

## Education Committee - Regular School Board Meeting

Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709

Agenda

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

UnitedHealth Group Building

4316 Rice Lake Road

Suite 108

Duluth, MN 55811

6:30 PM

### **1. Informational Items - These items are provided for informational purposes only and no action is required.**

#### A. Assistant Superintendent's Report

The purpose of this report is to provide regular updates to the Education Committee regarding teaching and learning. Jeff Horton, Assistant Superintendent, provided a brief personal introduction and explanation of his entry plan.

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

#### B. Curriculum and Instruction Report

The purpose of this report is to provide regular updates to the Education Committee regarding teaching and learning. Gail Netland, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, provided a brief personal introduction and explanation of her entry plan.

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

#### C. Informational Presentations

##### 1) 2017-18 Annual Bullying Report and Discussion on Behavior/Resolutions Reporting to School Board

Ron Lake, ISD 709 Positive School Climate Coordinator, presented a report on the number of online complaints of bullying and incidents documented as bullying in Infinite Campus.

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

##### 2) Record of Continuous Improvement: ISD 709 and Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) Disproportionate Suspension and Expulsion Plan - DRAFT

Attached is the Minnesota Department of Education approved plan to address disproportionate suspension and expulsion, which is part of our response to a letter from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights on February 6, 2018. The letter

initiated a statewide effort to address issues related to disparities in student discipline rates that exist in school districts and charter schools across Minnesota.

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

#### D. Regulations

##### 1) 5085R - Family and Student Handbook

Over the course of the 2017-18 school year, the Family and Student Handbook Committee, led by Duluth East High School Assistant Principal Jon Flaa, met to review and determine necessary revisions to the Family and Student Handbook. Revisions include language clarification and recently adopted and/or updated school board policies and regulations. Dress code and cell phone regulations will be reviewed during the 2018-19 school year. Attached is revised Regulation 5085R - Family and Student Handbook for the 2018-19 school year.

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

#### E. Grant Applications

##### 1) Essentia Health Grant Appilcation

Ron Lake, Danette Seboe and Tonya Sconiers have submitted a grant application to Essentia Health in the amount of \$126,000. If awarded, funds will be used to support implementation of the Sources of Strength program at Duluth East and Denfeld High Schools, including 1.0 FTE for a Program Implementation Coordinator. Sources of Strength is a best practice youth suicide prevention project designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. The mission of Sources of Strength is to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and caring adults.

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

##### 2) Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation - Denfeld High School Service Learning Collaboration

Denfeld High School has submitted for and received a grant from the DSACF - Wildey H. Mitchell Family Fund in the amount of \$16,524. Funds will be used to support the Denfeld High School Service Learning Collaboration.

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

#### F. Externally Sponsored Trip Notification

Lynn Hinzmann and Emily Lull, Duluth East High School, will travel to Germany and Austria from June 16-July 7, 2018 with a group of Duluth East High School students as

an externally sponsored event. The Acknowledgement That The Trip Is Not Sponsored By The School District forms have been completed, signed and submitted to the Office of the Assistant Superintendent by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of all traveling students, along with the Externally Sponsored Trip form signed by Danette Seboe, Duluth East High School Principal.

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

## 2. Action Items

### A. Presentation Items Requiring Approval

#### 1) Minnesota Department of Human Rights and Independent School District 709, Duluth Agreement

Attached is the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and Independent School District 709, Duluth Agreement to address disproportionate suspension and expulsion, which is part of our response to a letter from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights on February 6, 2018. The letter initiated a statewide effort to address issues related to disparities in student discipline rates that exist in school districts and charter schools across Minnesota.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and Independent School District 709, Duluth Agreement.

#### 2) FY19 Duluth Public Schools/Duluth Head Start 1302.24 Applications for Waiver for Locally Designed Option Variations - YWCA Childcare Collaboration and Families in Transition - Head Start Federal Grant Application

Waivers are required because Duluth Head Start is using State funded dollars for in-kind and State requirements differ from Federal requirements. These documents require approval by the Duluth School Board in order to have the Office of Head Start fund our grant by August 1, 2018. Approval of these waivers means we are allowed to use State Head Start dollars for in-kind, which is very helpful to our program.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve FY19 Duluth Public Schools/Duluth Head Start 1302.24 Application for Waiver for Locally Designed Option Variations - YWCA Childcare Collaboration and 1302.24 Application for Waiver for Locally Designed Option Variations - Families in Transition.

### B. Resolutions

#### 1) Resolution E-7-18-3569 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

Attached is Resolution E-7-18-3569 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools, to accept and approve grant awards from the following organizations:

Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve Resolution E-7-18-3569 - Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools.

C. 2018 Graduates

It is recommended by administration that the official minutes include a certified list of June 2018 graduates as submitted by the respective high schools.

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

D. Diploma Requests

The following students have met all graduation requirements for the Duluth Public Schools and should be awarded a Diploma:

Michael Douglas Stock - June 13, 2018  
 Tyler A. Anderson-Rankin - June 13, 2018  
 Cecilia Joo Jereczek - June 14, 2018  
 Rainy Marie Cooper - June 20, 2018  
 Ramiro Bailey Rivera - June 27, 2018  
 Josiah William Brady - June 27, 2018  
 Dakota S. Edwards - June 27, 2018  
 Noah G. Sayers - June 28, 2018  
 Rocky A. Wrazidlo - June 28, 2018  
 Alec Karl Muller - July 19, 2018  
 Aseil Cynthia-Salema Abuhamed - July 19, 2018

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Duluth School Board accept and approve the above Diploma Requests.

E. Data Sharing Agreements

It is requested that the following organizations be granted access to the Student Information System to support District functions from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019:

Duluth Community Collaborative  
 Men As Peacemakers  
 YWCA, Girl Power

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

F. Policies - NONE

G. Extended Trip Requests- NONE

3. **Future Items**

**Policy Updates**

