

Education Committee - Regular School Board

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

UnitedHealth Group Building

4316 Rice Lake Road

Suite 108

Duluth, MN 55811

6:30 PM

1. Presentations

A. 2011 Duluth East Daredevils Robotics Team Demonstration

Tim Velner and the 2011 Duluth East Daredevils Robotics Team who just recently returned from St. Louis where they competed at the National level, recapped their season and shared a demonstration with Archie, their robot. They also shared information about plans for next year's Robotics Team at East and the new Robotics Team at Denfeld.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

B. Head Start State Review Findings and Follow-up Response

Pam Rees, Director of Head Start, presented information on her written response to the findings of the Minnesota Department of Education's Department of Compliance and Assistance, which resulted from their Onsite State Head Start Monitoring Review that took place on February 1 and 2, 2011.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

2. Informational Items

The following items are for informational purposes only and do not require School Board approval.

A. Grant Applications

1) Minnesota Department of Education Success for the Future Program Grant Application

Terry Smith, Director of Indian Education, has applied for the Success for the Future Program Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education in the amount of \$69,455. Funds from this grant when awarded will be used to support the Duluth Public Schools Indian Education Program including salary/benefits, supplies/postage/printing, student activities, and in-district travel.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept this item as informational.

2) Northland Foundation Grant Application - Placeholder

Recommendation:

3) Ordean Foundation Grant Application - Placeholder

Recommendation:

B. Growing Up Healthy: Kids and Communities Partnership Agreement

Keith Dixon shared information on the Growing Up Healthy: Kids and Communities Partnership Agreement that was entered into on May 26, 2011, and which will continue through the planning phase of the initiative (one year). If at such time a three-year implementation grant is awarded through the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, the Partnership Agreement will be renewed.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive this item as informational.

3. **Action Items**

A. Presentation Items Requiring Approval

1) 2011-12 State Head Start Grant Application

Pam Rees, Director of Head Start, presented the 2011-12 Duluth Public Schools State Head Start Grant Application for review and approval as required by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School accept and approve this item.

2) 2010-11 Duluth Public Schools Head Start Community Assessment Presentation

Pam Rees, Director of Head Start, presented information on the required Community Assessment of the Duluth Public Schools Head Start Program. This assessment is compiled and updated by Head Start staff using community trends, population figures, poverty rates, housing information, etc. to guide their decision-making process.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve this item.

3) Duluth Public Schools Self-Assessment Action Plan Presentation

Pam Rees, Director of Head Start, presented the Duluth Public Schools Self-Assessment Action Plan, which is the end result of their required self-assessment process. This process involves parents, staff, and community members and is used to shape goals and determine areas needing improvement within the Program.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve this item.

B. Resolution E-6-11-2894 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

Attached is Resolution E-6-11-2894 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools, to accept and approve grant awards for the following organizations:

Northland Foundation

Duluth Superior Community Foundation - Duluth Public Schools Fund

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board approve Resolution E-6-11-2894 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools.

C. 2011-12 LEA Representative

Terri Huttel, Curriculum Coordinator, is recommended for authorization to act as the LEA Representative in filing application for funds as provided under Public LAW 103-382 for the 2011-12 school year.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve this item.

D. Policy 5085 - Student Discipline Policy

Bill Gronseth presented recommended revisions to Policy 5085 - Student Discipline Policy for the first reading.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve the revisions to Policy 5085 - Student Discipline Policy for the first reading.

E. New Policy 5090 - Use of Cell Phones, Digital Imaging Devices, and Other Personal Electronic Devices

Bill Gronseth presented the recommended new Policy 5090 - Use of Cell Phones, Digital Imaging Devices, and Other Personal Electronic Devices for the first reading.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board receive and accept new Policy 5090 - Use of Cell Phones, Digital Imaging Devices, and Other Personal Electronic Devices for the first reading.

F. Extended Trip Requests

The following extended trip requests are submitted for approval:

STC FCCLA/HERO students will travel to Anaheim, California from July 9-15, 2011 to compete in the STAR Student Event Leadership Conference Sessions, which they pre-qualified for. The cost of the trip is \$1,378 per person and will be funded through student fees, fund-raising activities, and grant dollars.

Fifth grade students from Lakewood Elementary traveled to Camp Miller for an end of the year celebration on June 8-9, 2011. The total cost of the trip was \$2,600 and was funded through student fees and donations.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve the above extended field trip requests.

G. Diplomas

The following students have completed all high school requirements and should be awarded a diploma:

Aaron Roger Fernelius - June 6, 2011
Ryan Robert Christianson - June 6, 2011
Michael Brett Judy - June 8, 2011
Timothy Malone, Jr. - June 8, 2011
Nick Paul Truehart - June 8, 2011
Dilyan Dwight Burton - June 7, 2011
Ashley Marie Hey - June 7, 2011
Deantrez R. Johnson - June 7, 2011
Mara Jean Crews - June 7, 2011
David J. Diver - June 7, 2011
David A. Gow - June 7, 2011
Kaira Groehler - June 7, 2011
Breanna Trenay Higgins - June 7, 2011
Ieisha Horn - June 7, 2011
Nicholas A. Lopez - June 7, 2011
Kaylee E. Luomala - February 11, 2011
Roxanne Caitlin Olson - June 7, 2011
Sabrina Ann Reimer - June 7, 2011
Alert L. Roybal - June 7, 2011
Paul J. Sanders - June 7, 2011
Ashley Rose Simmons - June 7, 2011
Jill M. Winbauer - June 7, 2011
Vernette F. Hughes - June 7, 2011
Aziza C. Mehdizadeh - June 7, 2011
Walter T. Effinger - June 7, 2011
Jesse Murray - June 7, 2011
Ross Alan Rankin - June 7, 2011
Sean Elliot Schock - June 7, 2011
Michael A. Anderson Menor - June 7, 2011
Nicholas Meyer-Fladwood - June 7, 2011

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board approve the above diploma awards.

H. Certificates of Attendance

Certificates of Attendance will be awarded to the following Central High School students in lieu of a high school diploma at commencement on June 7, 2011:

Jesse Alan Akervik
Alicia R. Carranza
Jinghan Chen
Michael W. Lindorff
Sieraia N. Student
Xeng Xiong
Anne Sophie Nielsen
Svenja Schinzel
Mirko Serbak

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve the above Certificate of Attendance awards.