

Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, March 19, 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**
 - A. *Performance by Denfeld Vocal (Solid Gold & Little Mob) - Marcia Van Camp, Director*
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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, February 26, 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 Kasper called the special school board meeting of February 26, 2013 to order at 5:00 p.m.

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Executive (Closed) Session

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05 subdivision 2(a)(3) a public body must close a meeting for discussion of private educational data.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05 subdivision 3, a public body may close a meeting to evaluate the performance of an individual who is subject to its authority. The public body shall identify the individual to be evaluated prior to closing a meeting. At its next open meeting, the public body shall summarize its conclusions regarding the evaluation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 February 26, 2013 at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussing private educational data related to a possible expulsion, and for a meeting with Superintendent William L. Gronseth regarding his annual performance evaluation.

Resolution E/HR-2-13-3076

February 26, 2013

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Johnston, to approve the Resolution E/HR-2-13-3076 - Executive Closed Session. Upon a vote the same passed - unanimously.

Recess at: 5:02

Reconvene at: 5:40

Member Seliga Punyko presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION EXPELLING A STUDENT

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to expel a student attending Lincoln Park Middle School was served upon the student and the student's parents;

WHEREAS, the notice of intent to expel the student complied with the provisions of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. § 121A.47, subd. 2;

WHEREAS, the student and the student's parent waived their right to a hearing on the proposed expulsion in writing; and

WHEREAS, under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the waiver of right to an expulsion hearing and the name of the student proposed for expulsion are private data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The School Board hereby accepts the waiver and expels the student from the schools of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, for one full year (12 months) from the effective date of expulsion, February 26, 2013 through February 26, 2014.
2. The Superintendent, or his designee, is directed to mail to the student and the student's parent a copy of this Resolution along with a letter stating that the student has been expelled and that the student has the right to reenroll in the District on February 27, 2014.
3. The Superintendent, or his designee, is directed to identify the alternative educational services that are available to the student during the period of expulsion, if the student wishes to take advantage of them.
4. The Superintendent, or his designee, is directed to make an electronic report of this expulsion to the Commissioner of the Department of Education within thirty (30) calendar days, as required by Minn. Stat. §121A.53.

Member Wasson seconded the foregoing Resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Cameron, Kasper, Miernicki, Johnston, Seliga Punyko, Wasson, Westholm

Whereupon such Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution E-2-13-3077

February 26, 2013

➤ Chair Wasson adjourned the Special School Board meeting of February 26, 2013 at 5:43 p.m.

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Others Present:

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

Student Representatives

Katlyn Persch
Erik Thibault

- Chair Kasper called the regular school board meeting of February 26, 2013 to order at 6:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

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

Member Johnston stated that he had submitted four agenda items that weren't on the agenda and wanted them added without a vote. Chair Kasper denied his request. He appealed the decision of the chair and Chair Kasper denied his appeal.

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

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

Nay: Johnston

Chair Kasper asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of January 22, 2013.

Member Johnston noted his concern with his motions not being included in the minutes. Discussion took place and it was clarified that his motions were not seconded and therefore not recorded.

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Wasson, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Public Comments

February 2013

Richard Paulson, 524 West Ideal Street, spoke to the school board regarding his concern with negotiations and past contract approvals and the costs associated with those contract approvals.

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Loren Martell, 623 East 7th Street, spoke to the school board regarding his concern with past acts of the school board.

Marcia Stromgren, 6179 Lakewood Road, spoke to the school board regarding her concerns with students leaving the district.

Art Johnston, 37 N 93rd Ave. W., spoke to the board regarding his concerns with questions he has asked that have not been answered, and submitted a data request to the Board Chair and the Superintendent.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.
February 2013

Superintendent Gronseth stated that no communications had been received.

Superintendent's Report
February 2013

Superintendent Gronseth introduced the student advisors - Erik Thibault and Katlyn Persch.

Superintendent Gronseth gave an overview of conference he attended regarding graduation rates.

Anne Krafthefer has been appointment by Governor Mark Dayton to the Minnesota Board of Teaching. Anne teaches fifth grade at Lester Park Elementary and has been with ISD 709 since 1991.

Education Committee Report
February 2013

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

Member Cameron presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Support for Duluth East High School Forest Designation

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District 709 recognizes that a School Forest would have a positive impact on students, teachers, parents, and the community where students would learn a variety of subjects and have a place that enhances an appreciation of natural resources and heightens community pride and involvement; and

WHEREAS, East High School students, parents, staff, and community members wish to begin the process of establishing the Duluth East High School Forest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent *School District 709* supports the establishment of the Duluth East High School Forest and outdoor classroom comprising: approximately 7.70 acres, described as: SW ¼ SW ¼ Section 7, Township

50 North, Range 13 West in St. Louis County. From the southwest corner of Section 7, proceed Easterly 89°32'15", 329.33 feet to the Point of beginning, the southwest corner of the school forest. Thence Easterly 89°32'15", 360.78 feet to the edge of utility ROW, thence Northeasterly 59°19'12", 794.83 feet, thence Northerly 00°30'33", 30.0 feet along 40th Avenue East, thence Southwesterly 239°04'52", 532.48 feet, thence Westerly 286°50'52", 289.5 feet, thence Northerly 347°55'49", 238.75 feet, thence North-northwesterly 329°17'42", 224.87 feet thence North-northeasterly 007°03'58", 507.22 feet to the edge of Superior Street. Thence West-southwesterly 252°36'37", 219.72 feet along Superior Street to the northwest corner of the parcel along Superior Street. Thence Southerly 180°10'52", 1122.42 feet along the property line to the point of beginning; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Board of Independent *School District 709* supports enrollment of said school forest in Minnesota DNR School Forest Program for educational purposes.

E-2-13-3075

February 26, 2013

M-Cameron, S-Johnston, to approve Resolution E-2-13-3075 – East High School Forest Designation. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Cameron 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	Northland Foundation – Minnesota Power KIDS PLUS Youth in Philanthropy	Peter Spooner	Healthier Futures Project	\$300	Funds will be used to support Unity's <i>Healthier Futures Project</i> , which is aimed at creating attractive and functional spaces for physical activity and life skills and providing curriculum that stresses life-long fitness and wellness practices for all current and future Unity students.
2	Minnesota	Tonya	Federal –	\$20,000	Funds will be used

	Organization	Author/Contact	Project Title	Award Amount	Terms
	Department of Education	Sconiers	Alternatives-to-Suspension Cohort 2 Grant		to explore alternative school disciplinary practices that maintain school safety while ensuring academic engagement and success for all students.

E-2-13-3074

February 26, 2013

M-Cameron, S-Johnston, to approve Resolution E-2-13-3074 – Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

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

Member Wasson withheld Item 2.A.2) – Office of Education Equity Proposed Budget for 2013-14 to note her concern with approving the budget before the state has approved their funding, but that she will support it. Superintendent Gronseth explained that the recommendation from MDE was to proceed with the approval, and that everyone is aware that it could change.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Human Resources Committee Report
February 2013

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

M-Westholm, S-Cameron, to approve the New Deli Operator Position. Upon a vote on the Human Resources Report as presented, the same was approved – unanimously.

M-Miernicki, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve the Superintendents Annual Review. Upon a vote on the Human Resources Report as presented, the same was approved – unanimously.

M-Westholm, S-Seliga Punyko, to approve the Human Resources Committee Report as presented. Upon a vote on the remainder of the Human Resources Report as presented, the same was approved – unanimously.

Business Committee Report

February 2013

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

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Wasson, to approve the Business Committee Report as presented.

Member Johnston withheld Items 1.F., 1.G. and 1.H. for a separate vote, 2.B.1), 4.B., 6.A. and F.

Member Johnston withheld Item 1.F. – WADM Projections to note his concerns with the numbers.

Member Johnston withheld Item 2.B.1). – RFP 296 Professional Auditing Services to ask if it includes an audit of the Long Range Plan. Bill Hanson, CFO/Executive Director of Business Services explained that it would not directly audit the Long Range Plan.

Member Johnston withheld Item 4.B. - Change Orders to note his concerns with the change orders. Discussion took place regarding the Combi-Oven item.

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.A. – Expenditure Contracts to ask for a separate vote on a particular contract within the report. It was explained that there is no vote on informational items.

Member Johnston withheld Item 6.F. – Change Orders Pertaining to the Long-range Facilities Plan to note his concerns with the change orders.

Upon a separate vote on item 1.G. – Fundraisers, the same was approved – unanimously.

Upon a separate vote on item 1.H. – Investments in School Children, the same was approved – unanimously.

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, Kasper, Westholm

Nay: Johnston

Other

February 2013

➤ Chair Kasper adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of February 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 11, 2013

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Sue Talerico, Substitute Secretary

Members Absent:

Mary Cameron

- Chair Kasper called the special school board meeting of March 11, 2013 to order at 5:50 p.m.

Member Seliga Punyko 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, March 11, 2013 at approximately 4:45 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of discussion related to the possible sale of property as listed on attachment.

Resolution B-3-13-3080

March 11, 2013

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Miernicki, to approve the Resolution B-3-13-3080 - Executive Closed Session. Upon a vote the same passed - unanimously.

Recess at: 5:51 p.m.

Reconvene at: 6:15 p.m.

Member Wasson presented the Resolution:

RESOLUTION
Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Located at 3132 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

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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 3132 Greysolon Place, Assessor's Parcel No. 010-1370-03180 and 010-1370-03190, further described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 18, Re-Arrangement 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 March 11, 2013 and to sign all other documents required for closing this sale transaction.

B-3-13-3081

March 11, 2013

M-Wasson, S-Seliga Punyko, to approved Resolution B-3-13-3081 Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Located at 3132 Greysolon Place. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Seliga Punyko presented the Resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Sale of Real Property at 3144 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 3144 Greysolon Place, Assessor's Parcel No. 010-1370-03120, further described as Lot 7, Block 17, Plat of Re-Arrangement of Part of East Duluth and 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 March 11, 2013 and to sign all other documents required for closing this sale transaction.

B-3-13-3082

March 11, 2013

M-Seliga Punyko, S-Westholm, to approved Resolution B-3-13-3082 Authorizing the Sale of 3144 Greysolon Place. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

➤ Chair Kasper adjourned the Special School Board meeting of March 11, 2013 at 6:16 p.m.

7. Communications, Petitions, etc.

No communications received.

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

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

March 18 – March 22, 2013

Tuesday	March 19	5:00 p.m.	Special School Board Meeting (<i>Agenda Attached</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourn to Executive (Closed) Session Re: Discussion Related to Possible Sale of Property • Reconvene to Special School Board Meeting Re: Action, if any, Related to Possible Sale of Property
Tuesday	March 19	6:00 p.m.	Performance by Denfeld's <i>Little Mob & Solid Gold</i> Re: <i>March Music in Our Schools Month</i> Board Room
Tuesday	March 19	6:30 p.m.	Regular School Board Meeting (<i>Agenda Attached</i>) Board Room

March 25 – March 29, 2013

Monday	March 25	TBD	Committee of the Whole Re: Discussion of Possible Project Work to be Considered for Congdon Park Elementary Board Room
Thursday	March 28	5:30 p.m.	Education Equity Advisory Committee Board Room

April 1 – April 5, 2013

Tuesday	April 2	TBD	Special School Board Meeting Re: Bids for Congdon Park Elementary Board Room
Wednesday	April 3	11:00 a.m.	PTSA City-Wide Council Board Room
Thursday	April 4	5:00 p.m.	Education Equity Budget Subcommittee Room 302

April 8 – April 12, 2013

No meetings scheduled at this time.

April 15 – April 19, 2013

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

Monday April 15 4:30 p.m. Business Committee
Board Room
(or to follow the Human Resources Comm. Mtg)

Tuesday April 16 4:30 p.m. Education Committee
Board Room

April 22 – April 26, 2013

Tuesday April 23 6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting
Board Room

Thursday April 25 5:30 p.m. Education Equity Advisory Committee
Board Room

April 29 – May 3, 2013

Thursday May 2 5:00 p.m. Education Equity Monitoring Subcommittee
Room 302

May 6 – May 10, 2013

Wednesday May 8 11:00 a.m. PTSA City-Wide Council ~ End of Year Mtg
Board Room

Thursday May 9 5:00 p.m. Education Equity Budget Subcommittee
Room 302

*Office of the Superintendent
March 14, 2013*

RESOLUTION

Board Member Attendance at the MSBA 2013 Joint Legislative 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 2013 Joint Legislative Conference* in St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 20-21, 2013.

Resolution SP-3-13-3078

March 19, 2013