

Education Committee - Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

UnitedHealth Group Building

4316 Rice Lake Road

Suite 108

Duluth, MN 55811

6:30 PM

1. Informational Items

A. Informational Presentations

1) East High School's Schoolyard Habitat Plan Presentation

Jenny Madole, Agriculture Science teacher at East High School, shared information on East High School's Schoolyard Habitat Plan.

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

2) Duluth Public Schools Early Childhood Program Overview

Becky Crane, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher on Special Assignment, and Pam Rees, Director of Head Start, presented a Rubric of Duluth Public Schools Early Childhood Offerings along with an overview of the programs.

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

3) Duluth Head Start Program Federal Review Findings

Pam Rees, Director of Head Start, presented information on the findings of the Duluth Head Start Program Federal Review conducted by the Administration for Children and Families, which took place from October 29-31, 2012. Program areas that were covered included: Program Governance; Management Systems; Child Development and Education; Child Health and Safety; Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance; Family and Community Engagement; and Fiscal Integrity.

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

4) Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework Child Outcome Results for Fall

Pam Rees, Director of Head Start, shared the outcomes of the fall aggregated child-level assessment data, which is used in combination with other program data to

determine progress toward meeting the Program's goals, to inform parents and the community of results, and to direct continuous improvement related to curriculum, instruction, professional development, program design, and other program decisions. It is required that this data be aggregated and analyzed three times per year.

5) Community Transformation Project

Sara Nelson of the Duluth Community Garden Program is the recipient of a Community Transformation Grant from the Minnesota Department of Health. Jamie Zak of the Duluth Community Garden Program, presented an overview of the Program's vision for the five Duluth schools (East High School, Ordean-East and Lincoln Park Middle Schools, and Meyers-Wilkens and Congdon Park Elementary Schools) that will be partnering with the Duluth Community Garden Program as sub-grantees.

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

B. Grant Applications - None

2. Action Items

A. Presentation Items Requiring Approval

1) Resolution E-02-13-3075 *East High School Forest Designation*

Jenny Madole, Agricultural Science teacher at East High School, presented information on her proposal to apply to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for School Forest Designation. Attached is Resolution E-02-13-3075 *East High School Forest Designation* designating the site as a school forest.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve Resolution E-02-13-3075 *East High School Forest Designation*.

2) Office of Education Equity Proposed Budget for 2013-14

Ron Hagland, Office of Education Equity Coordinator, presented the proposed Office of Education Staff and Program Budget for the 2013-14 school year.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve the proposed Office of Education Equity Program Budget for the 2013-14 school year.

B. Resolution E-02-13-3074 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

Attached is Resolution E-02-13-3074 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools, to accept and approve grant awards from the following organizations:

Northland Foundation
Minnesota Department of Education

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve Resolution E-02-13-3074 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools.

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

It is requested that the following organization be granted access to the Student Information System to support District functions from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013:

Bemidji State University

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

D. Diplomas

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

Okari Dominguez, January 17, 2013

Tyler J. Johnson, January 8, 2013

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