

Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

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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 - A. Education Committee *(see separate report)*
 - B. Human Resources Committee *(see separate report)*
 - C. Business Committee *(see separate report)*
10. **Special Resolutions *(No Special Resolutions)***
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, October 16, 2012

Members Present:

Tom Kasper
Mike Miernicki
Art Johnston
Judy Seliga Punyko
Ann Wasson
Bill Westholm

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Student Representatives

Absent

Members Absent:

Mary Cameron

- Chair Wasson called the regular school board meeting of October 16, 2012 to order at 6:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon a vote on the agenda as presented, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Wasson asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of September 18, 2012.

M-Westholm, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Wasson asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 18, 2012.

M-Westholm, S-Kasper, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Wasson asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of October 8, 2012.

M-Kasper, S-Westholm, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Public Comments
October 2012

Chair Wasson reminded the audience to follow the civility code and that they have three minutes to speak.

Jeff Pridie, from the Perpich Center for the Arts, spoke to the board regarding the grant with the Duluth Schools.

Loren Martell, 623 East 7th Street, spoke to the board regarding issues he has with the red plan and timing of projects and change orders.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.
October 2012

Superintendent Gronseth stated there had been no communications received.

Superintendent's Report
October 2012

Superintendent Gronseth acknowledged/congratulated:

- United Way was acknowledged at the White House for their work with the Duluth Schools
- Board meeting recordings are now on You Tube for viewing
- Principals month – he thanked them for their dedication and hard work

Education Committee Report
October 2012

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

M-Kasper, S-Miernicki, to approve the Education Committee Report as presented.

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.A.1) Duluth Bully Free Campaign Collaborative to thank those involved in the presentation.

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

Human Resources Committee Report
October 2012

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

M-Westholm, S-Miernicki, to approve the Human Resources Committee Report as presented.

Member Kasper asked for an update on the staff that has been recalled from layoff. Tim Sworsky, Human Resources Certified Manager, reviewed the recalls from layoff to date.

M-Westholm, S-Wasson, to approve the new position of Interim Manager of Technology.

Discussion took place regarding the position.

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

Yea: Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm

Nay: Johnston

M-Westholm, S-Wasson, to approve the new position of Senior Manager of Human Resources.

Discussion took place regarding the position.

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

Yea: Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm

Nay: Johnston

Upon a vote on the remainder of the Human Resources Report as presented, the same was approved – 6-0.

Business Committee Report

October 2012

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

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

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</u>	<u>Banking Institution</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Addition of Authorized Signer</u>	<u>Removal of Authorized Signer</u>
Lincoln Park	Park State Bank	XXXXXX0	Jacob Hintsala	Adrian Norman
ALC (Unity)	DTCU	XXXX4	Leea Power, Adrian Norman	
Merritt Creek	DTCU	XXXX0	Leea Power	Gregg Maus
Woodland Hills	DTCU	XXXX1	Leea Power	Gregg Maus

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve Resolution B-10-12-3056 – Authorized Account Signers. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to approve the Business Committee Report, withholding the resolutions, as presented.

Member Johnston withheld Items 4.B.1., 4.B.2, 6.E and 6.F.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.B.1. – Change Orders – Ordean East Middle School to note his concern with the change orders being approved after the work has begun.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.B.2. – Change Orders – Lincoln Park to note his concern with the change order being approved after the work has been done and whether they should be change orders at all. Kerry Leider, Facilities Management Supervisor explained the process and the authorizations already received to proceed with these projects.

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.E. – JCI Long Range Facilities Plan Status Report to thank Mr. Leider for the information he has provided.

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.F. – Change Orders Relating to the Long Range Facilities Plan to than Mr. Leider for providing information that he had requested.

Discussion took place regarding ventilation issues at Denfeld and bike racks.

Upon a vote on the remainder of the business committee report as presented, the same was approved 5 – 1 as follows:

Yea: Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm

Nay: Johnston

Other
October 2012

➤ Chair Wasson adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of October 16, 2012 at 7:17 p.m.

7. Communications, Petitions, etc.

10/17/12 Letter addressed to City of Duluth, Duluth School Board, and Superintendent from Tom Johns expressing his concerns related to increases in property taxes.

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ISD 709
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

November 19 – November 23, 2012

Tuesday	November 20	5:15 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Tenured Teacher <i>Reception/Social</i> Tenured Teacher <i>Recognition Ceremony</i> Board Room
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Tuesday	November 20	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting (<i>Agenda Attached</i>) Board Room
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November 26 – November 30, 2012

Tuesday	November 27	4:15 p.m.	Parent Advisory Council on Special Education (PACSE)\ Steering Committee Business Meeting Room 203C
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Wednesday	November 28 (<i>Note day of week and date</i>)	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room
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December 3 – December 7, 2012

Wednesday	December 5 (<i>Note Location</i>)	11:00 a.m.	PTSA City-Wide Council <i>Lincoln Park Middle School</i> <i>3215 W Third Street</i>
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Thursday	December 6	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Budget Subcommittee Room 302
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December 10 – December 14, 2012

Monday	December 10	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
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Monday	December 10	4:30 p.m. (<i>or to follow the Human Resources Comm. Mtg</i>)	Business Committee Board Room
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Tuesday	December 11	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting Board Room
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Thursday	December 13	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room
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December 17 – December 21, 2012

Tuesday	December 18	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting <i>Includes Truth in Taxation Hearing</i> Board Room
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December 24 – December 28, 2012*No meetings scheduled at this time.***December 31, 2012 – January 4, 2013***No meetings scheduled at this time.***January 7 – January 11, 2013**

Monday	January 7	6:30 p.m.	Annual Organizational Meeting Board Room
Wednesday	January 9	11:00 a.m.	PTSA City-Wide Council Board Room
Thursday	January 10	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Budget Subcommittee Room 302

*Office of the Superintendent
November 15, 2012*