

**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. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
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10. **Special Resolutions - None**
11. **Questions / Other**
12. **Adjournment**

**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, August 16, 2011

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

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

A group from the Duluth Playhouse Summer Youth Program, consisting of students from area districts, performed a scene from Westside Story, directed by Liz Larson.

Chair Seliga Punyko called the regular school board meeting of August 16, 2011 to order at 6:32 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

**M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon a vote, the same passed – 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 July 19, 2011.

**M-Wasson, S-Cameron, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 regular school board meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved as amended – unanimously.**

**Public Comments**  
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Loren Martell, 523 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the board regarding his concerns with the current board and stated that Superintendent Foster will have to listen to the people to succeed here.

**Communications, Petitions, Etc.**  
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Superintendent Foster acknowledged the communications received.

**Superintendent's Report**  
**August 2011**

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Superintendent Foster stated that staff have been working very hard over the summer to prepare for the opening of school and that he appreciates everyone's efforts.

Member Johnston asked about the Lake Superior High School Charter school sponsorship. Superintendent Foster reviewed the decision to sever the district's relationship with the charter school.

**Education Committee Report**  
**August 2011**

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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	Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (OA/OGM/Region V)	Pam Rees	Federal Head Start Grant	\$1,896,178	This grant award will support funding the Duluth Public Schools Head Start Program.

Resolution E-8-11-2918

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**M-Wasson, S-Cameron, to approve Resolution E-8-11-2918 - 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.

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Member Johnston withheld Item 2.A.1)

Member Kasper withheld Item 1.A. – 2010-11 Head Start Literacy Scores to note how good the presentation by Pam Rees regarding the Head Start program was and that he is very encouraged by the test scores that show how successful the program is.

Member Johnston withheld Item 2.A.1) – MN Common Grant Application – Essentia Corporate Contributions to ask where the money from the grants go, and if funds could be used to help bring back some of our currently displaced staff. Superintendent Foster explained that most grant applications lay out where the funds are to be used.

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

**Human Resources Committee Report**

**August 2011**

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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 individual contract for Ashley Rau. Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve the individual contract for Julie Muklebust. Upon a vote taken, the same was approved – unanimously.**

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**EDUCATION MINNESOTA DULUTH CLERICAL LOCAL 692-A**

**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 the Education Minnesota Duluth Clerical Local 692-A, 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-8-11-2919

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**M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution HR-8-11-2919 – Education MN Duluth Clerical Local 692-A-Colletive 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**

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**NON-CERTIFIED BUSINESS DIVISION 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 the Non-Certified Business Division Administrators’ 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-8-11-2920

August 16, 2011

**M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution HR-8-11-2920 – Non Certified Business Division Administrators’ 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**

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES 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 Executive Employees 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-8-11-2921

August 16, 2011

**M-Cameron, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution HR-8-11-2921 – Executive Employees Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. 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-Wasson, to approve the remainder of the Human Resources Committee as presented.**

Discussion took place regarding the recent layoffs and possible call backs for laid off employees.

**Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-1 as follows:**

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

**Business Committee Report**  
**August 2011**

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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:

**RESOLUTION**

Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling a Primary Election Thereon

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

1. It is necessary to elect three (3) school board members at the 2011 general election as follows:

At-Large – one (1) seat  
District #2 – one (1) seat  
District #3 – one (1) seat

If more than two candidates for a specified school board position or more than twice as many candidates as there are at-large school board positions available file affidavits of candidacy, Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.03 requires that nominees must be chosen at a primary election. If a primary election is so required, the clerk shall include the names of the individuals who file affidavits of candidacy during the filing period on the primary election ballot as though they had been included by name in this resolution.

2. The primary election is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, the 13th day of September, 2011, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

3. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said primary election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, at least fifty-three (53) days before the date of said elections. The notice shall specify the date of said primary election and the question or questions to be voted on at said primary election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said primary election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said primary election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said primary election and to cause a sample ballot to be posted in each polling place or combined polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot. The sample ballot for a polling place must reflect the offices, candidates, and rotation sequence on the ballots used in that polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said primary election to be published in the official newspaper of the district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the offices to be filled set forth in the form of ballot, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this general election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date.

The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper city officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election.

Resolution B-8-11-2922

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**M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-8-11-2922 – Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling a Primary Election Thereon. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

Member Grover presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**Approval of Election Judges and Polling Sites**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, Minnesota, County of St. Louis, that the following persons are hereby appointed as election judges for the primary election to be held September 13, 2011 and the general election of the School District to be held November 8, 2011 to act as such at the respective polling places listed and designated by the School Board in this Resolution, and if any person who is named on the list as a judge is unable to serve, the Clerk is empowered to substitute the name of a qualified legal voter for the one who is unable to serve.

**Township Precincts**

Town of Gnesen (including Township 54, Range 13 West

**Election Judges**

\*Lottie Haller

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Gnesen Town Hall and Township 54, Range 14 West)  
4011 West Pioneer Rd.

Janis Carlson  
Kathy Johnson  
Rita Sherepa

Town of Lakewood  
Lakewood Town Hall  
3110 Strand Road  
(4 of these certified election  
judges will be chosen)

Gene Bromenshenkel  
Ellen Hanson  
Shirley Peak  
Pat Nelson  
Tom Bacig  
Sue Bodine  
Amy Bishop  
Sherri Levanen  
Sally Rogers

Jan Simpson  
Kim Luoto  
John Hull  
Diane Narum  
Kyle Levanen  
Virginia Snarski  
Rodney Nelson  
Blanche Wilcox  
JoAnn Oja-Fleming

Town of Normanna  
Normanna Town Hall  
6472 French River Road

Ellen Hanson  
Daniel Kinnear  
Lone Cooke  
Leslie Peterson  
Susan Baker  
Chris Brown  
Clark Peterson

Chris Brown  
Paul Hanson  
Eileen Asperheim  
Janet Baker  
Marcia Stromgren  
Vivian Hanson

Town of North Star  
North Star Town Hall  
7700 Pequaywan Lake Road

Ray Barnes  
Laurel Pagel  
Bill Page

Bonnie Best  
Al Best  
Deborah Pomroy

Town of Rice Lake  
Rice Lake Town Hall  
4107 West Beyer Road

Kathy Meyer  
Adele Hartwick  
Bruce Bergren  
Margaret Kolo  
Kieren Murphy  
Eileen Hagen  
Patricia Altonen

Kathleen Thompson  
Shelby Trost  
Timothy Sittarich  
Martha Wirta  
Beatrice Simonson  
Patricia Isaacson  
Janet Stanaway

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the polling places and judges designated by the City Council of the City of Duluth, copies of which are attached hereto, are hereby adopted and appointed as polling places and judges for the School District election precincts within the City of Duluth with the exception of Precinct 33 which lies within the Proctor School District.

Resolution B-8-11-2923

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**M-Grover, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-8-11-2923 – Approval of Election Judges and Polling Sites. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

Member Grover presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO INCREASING THE  
GENERAL EDUCATION REVENUE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth,

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State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to revoke its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$365.60 per pupil and replace it with a new authorization of \$650.37 per pupil. The additional revenue will be used to finance school operations. The proposed referendum revenue authorization, which would be effective for taxes payable in 2012, would be applicable for five years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question No. 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

The Board further determines that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$122.70 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization, which would also be effective for taxes payable in 2012, would also be applicable for five years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question No. 2 on the school district ballot at the special election, and shall be additional to, and expressly contingent upon passage of, the first ballot question described above.

The Board further determines that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$98.15 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization, which would also be effective for taxes payable in 2012, would also be applicable for five years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question No. 3 on the school district ballot at the special election, and shall be additional to, and expressly contingent upon passage of, the first and second ballot questions described above.

2. The questions of increasing the general education revenue of the district shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2011 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education at least 74 days before the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language of each ballot question to be voted on at said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot be to posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause two (2) sample ballots be to posted in each polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last

publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of election to be mailed by first class mail to each taxpayer in the district at least fifteen (15) but no more than (30) days prior to the date of the special election. The notice shall contain the required projections and the required statement specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 126A.17, subdivision 9, paragraph (b). The clerk is also directed to cause a copy of this notice to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education and to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part at least fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the election.

The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date. The clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate cities, towns and counties regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

5. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION BALLOT**

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709  
DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL ELECTION**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

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**To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like this:**



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**To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question.**

**To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.**

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION No. 1**

**REVOKING EXISTING REVENUE AUTHORIZATION AND  
APPROVING NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**

The Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, has proposed to revoke its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$365.60 per pupil and replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$650.37 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be

applicable for five (5) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

**YES**

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 709 be approved?

**NO**

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION No. 2**

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**

Provided that Ballot Question No. 1 is approved, the Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, has proposed to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$122.70 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five (5) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

**YES**

Shall the increase in revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 709 be approved?

**NO**

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION No. 3**

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**

Provided that Ballot Questions No. 1 and 2 are approved, the Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, has proposed to increase its general education revenue by an additional \$98.15 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five (5) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

**YES**

Shall the increase in revenue proposed by the Board of  
Independent School District No. 709 be approved?

NO

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A  
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

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6. Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed on another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot card. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot card on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot card so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

7. If the school district will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract exceeding \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, if requested by the election official, furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, sufficient bond, letter of credit, or certified check acceptable to the clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

8. The individuals designated as election judges for this special election shall conduct said election in the manner described by law. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

Resolution # B-8-11-2917

August 16, 2011

**M-Grover, S-Kasper, To Approve Resolution B-8-11-2917 -- Resolution Relating To Increasing the General Education Revenue Of The School District and Calling An Election Thereon:**

**M-Johnston, S-Glass, to amend the resolution by removing questions two and three from the resolution.**

Discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment.

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

**Yea: Glass, Johnston**

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

Discussion took place regarding the language for the ballot.

**M-Johnston, S-Glass, to postpone a vote on this resolution until the September regular school board meeting.**

Discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment, deadlines to pass the resolution, holding a separate special election, and the need to support a levy referendum.

**Upon a vote to postpone the same failed 2-5 as follows**

**Yea: Glass, Johnston**

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

**Upon a vote on the original resolution, the same was approved – 5-2 as follows:**

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

**Nay: Glass, Johnston**

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:

District	Banking	Account	Addition of	Removal of
<u>Building</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Authorized Signer</u>	<u>Authorized</u>
<u>Signer</u>				
Congdon	Northshore Bank Of Commerce	XXXXXX0	Kathi Marshall	
Homecroft	DTCU	XXXX2	Susan Lehna	
Nettleton Marshall	DTCU	XXXX3		Kathi

B-8-11-2924

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**M-Grover, S-Wasson, To Approve Resolution B-8-11-2924 – Authorized Account Signers.**  
**Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

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

Member Kasper withheld Item 6.D.  
Member Cameron withheld Item 4.A.1)  
Member Glass withheld Item 1.B.

Member Johnston withheld Items 1.C., 2.C.3), 4.A.2, 4.B.1)-4), and 6.E.

Member Glass withheld Item 1.B. – Approval of Payment of Claims to note payments to JCI and the Duluth News Tribune.

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.C. – Budget Revisions to ask about the Scott Anderson Leadership line item. Bill Gronseth, Assistant Superintendent, explained the program.

Member Johnston withheld Item 2.C.3) – Quote #487 – Grant Elementary Utility Grading to ask for an explanation of the work. Kerry Leider, Facilities Management Supervisor explained the work being done.

Member Cameron withheld Item 4.A.1) – Grant Community School Collaborative to ask if the district received a report with the goals and outcomes. Jody LeBlanc, Finance Manager, stated that we have and it is being prepared and will be forwarded when it is ready. Member Cameron also noted that she would like an update on the Integration Specialists. Superintendent Foster explained that he has met with the director of the program. Member Glass asked if the program is already complete and it was explained that the contract was submitted late.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.A.2) – Voyageur Bus Company – Student Transportation Services to ask what the cost of the contract will be. Bill Hanson stated that the district will see cost reductions in the following school year not this contract year. He also explained that the increase for the coming year is less than 1%.

Member Johnston withheld Items 4.B. 1)-4) – Change Orders to note his issue with the verbiage that the items remain within budget.

Member Kasper withheld Item 6.D. – Facilities Management & Capital Project Status Report to ask if things are on schedule for the opening of the schools in the fall. Kerry Leider explained that we are on schedule but it will take the cooperation and hard work of many people.

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.E. – Johnson Controls, Inc. Long Range Facilities Plan Status Report to thank Mr. Leider for the updates to the local contractors report. He asked about a retaining wall falling down at East High School. Kerry Leider explained there was an issue last year and there are no current issues.

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

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

**Other**  
**July 2011**  
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Member Kasper noted that there had been a basketball free throw contest between Superintendent Foster and Mayor Ness.

Member Johnston noted that he will continue to vote no against items until things are explained to his liking.

Member Grover noted that all the open houses are scheduled on one afternoon and that it would be beneficial to stagger the dates and times to allow people to attend more than one event.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the regular school board meeting of August 16, 2011 at 8:50 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, September 6, 2011

### Members Present:

Mary Cameron  
Gary Glass  
Tim Grover  
Tom Kasper  
Judy Seliga Punyko

### Others Present:

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

### Members Absent:

Art Johnston  
Ann Wasson

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of September 6, 2011 to order at 4:30 p.m.

### Public Comment:

Doug Frisk, 1933 Waverly Avenue, spoke to the board regarding his concern with class sizes at Lester Park.

Loren Martell, 623 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the board regarding the board shifting their priorities from buildings to the students and lowering class sizes.

Member Grover presented the resolution:

### RESOLUTION Adoption of a Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Revision

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the fiscal year 2012 budget revisions as presented to the School Board be adopted.

B-9-11-2927

September 6, 2011

### M-Grover, S-Cameron, to approve Resolution B-9-11-2927 – Adoption of a Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Revision.

Superintendent Foster reviewed the new revenues coming into the district, through increased ADM and state funding, and administrations recommendation to use the funding to lower class size. Board discussion took place regarding the use of increased funding to lower class size.

### Upon a vote on the resolution, the same was approved – 5-0.

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of September 6, 2011 at 4:54 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

Monday, September 12, 2011

### Members Present:

Mary Cameron (left at 5:53)  
Tim Grover  
Tom Kasper  
Judy Seliga Punyko  
Ann Wasson

### Others Present:

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

### Members Absent:

Art Johnston  
Gary Glass

Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of September 12, 2011 to order at 5:53 p.m.

Member Wasson 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 Monday, September 12, 2011 at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussion related to the status of property disposals as listed on attachment, conducted pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. (3)(c).

Resolution B-9-11-2930

September 12, 2011

**M-Wasson, S-Kasper, to approve the Resolution B-9-11-2930 - Executive Closed Session.**  
**Upon a vote on the resolution, the same was approved – 4-0.**

Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of September 12, 2011 at 5:55 p.m.

7. Communications, Petitions, etc.

- 08/29/11 Copy of letter addressed to Chairman and Members of the Board of Education from Eli J. Miletich, member of Lake Avenue Loafers, submitting a second request from the group that Public Schools Stadium be renamed "John E. Vucinovich Memorial Football Stadium".
- 09/08/11 Copy of letter addressed to School Board Members from Richard Paulson expressing his concern over ballot language.

Independent School District 709  
**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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

**Week of 19 – September 23, 2011**

Tuesday	September 20	4:15 p.m.	Parent Advisory Council on Special Education (PACSE) Room 203C
Tuesday	September 20	5:45 p.m.	Special School Board Meeting ( <i>Agenda Attached</i> ) Adjourn to Executive (Closed) Session Re: Discussion of Offers Received for Two (2) District Properties
Tuesday	September 20	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting ( <i>Agenda Attached</i> ) Board Room

**Week of September 26 – September 30, 2011**

Thursday	September 29	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room
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**Week of October 3 – October 7, 2011**

*No meetings scheduled at this time.*

**Week of October 10 – October 14, 2011**

Monday	October 10	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
Monday	October 10	4:30 p.m. ( <i>or to follow Human Resources Comm. Mtg</i> )	Business Committee Board Room
Tuesday	October 11	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room

**Week of October 17 – October 21, 2011**

Tuesday	October 18	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting Board Room
Thursday	October 20	5:00 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**

*No meetings scheduled at this time.*

**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	<b>4:15 – 6:00 p.m. only</b> <i>(No Mtgs 6:00-8:00 pm General Election)</i>	Education Committee Board Room

**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

**Week of November 21 – November 25, 2011**

Thursday	November 24		DISTRICT CLOSED
Friday	November 25		DISTRICT CLOSED

*Office of the Superintendent  
September 16, 2011*