

Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

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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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, December 18, 2012

Members Present:

Mary Cameron
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

Alex Livesay
Ariel Pendelton

Members Absent:

- Chair Wasson called the regular school board meeting of December 18, 2012 to order at 6:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to approve the agenda as presented.

Member Johnston asked to have agenda items he had previously submitted added to the agenda. Chair Wasson stated that she had responded to his request and ruled that the items will not be added to the agenda. Member Johnston appealed the decision of the chair, no second.

Upon a vote on the agenda as presented, the same was approved – unanimously.

Chair Wasson asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of November 20, 2012.

M-Westholm, S-Cameron, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Bill Hanson, CFO/Executive Director of Business Services made the Truth in Taxation presentation.

Public Comments

December 2012

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

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December 18, 2012

Shane Stolp, 250 McDonnell Road, spoke to the board regarding his concerns with the large class sizes and the lack of funding for classrooms.

Paul King, 1346 West Arrowhead Road, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the school board's ability to manage money and increasing taxes.

John Stromgren, 6179 Lakewood Road, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the cost of the red plan to him as a tax payer.

Loren Martell, 623 East 7th Street, spoke to the board regarding his concerns the proposed property tax increase, and concerns with the overall cost of the red plan.

Brian Ronstrom, 3860 East Superior Street, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the proposed increase in property taxes.

Richard Paulson, 524 West Ideal Street, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the tax levy and the districts overall budget.

Marcia Stromgren, No address provided, read an article to the school board regarding concerns with JCI.

Tim Carter, 6223 Petre Street, spoke to the board regarding his concern with the proposed property tax increases.

Katy Carter, 6223 Petre Street, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the proposed property tax increases.

Board discussion took place regarding the Truth in Taxation presentation.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.
December 2012

Superintendent Gronseth acknowledged the communications received.

Superintendent's Report
December 2012

- Acknowledged the passing of Vance Hopkins.
- Thanks to staff and community for their support.
- With the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary student safety continues to be important
- Wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season

Education Committee Report
December 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 2.A.2)
Member Seliga Punyko withheld Item 2.A.4)

Member Johnston withheld Item 2.A.2) – New World Languages Course Proposal to note his concern with high class sizes but that he does support the proposals.

Member Seliga Punyko withheld Item 2.A.4) – New Robotics Course Proposal to ask if the program would be provided at both high schools. Ed Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, stated that it would be.

Chair Wasson noted that the school calendar attached in the backup for item 2.A.5) was the 2012-13 calendar and not the 2013-14 calendar.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Human Resources Committee Report
December 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-Kasper, 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 Senior Manager, reviewed the certified and non-certified recalls from layoff to date.

Upon a vote on the Human Resources Report as presented, the same was approved – unanimously.

Business Committee Report
December 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 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE
GENERAL FUND TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND REGARDING
FINANCING OF THE LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board (the “Board”) of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota (the “District”), as follows:

Section 1. A. The Board approved a Long-Range Facilities Plan, as amended (the “Facilities Plan”), which calls for renewal and remodeling of existing school facilities, additions to existing facilities and construction of new schools.

B. The District has submitted the Facilities Plan to the Minnesota Department of Education (i) for approval of the Facilities Plan; (ii) for approval of the financings for the Facilities Plan, and (iii) for review and comment on the Facilities Plan. The Commissioner of Education has approved the Facilities Plan and the financing for the Facilities Plan.

C. The District has issued six series of obligations to finance the Facilities Plan, including the \$71,170,000 Taxable Full Term Certificates of Participation, Series 2009A (Build America Bonds – Direct Pay), dated October 1, 2009 (the “Series 2009A COPs”).

D. The financing plan for the Facilities Plan anticipates canceling all or a portion of tax levies for the Series 2009A COPs each year from general fund monies derived primarily from operational savings, rebates and grants and proceeds from the sale of excess properties.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subd. 3(g), the permanent transfer of funds from the General Fund (Fund 01) to the Debt Service Fund (Fund 07) in the amount of \$3,012,034.35 for the purpose of canceling a portion of the tax levy for the Series 2009A COPs for Levy Year 2012/Collection Year 2013.

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2012.

B-12-12-3059

December 18, 2012

**M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to approve Resolution B-12-12-3059 – Resolution
Authorizing Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Deb Service Fund Regarding
Financing of the Long-Range Facilities Plan.**

Discussion took place regarding the transfer.

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

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

Nay: Johnston

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Certified Tax Levy 2012 Payable 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, to hereby set the Tax Levy for 2012 Payable 2013 at \$28,925,408.29.

B-12-12-3060

December 18, 2012

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to approve Resolution B-12-12-3060 – Certified Tax Levy 2012 Payable 2013.

Discussion took place regarding the tax levy.

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

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

Nay: Johnston

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

Member Johnston withheld Items 1.A., 4.A.1), separate vote on 4.B.1) 3, and 4) and discussion on 6.A.

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.A. – Financial Report to note his concerns with the audit. Discussion took place regarding his concerns.

M-Miernicki, S-Westholm to move the question. Upon a vote the same was approved 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Johnston

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.B1) to note his concern with the change orders.

Upon a separate vote on 4.B.1), the same was approved 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Johnston

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.B.3) to note his concern with the change orders.

Upon a separate vote on 4.B.3), the same was approved 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Johnston

Upon a separate vote on 4.B.4), the same was approved 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Johnston

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.A. Expenditure Contracts to ask to vote on one contract separately. Bill Hanson, explained that it is within his authority to sign and not approved by the board. Member Johnston noted his opposition to one contract on the report.

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

Yea: Cameron, Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm
Nay: Johnston

Special Resolutions
December 2012

Member Kasper presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Board Member Attendance at MSBA Leadership Conference

RESOLVED, That Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, pay costs incurred, as per District policy, for school board members to attend the *Minnesota School Boards Association 92nd Leadership Conference* in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 17-18, 2013.

SP-12-12-3058

December 18, 2012

M-Kasper, S-Westholm, to approve Resolution SP-12-12-3058 – Board Member Attendance at MSBA Leadership Conference. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Other
December 2012

Chair Wasson thanked the student representatives for their service on the board and presented them with recognition plaques.

- Chair Wasson adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of December 18, 2012 at 8:53 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, January 7, 2013

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

- Chair Wasson called the special school board meeting of January 7, 2013 to order at 5:30 p.m.

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION **Executive (Closed) Session**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(c) allowing a closed meeting for discussion related to the purchase or sale of real property.

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, January 7, 2013 at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussion related to the Sale of Property as listed on attachment.

Resolution B-1-13-3067

January 7, 2013

M-Cameron, S-Kasper, to approve the Resolution B-1-13-3067 - Executive Closed Session. Upon a vote the same passed - unanimously.

Recess at: 5:32

Reconvene at: 6:17

Member Westholm presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION **Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Located at 3208 Greysolon Place**

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 identification and negotiation of land to be acquired as identified in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Administration working with Johnson Controls and the District's Legal Counsel identified property and negotiated terms to purchase the property described above; 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 3208 Greysolon Place, Assessor's Parcel No. 010-1370-03095, further described as Lot 4 except the Easterly 18 feet and Lot 5 except the Westerly 16 feet, Block 17, Plat of Rearrangement of Part of East Duluth and of First Addition to East Duluth, 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 January 7, 2013 and to sign all other documents required for closing this sale transaction.

B-1-13-3068

January 7, 2013

M-Westholm, S-Kasper, to approved Resolution B-1-13-3068 Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Located at 3208 Greysolon Place. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Sale of Vacant Land (Kensington XXX Property) Located on West Arrowhead Road

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 Kensington 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 on West Arrowhead Road legally described as all of Block Four (4), KENSINGTON PLACE ADDITION TO DULUTH, 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 January 7, 2013 and to sign all other documents required for closing this sale transaction.

B-1-13-3069

January 7, 2013

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approved Resolution B-1-13-3069 Authorizing the Sale of Vacant Land Located on West Arrowhead Road. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

➤ Chair Wasson adjourned the Special School Board meeting of January 7, 2013 at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes of the School Board Annual Organizational 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, January 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

➤ Chair Wasson called the organizational meeting of the school board to order at 6:30 PM.

1. Call to Order by Member Wasson as Temporary Chairperson
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Election of Chairperson
4. Election of Vice-Chairperson
5. Election of Clerk
6. Election of Treasurer
7. Appointment of Deputy Clerk
8. Appointment of Board Secretary
9. Resolution B-1-13-3061 – Setting Meeting Dates/Times
10. Resolution B-1-13-3062 – Designation of Depositories and Acceptance of Collateral
11. Resolution B-1-13-3063 – Designation of Authority to Perform Electronic Fund Transfers
12. Resolution B-1-13-3064 – Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Business Services to Sign Contracts and Grants
13. Resolution B-1-13-3065 – Selection of District's Legal Counsel
14. Resolution B-1-13-3066 – Selection of District's Official Newspaper
15. Adjournment

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Kasper, to approve the agenda.

**M-Johnston, S-Kasper, to add a resolution that had been approved in the past, read as:
RESOLVED By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County,
Minnesota, that all policies, rules, regulations and by-laws of Independent School District 709 as
previously adopted and amended are hereby adopted.**

Discussion took place regarding adding the resolution to the agenda.

Upon a vote on Member Johnston's motion, the same failed 1-5-1

Yea: Johnston

Nay: Cameron, Kasper, Seliga Punyko. Wasson, Westholm

Abstain: Miernicki

Upon a vote to approve the agenda as presented the same was approved – unanimously.

4. Election of Chairperson

Chair Wasson opened the nominations for the office of chairperson.
Member Seliga Punyko nominated Member Kasper for the office of Chairperson.
Chair Wasson closed the nominations for the office of Chairperson.

Chair Wasson announced that Member Kasper is the Chairperson by acclamation.

5. Election of Vice Chairperson

Chair Kasper opened the nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson
Member Wasson nominated Member Westholm as Vice Chairperson
Member Johnston nominated Member Johnston as Vice Chairperson
Chair Kasper closed the nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson

Chair Kasper announced that Member Westholm is elected as Vice Chairperson 6-1 as follows:

**Westholm - Cameron, Kasper, Seliga Punyko, Miernicki, Wasson, Westholm
Johnston - Johnston.**

6. Election of Clerk

Chair Kasper opened the nominations for the office of clerk.
Member Wasson nominated Member Miernicki for office of clerk.
Member Johnston nominated Member Cameron, for the office of clerk, who declined.
Member Johnston nominated Member Johnston for the office of clerk.
Chair Kasper closed the nominations for the office of clerk.

Chair Kasper announced that Member Miernicki was elected as Clerk 5-2 as follows:

**Miernicki – Cameron, Kasper, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm
Johnston – Johnston, Miernicki**

7. Election of Treasurer

Chair Kasper opened the nominations for the office of treasurer.
Chair Kasper nominated Member Seliga Punyko for the office of treasurer.
Member Johnston nominated Member Johnston for the office of treasurer.
Chair Kasper closed the nominations for the office of treasurer.

Each nominee briefly discussed their interest in the office of treasurer.

Chair Kasper announced that Member Seliga Punyko was elected as Treasurer 6-1 as follows:

**Seliga Punyko – Cameron Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm
Johnston – Johnston**

8. Appointment of Deputy Clerk

Chair Kasper appointed Bill Hanson as Deputy Clerk.

9. Appointment of Board Secretary

Chair Kasper appointed Melinda Thibault as School Board Secretary.

10. Resolution B-1-13-3061 – Setting Meeting Dates/Times

Member Cameron presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
Selection of Meeting Dates/Times

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Regular meetings of the School Board shall be held the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Administration Building unless otherwise scheduled by the School Board.

B-1-13-3061

January 7, 2013

M-Cameron, S-Wasson to approve Resolution B-1-13-3061, Selection of Meeting Dates/Times.

Discussion took place regarding the resolution.

Upon a vote taken on the resolution, the same was approved 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Johnston

11. Resolution B-1-13-3062 - Designation of Depositories and Acceptance of Collateral

Member Westholm presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
Designation of Depositories and Acceptance of Collateral

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that Duluth Teachers Credit Union, US Bank, North Shore Bank of Commerce, Wells Fargo Bank, Park State Bank, BMO Harris Bank, Associated Bank, and Western Bank shall be depositories of the funds of this School District for up to a one year period commencing January 1, 2013, and said banks shall be required to deposit with said district collateral securities, subject to approval by the School Board, and kept in trust;

RESOLVED, That the collateral securities pledged by Duluth Teachers Credit Union and placed in trust at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; North Shore Bank of Commerce and placed in trust at U S Bank N. A.; U S Bank and placed in trust at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; Key Bank and placed in trust at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; all as provided by law and evidence by trust agreements executed by the Treasurer of the School Board, an officer of the depository bank, and acknowledged by an officer of the bank holding the securities in trust, shall be approved.

DULUTH TEACHERS CREDIT UNION –

\$250,000.00 FHLB, Cusip xxxxxxNU1, due 12/12/2014
\$250,000.00 FHLB, Cusip xxxxxxXW7, due 11/27/2013
\$250,000.00 FHLB, Cusip xxxxxxKY2, due 5/30/2013
\$250,000.00 FHLB, Cusip xxxxxxP93, due 12/13/2013

NORTH SHORE BANK OF COMMERCE –

\$200,000.00 FFCB, Cusip xxxxxxGL6, due 3/9/2015
\$100,000.00 FHLB, Cusip xxxxxxV27, due 12/30/2013

BMO HARRIS BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

U S BANK –

\$2,760,000.00 FHLMC, Cusip xxxxxxRME1, due 11/1/2036
\$700,000.00 FHLMC, Cusip xxxxxxRMB7, due 3/1/2036

KEYBANK –

\$42,062,818.95 FHLMC, Cusip xxxxxxdp8, due 9/15/2024

WELLS FARGO BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

PARK STATE BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

WESTERN BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer, Clerk, and/or Director of Business Services shall be authorized to arrange for the exchange, release, or placing of additional collateral, provided that in all instances such exchange, releases, or placing of additional collateral shall be approved by the school board and all new collateral shall be placed in trust with the respective aforementioned institutions.

B-1-13-3062

January 7, 2013

M-Westholm, S-Wasson to approve Resolution B-1-13-3062 - Designation of Depositories and Acceptance of Collateral. Upon a vote taken on the resolution, the same was approved – unanimously.

12. Resolution B-1-13-3063 - Designation of Authority to Perform Electronic Fund Transfers

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Designation of Authority to Perform Electronic Fund Transfers

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Director of Business Services has the authority to designate a district employee/employees to initiate electronic fund transfers, as required by MS 471.38.

Resolution B-1-13-3063

January 7, 2013

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Wasson, to approve Resolution B-1-13-3063 - Designation of Authority to Perform Electronic Fund Transfers. Upon a vote taken on the resolution, the same was approved – unanimously.

13. Resolution B-1-13-3064 - Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Business Services to Sign Contracts and Grants

Member Wasson presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Authorization for Superintendent of Schools and Director of Business Services to Sign Contracts and Grants

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that to increase operational efficiency, it is requested that authorization to sign revenue contracts and expenditure contracts for the lease, purchase, and contract for goods or services within budgetary and policy limits up to \$25,000 be granted to the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Business Services. This delegation of authorization is allowable under Minnesota Statute 123B.52 subd. 2. The superintendent's designee will review each contract before execution.

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Superintendent of Schools, or in his/her absence the Director of Business Services, be designated the legal authorized representative to sign applications and execute grant documents for and in behalf of the school district in connection with federal and state laws and funding authorities and local, public, and private funding agencies that offer categorical financial support to this school district.

Resolution B-1-13-3064

January 7, 2013

M-Wasson, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve Resolution B-1-13-3064 - Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Business Services to Sign Contracts and Grants. Upon a vote on Resolution B-1-13-3064 – the same was approved – unanimously.

14. Resolution B-1-13-3065 – Selection of District's Legal Counsel

Member Wasson presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Selection of District's Legal Counsel

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota that, the following firms have been selected as legal counsel for the District.

Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A.
700 Lonsdale Building
302 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802

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Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney
300 US Trust Building
730 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dryer, Storaasli, Knutson & Pommerville
202 West Superior Street, Suite 200
Duluth, MN 55802

Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A.
527 Marquette Avenue South, Suite 1200
Minneapolis, MN 55402
612. 436.4300 (office)
612.436.4340 (fax)

RESOLVED, that the authorized contact persons for the District are as follows:

Chair of the School Board
Superintendent of Schools
Executive Assistant to Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Director of Business Services
Director of Special Education
Manager of Facilities
Finance Manager
Business Services Secretary
Human Resources Manager for Certified Staff
Human Resources Manager for Non-Certified Staff
Human Resources Secretary

Resolution B-1-13-3065

January 7, 2013

M-Wasson, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve Resolution B-1-13-3065 – Selection of District’s Legal Counsel.

Discussion took place regarding the resolution.

Upon a vote Resolution B-1-13-3065, the same was approved 6-1 as follows:

Yea: Cameron, Kasper, Miernicki, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm
Nay: Johnston

15. **Resolution B-1-13-3066 – Selection of District’s Official Newspaper**

Member Miernicki presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
Selection of District’s Official Newspaper

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the District’s official newspaper will continue to be the Duluth News Tribune.

Resolution B-1-13-3066

January 7, 2013

M-Miernicki, S-Westholm, to approve Resolution B-1-13-3066 – Selection of District’s Official Newspaper.

Discussion took place regarding the resolution.

Upon a vote taken on the Resolution B-1-13-3066 – Selection of District’s Official Newspaper, the same was approved 6-1 as follows:

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

Nay: Johnston

16. **Adjournment**

Chair Kasper adjourned the annual organizational school board meeting of January 7, 2013 at 7:12 p.m.

7. Communications, Petitions, etc.

01/09/13 Letter addressed to All School Board Members from Barbara Walcome expressing concerns related to the District's decision to set the levy at 11.9% for next year, purchase prices versus asking prices for District owned homes, and the amount of change orders for the Red Plan.

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ISD 709
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS - REVISED

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

January 21 – January 25, 2013

Tuesday	January 22	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Parents Lowell Elementary School 2000 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55811
Tuesday	January 22	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting (Agenda Attached) Board Room
Wednesday	January 23	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Neighbors Laura MacArthur Elementary School 720 North Central Avenue, Duluth, MN 55807
Wednesday	January 23	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Parents East High School 301 North 40 th Avenue East, Duluth, MN 55804
Thursday	January 24	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Community City Center West 5830 Grand Avenue, Duluth, MN 55807
Thursday	January 24	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room

January 28 – February 1, 2013

Monday	January 28	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Community Portman Community Center 4601 Mcculloch Street, Duluth, MN 55804
Monday	January 28	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Neighbors Nettleton Elementary School 108 East 6th Street, Duluth, MN 55805
Monday	January 28	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Neighbors East High School 301 North 40 th Avenue East, Duluth, MN 55804
Tuesday	January 29	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Neighbors Stowe Elementary School 715 101st Avenue West, Duluth, MN 55808
Wednesday	January 30	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Neighbors Lowell Elementary School 2000 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55811

February 4 – February 8, 2013

Monday	February 4	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Community Lincoln Park Community Center 2014 West 3 rd Street, Duluth, MN 55806
Tuesday	February 5	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Community Morgan Park Community Club 1242 88 th Avenue West, Duluth, MN 55808
Wednesday	February 6	11:00 a.m.	PTSA City-Wide Council Board Room
Thursday	February 7	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Community Central Hillside Community Center 12 East 4 th Street, Duluth, MN 55805
Thursday	February 7	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Think Kids Community Conversation – Community Woodland Community Center 3211 Allendale Avenue, Duluth, MN 55803

February 11 – February 15, 2013

Monday	February 11	4:15 p.m.	Human Resources Committee Board Room
Monday	February 11	4:30 p.m. <i>(or to follow the Human Resources Comm. Mtg)</i>	Business Committee Board Room
Monday	February 11	4:45 p.m. <i>(or to follow the Business Comm. Mtg)</i>	Committee of the Whole Re: FY14 Budget Planning Board Room
Tuesday	February 12	4:15 p.m.	Education Committee Board Room
Thursday	February 14	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Budget Subcommittee Room 302

February 18 – February 22, 2013

No meetings scheduled at this time.

[February Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for the 4th Tuesday due to Winter Recess.]

February 25 – March 1, 2013

Tuesday	February 26 (4 th Tuesday)	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting Board Room
Thursday	February 28	(TBD)	Committee of the Whole Re: FY14 Budget Planning
Thursday	February 28	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room

March 4 – March 8, 2013

Tuesday March 5 (TBD) Special School Board Meeting
Re: Approve FY14 Budget Considerations

Wednesday March 6 11:00 a.m. PTSA City-Wide Council
Board Room

March 11 – March 15, 2013

Monday March 11 4:15 p.m. Human Resources Committee
Board Room

Monday March 11 4:30 p.m. Business Committee
Board Room
(or to follow the Human Resources Comm. Mtg)

Tuesday March 12 **4:15 – 6:00 p.m. only** Education Committee
Board Room
(No Mtgs 6:00-8:00 pm Township Elections)

Thursday March 14 5:00 p.m. Education Equity Budget Subcommittee
Room 302

*Office of the Superintendent
January 17, 2013*