

Education Committee - Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

UnitedHealth Group Building

4316 Rice Lake Road

Suite 108

Duluth, MN 55811

6:30 PM

1. Presentations

A. 2010-11 MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) Science Test Results

Tawnyea Lake, Director of Assessment, Performance, and Evaluation provided an overview of the State, District, and individual school 2010-11 MCA Science Test results, which are administered to students in grades five, eight, and once in high school.

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

2. Process for Selecting Names for Middle Schools

There was discussion surrounding the process for selecting names for our new middle schools.

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

3. Presentation of Duluth Internet Safety and Duluth Public Schools Compliancy with CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act)

Keith Anderson, Supervisor of Technology, presented information on the Duluth Public Schools Compliancy with CIPA.

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

4. Starting and Ending Times for the 2011-12 School Year

An overview of the Duluth Public Schools 2011-12 starting and ending times was shared along with discussion regarding some minor adjustments to Morgan Park and Woodland's starting and ending times.

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

5. Closing Times for District-owned Playgrounds

There was discussion surrounding the possibility of implementing official opening and closing times for all District-owned playgrounds.

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

6. 2011 ACT Assessment Results

Tawnyea Lake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, shared the local results of the 2011 ACT Assessment, which is a national college entrance exam and accepted by all United States colleges and universities.

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

7. Integration Specialists Update

Ron Hagland, Director of Education Equity, presented an update on the Integration Specialists who will be beginning their second year as part of the strategic plan to help close the student achievement gap and accelerate learning for all students.

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

8. Informational Items

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

A. MDE (Minnesota Department of Education) Approval of the 2011-12 Integration Budget

The Duluth Public Schools received written notification on August 19, 2011 that MDE has approved the District's 2011-12 Integration Budget in the amount of \$2,088,016, which is the full amount of the District's proposal. Ron Hagland and Bill Gronseth were available to answer any questions regarding the utilization of these funds.

Recommendation: It is recommended that this item be received as informational.

9. Regulation 3187R - Internet Use Regulations

Attached for informational purposes are revisions to Regulation 3187R - Internet Use Regulations.

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

10. Action Items

A. Resolution E-9-11-2928 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

Attached is Resolution E-9-11-2928 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools, to accept and approve grant awards for the following organizations:

MDE
MDE/MN State Colleges & Universities
Essentia Corporate Contributions

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board approve Resolution E-9-11-2928 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools.

B. Access to Internet Student Data - Non-District Employees

It is requested that the following organizations be granted access to the Student Information System to support District functions from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012:

MN Alliance with Youth
Fathers and Children Together
Grant Community School Collaborative
Men of Peacemakers

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve the above requests for access to internet student data.

C. Diplomas

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

Reuben Robert Smith - July 29, 2011
Andrew J. Lisiecki - August 8, 2011
Andrew D. Hanson - July 29, 2011
Jacob Scott Vukelich - July 29, 2011
Jordan K. Fedora - July 29, 2011

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