

Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

District Services Center

709 Portia Johnson Dr.

Duluth, MN 55811

6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
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12. **Adjournment**

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, May 17, 2011

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

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of May 17, 2011 to order at 6:00 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, May 17, 2011 at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussing private educational data relating to a possible student expulsion, conducted pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 2(3)

E-5-11-2889

May 17, 2011

M-Kasper, S-Grover, to approve the Resolution E-5-11-2889-Executive Closed Session.
Upon a vote on the resolution, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Kasper presented the resolution:

Member Kasper introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION EXPELLING A STUDENT

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to expel a student attending East High School was served upon the student and the student's parents;

WHEREAS, the notice of intent to expel the student complied with the provisions of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. § 121A.47, subd. 2;

WHEREAS, the student and the student's parent waived their right to a hearing on the proposed expulsion in writing; and

WHEREAS, under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the waiver of right to an expulsion hearing and the name of the student proposed for expulsion are private data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The School Board hereby accepts the waiver and expels the student from the schools of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, for one full year (12 months) from the effective date of expulsion, May 17, 2011 through May 17, 2012.
2. The Superintendent, or his designee, is directed to mail to the student and the student's parent a copy of this Resolution along with a letter stating that the student has been expelled and that the student has the right to reenroll in the District on May 18, 2012.
3. The Superintendent, or his designee, is directed to identify the alternative educational services that are available to the student during the period of expulsion, if the student wishes to take advantage of them.
4. The Superintendent, or his designee, is directed to make an electronic report of this expulsion to the Commissioner of the Department of Education within thirty (30) calendar days, as required by Minn. Stat. §121A.53.

Resolution E-5-11-2879

May 17, 2011

**M-Kasper, S-Grover, to approve Resolution E-5-11-2879 – Resolution Expelling a Student.
Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of May 17, 2011 at 6:15 p.m.

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Judy Seliga Punyko
Ann Wasson

Others Present:

Keith Dixon
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary
Student Representatives
Marcus Jahn
Lindsey Redenbaugh

Chair Seliga Punyko called the regular school board meeting of May 17, 2011 to order at 6:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

M-Cameron, S-Glass, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon a vote on the agenda as presented the same passed – unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the special school board meeting of April 26, 2011.

M-Grover, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 special school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as presented – unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the regular school board meeting of April 26, 2011.

M-Grover, S-Cameron, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 regular school board meeting.

Member Johnston requested that the answer to Member Glasses question and answer on the Executive Employees contract be added to the minutes.

Member Johnston requested that the reason Member Glass wasn't allowed to bring forward a motion (on page 7) be added to the minutes.

Upon a vote, the same was approved as amended – unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the special school board meeting of April 27, 2011.

Member Glass asked if the meeting was audio recorded and asked that it state that in the minutes.

Chair Seliga Punyko stated that all special meetings are recorded and it is not necessary to state that in the minutes.

M-Grover, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2011 special school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as presented – unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the special school board meeting of April 28, 2011.

M-Grover, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011 special school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as presented – unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the special school board meeting of April 29, 2011.

M-Johnston, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2011 special school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as presented – unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the special school board meeting of April 30, 2011.

M-Kasper, S-Johnston, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2011 special school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as presented – unanimously.

Public Comments **May 2011**

Mike Sundeen, 2002 London Road Craig Olson, Duluth Building Trades, thanked the school board for moving forward with the long range plan and noted that many local workers have been positively impacted.

Leisa Dudley, 401 West Maryland, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the loss of assistant principals in the schools and noted the reasons that the assistant principals are needed.

Jeff Daveau, 4402 Airpark Boulevard, spoke to the board on behalf of Local 11 Plumbers and Steamfitters and thanked the school board for moving forward with the long range plan, which has put many local people to work.

Linda Ross Sellner, 402 Arrowhead Road, spoke to the board regarding her concern that Central High School wasn't used for the middle school, and asked the board to consider retaining the Central High School campus.

Sam Seering, 5330 Oakley Street, congratulated the board on the fine selection of Dr. Foster for the superintendent and stated that he is happy to hear that parts of the transition plan are being implemented. He did note concern that students should be able to graduate with a Central or Denfeld diploma.

Alex Livesay, 5731 Glenwood Street, on behalf of Students for the Future, updated the board on the group's activities.

Sharon Witherspoon, no address provided, spoke to the board noting her support for the hiring of Dr. Foster. She also encouraged the board to keep the integration specialists in tact when looking at budget and to work to be sure the transition to Denfeld next year is a smooth one.

Bevan Schraw, 531 North 22nd Avenue West, spoke to the board and Superintendent Dixon to thank them for their hard work in moving the District forward and thanked the Superintendent for his six years of service.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.

May 2011

Superintendent Dixon acknowledged the communications received.

Superintendent's Report

May 2011

Superintendent Dixon clarified that there will be separate Central and Denfeld graduations ceremonies. He stated that he was glad to hear the Students for the Future are working toward ensuring a smooth transition next year.

Superintendent Dixon congratulated Member Cameron on achieving her doctorate.

Superintendent Dixon acknowledged and congratulated the following:

- Mike Zeman, Stowe Elementary School, is the recipient of the 2011 Goldfine Gold Star Teacher Award. Andy Goldfine, son of Manley and Lillian Goldfine, made the announcement at an awards ceremony in May during which he presented Mike with a trophy and a \$5,000 check.
- Congratulations to Central/Denfeld students Megan Rudd and Ellen Badger, selected to participate in the 2011-12 Minnesota "All State" Choir. A total of 220 students were selected statewide out of nearly 2000 who auditioned.
- Charlie Leibfried, Woodland Middle School, was selected as the *Northeast Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principal's* Assistant Principal of the Year! He will be recognized at the MASSP Summer Institute in June.
- The *Minnesota Association of Career and Technical Administrators (MACTA)* has chosen STC's Medical Occupations Instructor Kimberly Olson as its Teacher of the Year! STC's Culinary Arts Program Advisory Committee Board Member Paul Madsen is the Association's Business Advisory Committee Member of the Year. MACTA provides leadership that promotes world-class career and technical education systems in Minnesota.

- Congratulations to Woodland Middle School, they had 5 individual student entries at Minnesota State History Day in Minneapolis: Gunnar Aas: Individual Website "Japanese American Internment Camps", Anna Ambrosi: Individual Documentary "Scopes Trial", Yuqi Chen: Individual Exhibit "Nixon's Visit to China: A Week That Changed the World", Nick Cortes: Individual Documentary " U.S.S. Indianapolis: The Trial of Captain McVay", Henry French: Individual Performance "Ping Pong Diplomacy", Additional Congratulations to Gunnar Aas, Yuqi Chen, and Nick Cortes as these 3 entries were selected by the judges to be in the final round of judging and received Honorable Mention Medals at the awards ceremony.

The Fred Hase Family provides an annual scholarship for a Central High School Graduate, to be used toward post-secondary education. The Scholarship via Fred Hase Family Trust is managed by Karl Wasson of the Wells Fargo Trust Department. A drawing took place to award the Fred Hase Scholarship and the winner was Lisa Olson.

Education Committee Report
May 2011

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

Member Wasson 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.

1.	Youth Service America	Laura Irving	Disney Friends of Change through Youth Service America	\$500	Funds from this grant award will be used for supplies and transporting students to Enger Park for their Enger Tower Project – Rocking the Dirt-Healing the Hill: Restoring Enger Park.
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2.	Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation	Rory Johnson, Proctor Public Schools	Scott D. Anderson Leadership Foundation of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation	\$16,000	Funds from this grant award will be used to support the Ninth Annual Scott Anderson Leadership Forum this summer.
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Resolution E-5-11-2878

May 17, 2011

M-Wasson, S-Cameron, to approve Resolution E-5-11-2878 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to the Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – unanimously.

M-Wasson, S-Kasper, to approve the Education Committee Report as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Human Resources Committee Report

May 2011

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

Tim Sworsky, Human Resources Manager, explained that his recommendation for the superintendent contract negotiations be a committee of three members with other members submitting their ideas to those members. Board discussion took place regarding the formation of a committee and the need for transparency in the process.

M-Grover, S-Kasper, to direct the board chair to appoint a committee of three board members to move forward with negotiating the superintendents contract. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

RE: Termination of Certified Hourly Staff

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the employment of the following hourly teachers shall terminate effective at the end of the school day on June 10, 2011, unless another date is indicated below, in which case the employment of the individual shall terminate on that date.

Robert Baxton
Patricia Bennett
Jennifer Boyson
Clarissa Campbell
Tisha Coen
Randy Docauer – 07/29/11
Barb Durst - 07/29/11
Angie Frank - 07/29/11

Emily Frederickson
Beverly Grindahl
Sharon Hanson
Elaine Hill – 07/29/11
Joan Krogh
Lisa Larson
Nancy Matthews
Carol Mell

Marilyn Pavlich
Jay Rud – 07/29/11
Patricia Schafter

Kathleen Westholm

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the School Board shall notify such teachers in writing before July 1, 2011, of the termination of their employment.

Resolution #HR-5-11-2880

May 17, 2011

M-Cameron, S-Grover, to approve Resolution HR-5-11-2880 – Termination of Certified Hourly Staff.

Discussion took place regarding the resolution and it's affects on staffing.

Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
RE: Termination of Certified Long-Term Substitutes

WHEREAS, the School Board desires to provide notice that long-term substitute teaching positions terminate on the date specified in the individual substitute teacher's contract or at the conclusion of the school year, whichever is earlier;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the employment of all long-term substitute teachers, including those listed below, shall terminate effective at the end of the school day on June 10, 2011, unless another date is indicated below, or on the date specified in the individual substitute teacher's contract, whichever is earlier.

Sara Andrews
Clarissa Campbell
Lisa Larson
Jessica Anderson
Amanda Pechek

Joseph Foster
Robi Meyerson
Melissa Scanlon
Judith Swedberg

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the School Board shall so notify such teachers in writing before July 1, 2011.

Resolution #HR-5-11-2881

May 17, 2011

M-Cameron, S-Grover, to approve Resolution HR-5-11-2881 – Termination of Certified Long Term Substitutes.

Discussion took place regarding the resolution and process.

Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

RE: Termination of Certified Probationary (Non-Tenured) Staff

WHEREAS, during the first three years of consecutive employment all teachers in the public schools in cities of the first class are deemed to be in a probational period of employment during which period the School Board may renew, or not renew, any teachers' annual contract as the School Board shall see fit; and that the District will lack a sufficient number of pupils to support all non tenured teachers currently employed by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board on Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. The employment contracts of the following probationary teachers shall not be renewed and their employment shall terminate at the end of the school day on June 10, 2011, unless another date is indicated below, in which case the employment of the particular teacher shall terminate on that date.

David Everett
Molly Fletcher
Keith Hanson – 07/29/11
Dean Holecek
Jennifer Nelson-Albee
Kelly Pedersen
Jon Peterson

Jared Pierce
Lori Schminski –
07/29/11
Clarissa Wangerin
Mark Washburn
William Wietman

2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Clerk of the School Board shall notify such teachers in writing before July 1, 2011, of the termination of their employment.

Resolution #HR-5-11-2882

May 17, 2011

M-Cameron, S-Kasper, to approve Resolution HR-5-11-2882 – Termination of Certified Probationary (Non-tenured) Staff.

Discussion took place regarding the resolution and affect on staffing and process.

Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

M-Cameron, S-Kasper, to approve the remainder of the Human Resources Committee as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved - unanimously.

Business Committee Report

May 2011

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

Member Grover presented the resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

Release and Pledge of Collateral

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that it hereby releases the following instruments pledged as collateral by Marshall & Isley (M & I Bank):

\$750,000.00 FNRM, Cusip xxxxxAP34, due 2/25/2021

\$20,000,000.00 FGRA, Cusip xxxxxUZF8, due 6/15/2031

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the School Board, that it accepts the pledge collateral of a \$575,000 par value GNMA note maturing 8/20/2038, CUSIP number XXXXXCD97 in exchange for the released collateral noted above.

M-Grover, S-Kasper, to approve Resolution B-5-11-2888 – Release and Pledge of Collateral.

Jody LeBlanc, Finance Manager, gave a brief explanation of the resolution and process.

Upon a vote, the same was approved - unanimously.

Member Grover presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

CLOSING LAURA MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Whereas, a public hearing was held on May 2, 2011 on the proposed closing of Laura MacArthur Elementary School;

Whereas, during this hearing, people wishing to give testimony for and against the proposed closing were heard, and such testimony was considered by the School Board;

Whereas, published notice of this hearing was given in compliance with Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.51, subdivision 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 as follows:

1. The attached Findings and Conclusions regarding the closing of Laura MacArthur Elementary School are hereby adopted.
2. The closing of Laura MacArthur Elementary School is necessary and practicable.
3. Laura MacArthur Elementary School is closed effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.
4. At this time, the School Board does not take any action with respect to the possible sale of the Laura MacArthur Elementary School building or property.

B-5-11-2883

May 17, 2011

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-5-11-2883 – Closing of Laura MacArthur Elementary School.

Discussion took place regarding the need for a hearing and the exhibits being part of the permanent record.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Grover presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION
CLOSING LINCOLN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Whereas, a public hearing was held on May 2, 2011 on the proposed closing of Lincoln Park Elementary School;

Whereas, during this hearing, people wishing to give testimony for and against the proposed closing were heard, and such testimony was considered by the School Board;

Whereas, published notice of this hearing was given in compliance with Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.51, subdivision 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 as follows:

1. The attached Findings and Conclusions regarding the closing of Lincoln Park Elementary School are hereby adopted.
2. The closing of Lincoln Park Elementary School is necessary and practicable.
3. Lincoln Park Elementary School is closed effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.
4. At this time, the School Board does not take any action with respect to the possible sale of the Lincoln Park Elementary School building or property.

B-5-11-2884

May 17, 2011

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-5-11-2884 – Closing of Lincoln Park Elementary School.

Member Johnston stated that he thinks there are inaccuracies in the report. Discussion took place regarding specifics in the report and the exhibits.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Grover presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION
CLOSING LESTER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Whereas, a public hearing was held on May 5, 2011 on the proposed closing of Lester Park Elementary School;

Whereas, during this hearing, people wishing to give testimony for and against the proposed closing were heard, and such testimony was considered by the School Board;

Whereas, published notice of this hearing was given in compliance with Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.51, subdivision 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 as follows:

1. The attached Findings and Conclusions regarding the closing of Lester Park Elementary School are hereby adopted.
2. The closing of Lester Park Elementary School is necessary and practicable.
3. Lester Park Elementary School is closed effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.
4. At this time, the School Board does not take any action with respect to the possible sale of the Lester Park Elementary School building or property.

B-5-11-2885

May 17, 2011

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-5-11-2885 – Closing of Lester Park Elementary School.

Discussion took place regarding the need for closure of the facility, cost effectiveness, and the placement of exhibits in the final record.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Grover presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION
CLOSING ROCKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Whereas, a public hearing was held on May 5, 2011 on the proposed closing of Rockridge Elementary School;

Whereas, during this hearing, people wishing to give testimony for and against the proposed closing were heard, and such testimony was considered by the School Board;

Whereas, published notice of this hearing was given in compliance with Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.51, subdivision 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 as follows:

1. The attached Findings and Conclusions regarding the closing of Rockridge Elementary School are hereby adopted.
2. The closing of Rockridge Elementary School is necessary and practicable.
3. Rockridge Elementary School is closed effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.
4. At this time, the School Board does not take any action with respect to the possible sale of the Rockridge Elementary School building or property.

B-5-11-2886

May 17, 2011

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-5-11-2886 – Closing of Rockridge Elementary School.

Member Johnston indicated that he thinks there are inaccuracies in the report.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Grover presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION
CLOSING CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Whereas, a public hearing was held on May 3, 2011 on the proposed closing of Central High School;

Whereas, during this hearing, people wishing to give testimony for and against the proposed closing were heard, and such testimony was considered by the School Board;

Whereas, published notice of this hearing was given in compliance with Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.51, subdivision 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School

District No. 709 as follows:

1. The attached Findings and Conclusions regarding the closing of Central High School are hereby adopted.
2. The closing of Central High School is necessary and practicable.
3. Central High School is closed effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.
4. At this time, the School Board does not take any action with respect to the possible sale of the Central High School building or property.

B-5-11-2887

May 17, 2011

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-5-11-2887 – Closing of Central High School.

Member Johnston stated that he thinks there are inaccuracies in the report. Discussion took place regarding the closure.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

M-Grover, S-Kasper, to approve the remainder of the Business committee report.

Member Johnston withheld Items 1.A., F., I.1., 3.B.1), 4.A.1) & 2)

Member Glass withheld Items 1.I.2) & 3)

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.A. – Financial Report to ask about an increase in revenue and local sales on the report. Jody LeBlanc, explained that each month the budget revisions are presented and this is a cumulative and he would have to go back and review the individual reports. Member Glass asked if administration is keeping a running total of payments to JCI. Kerry Leider stated that he does have a document with that information on it.

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.F. – WADM Projections to ask about the changes on the report. Bill Hanson explained that the projected shortfall has decreased significantly.

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.I.1) Attorney Use to note his disappointment that the board chose not to pursue the use parliamentary services because he felt it is something the board would benefit by.

Member Glass withheld Item 1.I.2) – Additional Transportation Services to make a motion.

M-Glass, S-Johnston, Resolution Providing Safe Transportation Choices (listed below).

Whereas, the school board of ISD 709 recognizes the need to provide alternate choices of transportation to students attending Duluth's secondary schools in order to participate in activities before and /or after scheduled core-program hours; and

Whereas, all students in Duluth have occasional special transportation needs to participate in activities of their own choosing offered at different school sites and at other locations in pursuit of equal opportunities to complete their comprehensive education experience, and to graduate; and

Whereas, the board of education has supported and offered general and technical secondary education to students living in the central region of Duluth for the past 120 years and plans to discontinue this service after May 2011 causing loss of opportunities, and adding additional hardships for those families; and

Whereas, the school district spends more than \$5 million annually on transportation, costing more than \$3 per day or \$500 per student annually, and will likely have to spend more due to fewer neighborhood schools, and hazards to students who walk;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the School Board of ISD 709 authorizes the use of alternate, safe transportation choices for students be financed to enable all students to participate equally in planned school and quality learning activities of their choice, by using public transportation and/or parent provided transportation.

Discussion took place regarding how the extra transportation would be funded and that administration was still working on this part of it.

M-Johnston, S-Glass, to defer this item back to the business committee. Upon a vote, the same failed 2-5 as follows:

Yea: Glass, Johnston

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

Upon a vote on the original motion/resolution, the same failed 2-5 as follows:

Yea: Glass, Johnston

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

Member Glass withheld Item 1.I.3) – Install Security Equipment at Historic Old Central High School (HOCHS)

M-Glass, S-Johnston, Resolution to Implement Security Features For All Schools (listed below:

WHEREAS, the facilities plan focused on providing safe and secure environments for students and staff of the Duluth public school district; and

WHEREAS, improved security depends upon improvements in buildings, changes in operation procedures, and additions of monitoring equipment; and

WHEREAS, the newly completed and remodeled buildings will have new security equipment and measures in-place for use this coming school year in the Fall of 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that security measures be implemented as soon as possible for all school buildings, and schedules be revised to assure that sites with the highest risk factors be given highest priority for installation of necessary equipment and implementation of improved security procedures for the assurance of actual safe and welcoming environments be established at all Duluth public schools.

Discussion took place regarding the possible cost to move up timelines.

M-Johnston, to defer the item back to administration – not seconded.

Upon a vote on the original motion/resolution, the same failed 2-5 as follows:

Yea: Glass, Johnston

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

Member Johnston withheld Item 3.B.1) Regulation 3187R to note that he had concerns but they have been eased knowing there is an existing policy regarding the issue.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.A.1) – PEIP Insurance Renewal to ask if the HRA plan is separate. Bill Hanson explained that it was a separate item. Superintendent Dixon stated that there would be an update on the plans at the next meeting.

Member Johnston withheld item 4.A.2) – Parliamentary Services, but the item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Member Kasper withheld Item 6.E. – JCI LRFP Status Report to note the increase in local contractors being used and to get an update on the bidding for the greenhouse.

Member Johnston withheld Item I.1. – Use of Attorneys to note that he had missed discussion on that item.

Member Johnston asked to withhold Item 1.H. – Investments in School Children to recognize members of the community for their donations to the district.

Member Grover withheld item 6.F. – Change Orders related to the LRFP to ask about nothing being listed for Lincoln Park.

Upon a vote on the remainder of the business committee report as a whole, the same was approved 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass

Other
May 2011

Member Kasper recognized board members for showing unity when selecting the superintendent and thanked Bill Gronseth for his continued efforts for the district. Student Advisor Jahn stated that he was pleased with the students being involved in the process.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the regular school board meeting of May 17, 2011 at 9:06 p.m.

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, May 31, 2011

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Members Absent:

Mary Cameron

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of May 31, 2011 to order at 5:00 pm.

Member Grover presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Approving the Memorial Park Community Center Project Agreement Between the City of Duluth and Independent School District #709 Related to Laura MacArthur School and Memorial Park

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the attached Memorial Park Community Center Project Agreement between the City of Duluth and Independent School District #709 related to Laura MacArthur School and Memorial Park is hereby approved.

B-5-11-2890

May 31, 2011

M-Grover, S-Johnston, to Approve Resolution B-5-11-2890 - Approving the Memorial Park Community Center Project Agreement Between the City of Duluth and Independent School District #709 Related to Laura MacArthur School and Memorial Park.

Board discussion took place regarding the project.

Upon a vote the same was approved – 5-0-1 as follows:

Yea: Glass, Grover, Johnston, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

Abstain: Kasper

Absent: Cameron

M-Grover, S-Johnston, to approve a contract for Dr. I.V. Foster for Superintendent of Schools from July 2011 to June 2014.

Board discussion took place regarding the contract.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve an invoice in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Dr. I.V. Foster to attend meetings prior to July 1, 2011 to assure a smooth transition.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of May 31, 2011 at 5:40 p.m.

7. Communications, Petitions, etc.

- 05/13/11 Copy of email addressed to School Board Members and Superintendent Keith Dixon from Gary Glass, requesting a copy of the last/missing page of the JCI Report, Demographic Analysis Overview, dated November 27, 2006, as well as a complete copy of the electronic database from which the example was produced.
- 05/13/11 Copy of email addressed to School Board Members and Superintendent Keith Dixon from Gary Glass, requesting a complete copy of data from/described in the July 9, 2008 Team Works International report, *Duluth Public Schools and the Duluth Community Vision of Excellence 2012*.
- 05/13/11 Copy of email addressed to School Board Members and Superintendent Keith Dixon from Gary Glass, requesting electronic copies of spreadsheets used to produce the sixteen amounts of annual savings stated in the table in Section H of the *ISD 709 Comprehensive Facilities Plan Review and Comment* report, dated August 8, 2007.
- 05/17/11 Copy of letter addressed to Duluth School Board from Jeffrey Daveau, Business Manager, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 11, Duluth MN, thanking the board for making the decision to use the PLAs on the Duluth Long Range Facility Plan, which helped put 50 local members to work in their home town.
- 06/13/11 Copy of letter addressed to Dr. Dixon and Members of the Duluth School Board from Bridget & Rick Leighton expressing their concerns over the district's approach related to issues including bullying, students leaving and the railroad track near the new eastern high school.
- 06/13/11 Copy of letter addressed to Duluth School Superintendent and cc'd to the Duluth School Board from Julina Nyquist expressing concerns related to her student and Lincoln Piedmont Elementary School and the Gift and Talented program.

Independent School District 709
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Week of June 20 – June 24, 2011

Tuesday	June 21	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting (Agenda Attached) Board Room
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Week of June 27 – July 1, 2011

No meetings scheduled at this time.

Week of July 4 – July 8, 2011

No meetings scheduled at this time.

Week of July 11 – July 15, 2011

Monday	July 11	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
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Monday	July 11	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow Human Resources Comm. Mtg)</i>	Business Committee Board Room
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Tuesday	July 12	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room
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Week of July 18 – July 22, 2011

Tuesday	July 19	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting Board Room
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Week of July 25 – July 29, 2011

No meetings scheduled at this time.

Week of August 1 – August 5, 2011

No meetings scheduled at this time.

Week of August 8 – August 12, 2011

Monday	August 8	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
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Monday	August 8	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow Human Resources Comm. Mtg)</i>	Business Committee Board Room
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Tuesday	August 9	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room
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*Office of the Superintendent
June 17, 2011*