

Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, October 18, 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**
5. **Reading and Approving Minutes**
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10. **Special Resolutions - None**
11. **Questions / Other**
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

Friday, September 16, 2011

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

I.V. Foster, Superintendent
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Members Absent:

Mary Cameron

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of September 16, 2011 to order at 12:02 p.m.

Member Wasson presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Primary Election of September 13, 2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District 709, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the primary election of the voters of this district, held on September 13, 2011, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. At Large:

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 6,392 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as school board member for one four year term vacancy on the school board caused by expiration of term on January 4, 2012 following the general election as follows:

Doug Frisk	<u>531</u>
Michael Miernicki	<u>3908</u>
Ryan Stauber	<u>1953</u>

3. Candidates Michael Miernicki and Ryan Stauber having received the highest number of votes, are nominees for the At-Large school board seat and their names shall be placed on the school district general election ballot.

4. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the County Auditor of each County in which the School District is located in whole or in part.

**ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST
FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH)
STATE OF MINNESOTA
September 13, 2011**

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A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED: AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.	<u>58,373</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:	<u>127</u>
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C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER	<u>6400</u>
D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS	<u>345</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION (add C plus D equals E):	<u>6745</u>

F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX	* <u> </u>
G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX:	* <u> </u>

H. TOTAL NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS IN THE SPOILED BALLOT ENVELOPE	* <u> </u>
I. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNUSED BALLOTS RETURNED TO THE CLERK	* <u> </u>

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
DISTRICT NO. AT LARGE**

CANDIDATE Doug Frisk	<u>531</u>
CANDIDATE Michael Miernicki	<u>3908</u>
CANDIDATE Ryan Stauber	<u>1953</u>

Total number of Write In votes for this office:	* <u> </u>
Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes)	* <u> </u>
Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes)	* <u> </u>
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE:	<u>6,392</u>

*City Clerk's System does not generate blank or defective ballot information, which could be used for this abstract.

M-Wasson, S-Kasper, to approve Resolution B-9-11-2931 - Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Primary Election of September 13, 2011. Upon a vote on the resolution, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of September 16, 2011 at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

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Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

I.V. Foster, Superintendent
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Members Absent:

Judy Seliga Punyko

Vice Chair Wasson called the special school board meeting of September 20, 2011 to order at 5:46 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, September 20, 2011 at approximately 5:45 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussion related to offers received for properties as listed on attachment, conducted pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. (3)(c).

Resolution B-9-11-2935

September 20, 2011

M-Kasper, S-Cameron, to approve the Resolution B-9-11-2935 - Executive Closed Session.

Member Johnston stated that he will be abstaining from voting on the closed session because he believes the meeting should be held in the open.

Upon a vote on the resolution, the same was approved – 4-1-1 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Grover, Kasper, Wasson

Nay: Glass

Abstain: Johnston

Vice-Chair Wasson adjourned the Special School Board meeting of September 20, 2011 at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular 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, September 20, 2011

Ann Wasson

Members Present:

Mary Cameron
 Gary Glass
 Tim Grover
 Tom Kasper
 Art Johnston
 Judy Seliga Punyko (arrived at 6:44
 p.m.)

Others Present:

I.V. Foster, Superintendent
 Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
 Melinda Thibault, Secretary
Student Representatives
 Marcus Jahn
 Lindsay Redenbaugh

Vice-Chair Wasson called the regular school board meeting of September 20, 2011 to order at 6:31 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

M-Kasper, S-Cameron, to approve the agenda as presented.

M-Johnston, S-Glass, to amend the agenda to add discussion of amendment number two to the original red plan review and comment dated September 13th given to board members on Friday, September 16th.

Discussion took place regarding the request to add the item to the agenda.

Upon a vote, the same failed 3-3 as follows:

Yea: Glass, Johnston, Kasper

Nay: Cameron, Grover, Wasson

Member Johnston gave previous notice to have discussion of amendment number two to the original red plan review and comment dated September 13th, 2011 on the next months agenda.

Upon a vote on the agenda as presented, the same passed 4-2 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Grover, Kasper, Wasson

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Johnston gave prior notice to add annual resolution authorizing transfer of funds from the general fund to the debt service long range regarding financing the long range facilities plan for approximately 4.5 million dollars to the next months agenda

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the regular school board meeting of August 16, 2011.

M-Cameron, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 regular school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as presented – 6-0.

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the special school board meeting of September 6, 2011.

M-Kasper, S-Cameron, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 special school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as presented – 6-0.

Chair Seliga Punyko asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the special school board meeting of September 12, 2011.

M-Kasper, S-Cameron, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 special school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as presented – 6-0.

Public Comments
September 2011

Loren Martell, 623 East 7th Street, spoke to the board regarding his concerns with not receiving responses to his requests for information.

Rich Paulson, 524 West Ideal Street, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the financials not being presented to the board on a regular monthly basis.

The following people spoke in support of naming the new middle school after Ruth Myers and Marge Wilkins:

Joan Sargent, 2817 Jefferson Street
Paula Pederson, 10 University Drive
Janet Haines, 1353 Cliff Avenue
Jeanne Melton, 1353 Cliff Avenue
Susana Pelayo, 205 North 24th Avenue East
Claudie Washington, 1124 West 4th Street
Sharon Witherspoon, No address provided

Communications, Petitions, Etc.
September 2011

Superintendent Foster acknowledged the communications received.

Superintendent's Report
September 2011

Superintendent Foster stated that the schools are open and functioning. He stated that enrollment is up and there have been some actions take to address class sizes and administration will be recommending an additional number of FTE to address remaining class size issues.

Education Committee Report
September 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.

	Organization	Author/Contact	Project Title	Award Amount	Terms
1	MDE	Terry Smith	2011-12 Success for the Future Grant	\$138,890	Funds for this grant award will be used to support the Duluth Public Schools Indian Education Program.
2	MDE/MN State Colleges & Universities	Jim Arndt	2011-12 Carl Perkins Federal Grant	\$470,692.84	Funds from this grant award will be used to support Career and Technical Education for staff development, materials, supplies for the Duluth Public Schools and Lake Superior Consortium.
3	Essentia Corporate Contributions	Deidra Quinlan	Essentia Corporate Contributions	\$20,000	Funds from this grant award will be used to fund the positions of an on-site clinical nurse practitioner and social worker at

					Habitat Health Services located at Denfeld High School in conjunction with the Habitat Infant and Childcare Center.
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Resolution E-9-11-2928

September 20, 2011

M-Wasson, S-Cameron, to approve Resolution E-9-11-2928 - 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.

Member Kasper withheld Item 1.A., 4. & 7.

Member Glass asked if Item 2. – Process for Selecting Names for Middle Schools would be changed to an action item. Superintendent Foster stated that there would be a committee put in place according to policy and a recommendation would be brought forward in October.

Member Johnston withheld Items 1.A., 3., 4., 6., 8.A., & 9.

Member Kasper withheld Item 1.A. - 2010 MCA Science Test Results to ask about what is being done to address the homeless and impoverished students in our district. Bill Gronseth, Assistant Superintendent, and Tawnyea Bolme Lake explained what steps the district is taking to work toward dealing with this issue. Superintendent Foster stated that the district will be working toward local assessments and other methods to improve overall student achievement and closing the achievement gap. Member Johnston noted his concerns with the results and differences in the data. Tawnyea Bolme Lake explained the differences between the MCAs and ACTs.

Member Johnston withheld Item 3. (and 6.)- Presentation of Duluth Internet Safety and Duluth Public Schools Compliancy with CIA/ACT Assessment Results to ask what limitations are put on internet accounts. Bill Gronseth explained that all internet usage goes through a filter and meets CIPA compliancy. Student Advisor Jahn stated that the filters in place are very strict.

Member Kasper withheld Item 4. – Starting and Ending Times for the 2011-12 School Year to note his concern with the late start time at Lakewood Elementary. Bill Gronseth explained the reason for the time differences at the schools, with the main issue being transportation.

Member Kasper withheld Item 7. – Integration Specialists Update to note his desire to see a more in depth report.

Member Johnston withheld Item 8.A. – MDE Integration Budget to ask for clarification on the funding received and if the district lost any funding. Member Grover explained that we received our funding for the next two years but past that is unknown.

Member Johnston withheld Item 9. – Regulation 3187R – Internet Use Regulations to note his concern with an email he received through the district email regarding supporting a person running for school board, which is against this regulation. Superintendent Foster asked that board members bring these types of issues to him. He also stated that personnel issues cannot be discussed at a public meeting.

Upon a vote on the remainder of the Education Committee Report as presented, the same was approved – 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass

Human Resources Committee Report

September 2011

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

M-Cameron, S-Wasson to approve the rescinding of Terrence Smith Retirement. Upon a vote, the same failed 0-7.

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

Duluth District-Wide Instructional Administrators' Association

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District #709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independent School District #709 and Duluth District-Wide Instructional Administrators' Association, a summary of which is in the hands of all School Board members, be approved and adopted for the period August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2013, inclusive, and that the Chairperson and Clerk of the School Board be hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the School District.

HR-9-11-2925

September 20, 2011

M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution HR-9-11-2925 – Duluth District-Wide Instructional Administrators' Association.

Board discussion took place regarding the terms of the contract

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
Education Directors Association

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District #709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independent School District #709 and Education Directors Association, a summary of which is in the hands of all School Board members, be approved and adopted for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013, inclusive, and that the Chairperson and Clerk of the School Board be hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the School District.

HR-9-11-2926

September 20, 2011

M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution HR-9-11-2926 – Education Directors Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Board discussion took place regarding the terms of the contract.

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-Grover, to approve the Non-Bargaining Employee pay raises.

Board discussion took place regarding the proposed raises.

Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – 4-3 as follows:

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

M-Cameron, S-Kasper, to approve the Dean of Students positions.

Board discussion took place regarding the proposed positions.

M-Kasper, S-Wasson, to amend the approval of the Dean positions to request that we hire one grade school teacher to address class sizes at Congdon Elementary

Board discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment.

Member Johnston called a point of order that this item should be added to the agenda by a board vote. Chair Seliga Punyko stated that it was part of the agenda last week.

M-Johnston, S-Glass, to add the hiring of the Dean of Students to the agenda. Upon a vote, the same failed 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Grover

Chair Seliga Punyko ruled that the item had already been added to the agenda and to move forward with the vote on the item and amendment.

Member Johnston called a point of order that the item was not part of the agenda. Chair Seliga Punyko ruled that it is part of the agenda. Member Johnston appealed the decision of the chair.

M-Johnston, S-Glass, to appeal the decision of the chair. Upon a vote to uphold the decision of the chair, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Discussion continued on Member Kaspers amendment.

Upon a vote taken on Member Kaspers amendment, the same was approved – 4-3 as follows:

Yea: Glass, Kasper, Johnston, Seliga Punyko

Nay: Cameron, Grover, Wasson

Upon a vote on the original motion to approve the Dean of Schools positions, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Cameron, Grover

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

Business Committee Report

September 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
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 Signer</u>	<u>Banking Institution</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Addition of Authorized Signer</u>	<u>Removal of Authorized</u>
East	Northshore Bank Of Commerce	XXXXXXX9	Shawn Roed	
Denfeld	DTCU	XXXXX2	Tom Pearson	
Lincoln/Piedmont	US Bank (Acct Closure)	XXXXXXX1		Cher Obst Diana Stratioti
Piedmont	DTCU (New Account)	XXXXXX	Cher Obst Diana Stratioti Jody LeBlanc Terry Dzuck	

B-9-11-2929

September 20, 2011

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-98-11-2929 – Account Signer Resolution.
Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Grover presented the resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N
Approving the Site Plan Schematic Design at Congdon Park School

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2009 by Resolution #B-11-09-2686, the Duluth School Board approved the Schematic Design Pertaining to the Building Only at Congdon Park School; and

WHEREAS, the Site Plan Schematic Design for Congdon Park School was specifically excluded in that resolution for action at a later date; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the Site Plan Schematic Design Pertaining to Congdon Park School, as presented at the September 12, 2011 Business Committee Meeting and attached hereto is hereby approved.

B-9-11-2932

September 20, 2011

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-9-11-2932 – Resolution to Approve the Site Plan Schematic Design for Congdon Park School;

Board discussion took place regarding the site plan.

Upon a vote, the same passed 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Grover presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Sale of the Woodland Middle School Property Located at 201 Clover 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 disposition of certain non-school sites including the Woodland Middle School property; and

WHEREAS, said property will no longer be used for purposes set forth in Minnesota Statute Section 123B.51.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board hereby authorizes the sale of real property located at 201 Clover Street legally described as Lots 1-10, partial 11, partial 31-33 & 34, Block 18, Motor Line Division; Lots 1-10 & partial 11-22, Block 19, Motor Line Division; Lots 1-4 & 6-26, Block 2, Clover Hill Division; All of Block 3 (Lots 1-14), Clover Hill Division (together with vacated right of way); All of Block 4 (Lots 1-16), Clover Hill Division (together with vacated right of way), All of Block 5 (Lots 1-17), Clover Hill Division (together with vacated right of way); Lots 6-12, Block 8, Clover Hill Division (together with vacated right of way), All of Block 9 (Lots 1-12), Clover Hill Division (together with vacated right of way); All of Block 18 (Lots 1, 12-16), Willard's Addition; Lot 8, Block 19, Willard's Addition; Lots 1-3, Block 6, Mount Royal Division, City of Duluth, in St. Louis County, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board authorizes the School Board Chair to execute a purchase agreement consistent with the terms considered by the board in Executive Closed Session on September 12, 2011 and to sign all other documents required for closing this sale transaction.

B-9-11-2933

September 20, 2011

M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-9-11-2933 Authorizing the Sale of the Woodland Middle School Property Located at 201 Clover Street. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass

Member Grover presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Sale of the Lincoln Park School Property Located at 2424 West 5th 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 disposition of certain non-school sites including the Lincoln Park School property; and

WHEREAS, said property will no longer be used for purposes set forth in Minnesota Statute Section 123B.51.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board hereby authorizes the sale of real property located at 2424 West Fifth Street legally described as All of Block 21, Duluth Proper, Second Division, City of Duluth, in St. Louis County, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board authorizes the School Board Chair to execute a purchase agreement consistent with the terms considered by the board in Executive Closed Session on September 20, 2011 and to sign all other documents required for closing this sale transaction.

B-9-11-2934

September 20, 2011

M-Grover, S-Kasper, To Approve Resolution B-9-11-2934 – Authorizing the Sale of the Lincoln Park School Property Located at 2424 West 5th Street. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass

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

Member Glass withheld Item 1.B., 6.I., K., & L.

Member Johnston withheld Items 4.A.1, 4.B.2., 6.I., & 6.K.

Member Glass withheld Item 1.B. – Approval of Payment of Claims to note payments to JCI and the Duluth News Tribune. He noted several payments that he felt could be eliminated to save money.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.A.1) – Congdon Park School Additional Design Services for Johnson Controls to ask what the fee is for. Kerry Leider, Facilities Management Supervisor, explained the additional fees.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.B.2) Change Orders to the Eastern Middle School to ask about the reference to remaining within budget, and suggested that verbiage be removed from the

report. Kerry Leider explained the verbiage and approved budget.

Members Glass and Johnston withheld Item 6.I. Maximum Levy Certification to ask for an update. Bill Hanson explained where the District is with the process.

Members Glass and Johnston withheld Item 6.K. – Agenda Format to note that some of the recommended changes would require changes to the Bylaws which would require two readings, and would not allow for a test agenda to be put in place in October. Member Grover suggested that the board could suspend policy to allow for the changes to the agenda. Discussion continued regarding the suggested changes.

Member Glass withheld Item 6.L. – In-Process Cost Reduction Efforts, to note some of his suggestions for cost reductions.

Upon a vote on the remainder of the business committee report as presented, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Other
September 2011

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the regular school board meeting of September 20, 2011 at 9:23 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

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

I.V. Foster, Superintendent
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Sue Talerico, Sub Secretary

Members Absent:

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of October 6, 2011 to order at 4:31 p.m.

Gary Glass proposed adding an agenda item – Eastern Middle School Naming Committee, for the purpose of adding individuals to the committee in order to create a more diverse committee.

M-Glass, S-Johnston, to approve amending the agenda to add individuals to the Eastern Middle School Naming Committee in order to create a more diverse committee.

There was discussion related to the current make-up and diversity of the committee. Superintendent Foster stated that the committee was previously discussed and that he was directed to follow the policy, which states that the Chair of the School Board will appoint board representation, and staff representatives will be appointed by the Superintendent. Superintendent Foster further asked for clarification as to whether the board wants him to include other individuals in order to make the committee more diverse. Member Wasson indicated that the current committee also did not include student and community representatives, and suggested that the board may need to look more closely at the policy and amend as needed. Member Grover stated that, although he was not opposed to the spirit of the amendment, the agenda for this meeting was full enough and that the item is already on the October 11, 2011 Education Committee agenda.

Member Johnston called a point of order that he seconded motion. Chair Seliga Punyko indicated that she did not hear him and would call for a vote.

Upon a vote to amend the agenda, the same failed 4-3 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Glass, Johnston

Nay: Grover, Kasper, Seliga Punyko, Wasson

Public Comment:

Richard Paulson, 524 W Ideal Street, spoke to the Board regarding levy information being sent out by the school district and his concerns related to transparency and the public's need to know how the district is servicing debt, requesting that the public be informed as to what the district is doing in this area.

Education Equity Advisory Committee – Program Funding Recommendations

- A. Administration's request for professional development funding related to reducing the achievement gap in the amount of \$150,000.00.
- B. Funding the Metamorphosis Project in the amount of \$4,000.00.
- C. Funding the Youth of Duluth / 1st Annual YOD Fall/Winter Jam Basketball League programs in the amount of \$4,000.00.

M-Grover, S-Cameron, to approve Education Equity Advisory Committee's Program Funding Recommendation.

Discussion took place regarding the funding and how it will be used.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Wasson presented the resolution:

Ten-Year Capital Facilities Plan – 2011 Update

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the Ten-Year Capital Facilities Plan – 2011 Update, be approved.

Resolution #B-10-11-2936

October 6, 2011

M-Wasson, S-Grover, to approve the Resolution B-10-11-2936 – Ten Year Capital Facilities Plan – 2011 Update.

Discussion took place regarding the ten year plan.

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

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Member Wasson presented the resolution:

Maximum Levy Certification

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, will hold a regular school board meeting on December 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM the Board Room of the Historic Old Central High School, and will receive input from the public on the proposed certified levy for 2011 payable in 2012,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board propose the ceiling for the tax levy for Independent School District No. 709 for 2011 payable 2012 at the maximum amount.
Resolution #B-10-11-2937 October 6, 2011

M-Wasson, S-Kasper, to approve the Resolution B-10-11-2937 – Maximum Levy Certification

Discussion took place regarding the levy certification and the reason for certifying to the maximum at this time.

M-Johnston, S-Glass, to amend Resolution B-10-11-2937 to Cap Ceiling for Tax Levy Payable 2012 at the Payable 2011 Level.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment to the resolution.

Upon a vote on the proposed amendment, the same failed 2-5 as follows:

Yea: Glass, Johnston

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

Upon a vote on Resolution B-10-11-2937 as presented, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:

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

Nay: Glass, Johnston

Approval to Hire Teaching/Support Positions Totaling 1.5 FTE:

- A. .5 FTE Dean of Students for Morgan Park Middle School
- B. .5 FTE Special Education Teacher for Denfeld High School
- C. .5 FTE Special Education Teacher for Woodland Middle School

M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Approval to Hire Teacher/Support Positions Totaling 1.5.FTE.

Discussion took place regarding the hiring of additional positions.

M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Approval to Hire Teacher/Support Positions Totaling 1.5.FTE. Upon a vote, the same was approved unanimously.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of October 6, 2011 at 5.56 p.m.

7. Communications, Petitions, etc.

- 09/20/11 Copy of letter addressed to Duluth School Board from Charlotte W. Lee, asking that the name of the new eastern middle school retain the name 'East'.
- 09/30/11 Copy of letter addressed to School Board Members from Dave Ogreaan, Executive Director of USA Hockey, encouraging the board to explore every option possible to maintain all three sheets of ice (rinks) at Congdon Park School.

REVISED
Independent School District 709
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Week of October 17 – October 21, 2011

Tuesday	October 18	6:00 p.m.	Indian Education Committee Room 113A
Tuesday	October 18	6:00 p.m.	Special School Board Meeting (<i>Agenda Attached</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recess to Executive (Closed) Session Re: Discussion of Private Educational Data Related to Possible Student Expulsion ▪ Reconvene to Special School Board Meeting Board Room
Tuesday	October 18	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting (<i>Agenda Attached</i>) Board Room
Wednesday	October 19	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room

Week of October 25 – October 28, 2011

No meetings scheduled at this time.

Week of October 31 – November 4, 2011

Wednesday	November 2	9:00 a.m.	PTSA City Wide Council Board Room
Thursday	November 3	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Monitoring Subcommittee Room 302

Week of November 7 – November 11

Monday	November 7	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
Monday	November 7	4:30 p.m. (<i>or to follow Human Resources Comm. Mtg</i>)	Business Committee Board Room
Tuesday	November 8	4:15 – 6:00 p.m. only (<i>No Mtgs 6:00-8:00 pm General Election</i>)	Education Committee Board Room
Thursday	November 10	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Budget Subcommittee Room 302

Week of November 14 – November 18, 2011

Tuesday	November 15	5:30 p.m.	Tenured Teacher Reception Board Room
Tuesday	November 15	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting Board Room
Wednesday	November 16	4:15 p.m.	Parent Advisory Council on Special Education (PACSE) Room 203C

Week of November 21 – November 25, 2011

No meetings scheduled at this time.

Week of November 28 – December 2, 2011

Wednesday	November 30	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room
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Week of December 5 – December 9, 2011

Wednesday	December 7	9:00 a.m.	PTSA City Wide Council Board Room
Thursday	December 8	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Budget Subcommittee Room 302

Week of December 12 – December 16, 2011

Monday	December 12	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
Monday	December 12	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow Human Resources Comm. Mtg)</i>	Business Committee Board Room
Tuesday	December 13	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room
Thursday	December 15	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room

Week of December 19 – December 23, 2011

Tuesday	December 20	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting <i>Includes Truth in Taxation Hearing</i> Board Room
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*Office of the Superintendent
October 13, 2011*