questions at the committee meeting versus at the board meeting.

**M-Wasson, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve Resolution B-3-10-2745 – Joint Purchasing Agreement with the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

Member Wasson presented the resolution:

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Located at 3303 West 3rd 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 have identified property and negotiated terms to purchase the property described above; and

WHEREAS, said property will be used for school purposes including the purposes set forth in Minnesota Statute Section 123B.51.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board hereby authorizes the purchase of real property located at 3303 West 3rd Street, identified as:

Portions of Assessor's Parcel No. 010-0440-00810, further described as Lots 27-30 and 31 excluding East 12 feet, Block 4, Centredale Addition to Duluth, City of Duluth, in St. Louis County;

Assessor's Parcel No. 010-0440-00853, further described as East 12 feet of Lot 31 and Lot 32, Block 4, Centredale Addition to Duluth, City of Duluth, in St. Louis County;  
Assessor's Parcel No. 010-4570-00580, further described as Part Lots 5-7, Block 7, West Park Division of Duluth, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board authorizes the School Board Chair to execute a purchase agreement and all other documents required for closing this purchase transaction.

Members Johnston and Glass stated their opposition to the resolution.

**M-Wasson, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve Resolution B-3-10-2747 - Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Located at 3303 West 3rd Street. Upon a vote taken, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

**M-Wasson, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve the remainder of the Business Committee as presented.**

Member Glass withheld Items C.1.B., C.1.C., and C.6.A.

Member Johnston withheld Items Section C.2.A.1), 2) and 3), C.4.B.2), C.6.A. and B.

Member Glass withheld Item C.1.B. – Payment of Claims to ask about an item listed as savings and noted that the title was misleading. Jody LeBlanc, Finance Manager, stated that he would change the item title.

Member Glass withheld Item C.1.C. – Budget Revisions – to ask for an explanation regarding a \$1.8 million revision. Jody LeBlanc, explained the transfer to Member Glass.

Member Johnston withheld Item C.2.A.1) – Bid 1173 – to ask who brought the item forward. Chair Grover explained that the items are brought forward by administration or board members for placement on the committee report through the agenda setting process. Member Johnston stated that there hadn't been any voting at the committee meetings to recommend items. Chair Grover explained that there isn't any voting at the committee meetings, that they are for discussion and to ask questions. Member Johnston asked to review that procedure during the upcoming meeting with MSBA.

Member Johnston asked if carbon analysis has been done on the building because it should be done if they are being called "green buildings". Kerry Leider, Facilities Management Supervisor, explained that the architects are working to qualify for the Leed Certification.

Member Johnston withheld Item C.2.A.3) – Bid 1175 to ask procedural questions about approving contracts. Chair Grover explained that the board has approved contracts in regards to bids and that some of the contracts are sub contractors through Johnson Controls.

Member Johnston withheld Item C.4.B.2) Eastern (Ordean) High School – Change Order to ask why some of the copies of contracts in the backup are signed dated and others aren't. Mr. Leider explained that once the contracts are approved by the board they are then signed and/or dated by the Chair.

Member Glass withheld item C.6.A. – Expenditure Contracts – to ask where the Distinctive Learning contract is listed. Secretary Thibault stated that it is listed under Item C.4.A.2). Bill Hanson, Director of Business Services, explained the contract process to Member Glass.

**Member Glass requested a separate vote on Item C.4.A.2) – Distinctive Learning Inc. Contract. Upon a vote, the same was approved – Unanimously.**

Member Johnston withheld Item C.6.A. – Expenditure Contracts – to voice a concern with inconsistencies in hourly rates. Mr. Hanson explained that the contracts fall within budgets and that the differences in compensation can depend on the amount of work, presentation, travel time, etc.

Member Johnston asked what the ATS Project Success contract is providing and if it is duplicating the education equity programming. Chair Grover stated that administration could provide Member Johnston with answers to his questions on the informational items at a later time. Member Johnston asked if administration goes out for Quotes on these contracts. Mr. Hanson explained that they do go out for quotes sometimes, and that administration is following guidelines.

Member Johnston withheld Item C.6.D. – Facilities Management & Capital Project Status Report to ask about the increased energy costs. Mr. Leider explained that the usage is down but the cost is up. Member Kasper thanked administration for providing the analysis on the Long Range Facilities plan. Member Johnston asked why some contractors are being paid more than others. Mr. Leider explained that some have more reimbursable expenses than others. Member Johnston asked to have a report of what JCI makes off each contract and asked to have color copies of the local/non local report.

Member Grover called for a vote on the remainder of the Business Committee. Member Johnston called a Point of Order that he still had items he wished to discuss. Member Grover stated that it was time to vote on the action items and that enough time had been spent on informational items. He stated that those specific questions should be asked at the committee meetings in order to allow administration time to provide the answers prior to the board meeting. Chair Grover called for a vote on the remainder of the business committee.

**Upon a vote taken on the remainder of the Business Committee Report, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

**Other  
March 2010  
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Chair Grover adjourned the regular school board meeting of March 16, 2010 at 10:55 p.m.

Member Glass asked to speak on Questions/Other. Chair Grover indicated that the meeting had been adjourned.

- 03/05/10 Copy of letter, dated March 2, 2010, addressed to School Board Member Tim Grover from Howard Kuehn expressing dissatisfaction with his leadership.
- 03/08/10 Copy of letter, dated March 6, 2010, addressed to [School Board Member] Tim Grover from Jeffrey Schenck regarding campaign promise, dissatisfaction with Red Plan, and request he reach across the aisle to find some common ground.
- 03/09/10 Copy of letter, dated March 8, 2010, addressed to School Board Member Tim Grover from J.V. Pollock expressing dissatisfaction with his positions.
- 03/09/10 Copy of letter, dated March 6, 2010, addressed to [School Board Member] Tim Grover from Walter and Geri Pietrowski regarding campaign promise and dissatisfaction with Red Plan.
- 03/11/10 Copy of letter, dated March 10, 2010, addressed to [School Board Member] Tim Grover from Jane Meyers regarding disappointment with actions regarding Red Plan and request for alternate plan.
- 03/11/10 Copy of letter, dated March 7, 2010, addressed to [School Board Member] Tim Grover from Mike Jaros regarding dissatisfaction with the closing of schools in central corridor.
- 03/11/10 Copy of letter, dated March 3, 2010, addressed to School Board Member Tim Grover from Elisa Troiani expressing dissatisfaction with his representation and positions.
- 03/12/10 Copy of letter with emails, dated March 9, 2010 addressed to School Board Members from Brenda Anderson regarding Member Grover's involvement and representation.
- 03/12/10 Copy of letter addressed to [School Board Member] Tim Grover from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olson regarding campaign promise and dissatisfaction with Red Plan.
- 03/16/10 Copy of letter, dated February 28, 2010, addressed to School Board Members from Nicki DeRosier regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> district and central corridor representation.
- 03/16/10 Copy of letter, dated March 10, 2010, addressed to [School Board Chair] Tim Grover from Robert Ouellette expressing dissatisfaction regarding his representation of his constituents.
- 03/22/10 Copy of letter, dated March 18, 2010, addressed to School Board Members from Kelly Huston expressing dissatisfaction with District 3 representation of Tim Grover and Long Range Facilities Plan, and support for removal of Member Grover from School Board.
- 03/22/10 Copy of letter, dated March 18, 2010, addressed to School Board Members from Keith and Peggy Haglin expressing dissatisfaction with District 3 representation of Tim Grover and Long Range Facilities Plan, and support for removal of Member Grover from School Board.



- 03/23/10 Copy of letter, dated March 21, 2010, addressed to [School Board Chair] Tim Grover from John Kurshoff regarding dissatisfaction with 3<sup>rd</sup> district representation and request that he return to pre-election campaign promises.
- 03/29/10 Copy of letter, dated March 27, 2010, addressed to School Board Member Tim Grover from Charles Kolasinski regarding dissatisfaction with 3<sup>rd</sup> district representation, closing of schools in the central corridor, and Red Plan.
- 03/31/10 Copy of letter, dated March 29, 2010, addressed to School Board Chair Tim Grover from Ralph Benson expressing opinion regarding his campaign promise and public vote.
- 03/31/10 Copy of letter, dated March 29, 2010, addressed to School Board Chair Tim Grover from Fred Heikes expressing opinion regarding his representation of the district.
- 04/05/10 Copy of letter from Minnesota Department of Education, dated March 29, 2010 and addressed to the Urban Indian Advisory Board Chairperson, documenting the MDE's determination for the Duluth SFTF Program: "...we find that the district meets all of the required criteria for establishing the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee as well as all other requirements for program and fiscal reporting."
- 04/06/10 Copy of letter, dated April 5, 2010, addressed to School Board Chair Tim Grover from Jerome and Rosemary Heideman requesting favorable vote on Red Plan Plus.
- 04/09/10 Copy of letter, dated April 7, 2010, addressed to Tim Grover, Duluth School Board, from Lavaine Peterson suggesting a name for the eastern middle school.
- 04/14/10 Copy of letter, dated April 12, 2010, addressed to School Board Chair Tim Grover from Ann Rogers asking him to reconsider position on the Red Plan as well as expressing her agreement with Jim Johnson's Duluth Tribune letter to the editor of 4/1/10.

Independent School District 709  
**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

*All meetings are scheduled at Historic Old Central High School unless otherwise noted.*

Week of April 19 – April 23, 2010

Tuesday	April 20	5:30 p.m.	Special School Board Meeting Adjourn to Executive (Closed) Session Re: Property Acquisition Board Room
Tuesday	April 20	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting Board Room
Wednesday	April 21	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Budget Subcommittee Board Room

Week of April 26 – April 30, 2010

Wednesday	April 28	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Council Board Room
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Week of May 3 – May 7, 2010

Monday	May 3	4:00 p.m.	Parent Advisory Council on Special Education (PACSE) Steering Committee Room 203C
Tuesday	May 4	5:15 p.m.	Special School Board Meeting Re: Approval of Bid Packages Board Room
Wednesday	May 5	9:00 a.m.	PTSA Citywide Council Board Room
Thursday	May 6	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Recruitment & Retention Subcommittee Room 301

Week of May 10 – May 14, 2010

Monday	May 10	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
Monday	May 10	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow Human Resources Comm. Mtg)</i>	Business Committee Board Room
Tuesday	May 11	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room
Wednesday	May 12	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Community Planning Group Board Room

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Week of May 17 – May 21, 2010

Tuesday	May 18	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting Board Room
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Wednesday	May 19	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Budget Subcommittee Board Room
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Week of May 24 – May 28, 2010

Wednesday	May 26	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Council Board Room
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Week of May 31 – June 4, 2010

Wednesday	June 2	9:00 a.m.	PTSA Citywide Council Board Room
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Wednesday	June 2	7:30 p.m.	ALC/Unity Commencement DECC – Lake Superior Ballroom
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Week of June 7 – June 11, 2010

Monday	June 7	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
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Monday	June 7	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow Human Resources Comm. Mtg)</i>	Business Committee Board Room
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Tuesday	June 8	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room
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Tuesday	June 8	7:00 p.m.	Central High School Commencement DECC Auditorium
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Wednesday	June 9	7:30 p.m.	East High School Commencement DECC Auditorium
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Thursday	June 10	7:00 p.m.	Denfeld High School Commencement Denfeld Auditorium
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April 16, 2010