

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACADEMY
School Board Meeting Minutes

DATE/LOCATION: February 9, 2010 at Washburn Edison Charter School

PRESENT: Tim Golden, Chair; Donna Nordstrom, Vice-Chair, Julie Tersteeg, Treasurer; Don Zupac, Secretary; Allison Dillon, Patty Milliken, Steve Ondrus, Tammy Rackliffe, Phil Semaan, Stacey Torrago, and Denise Wise.

ABSENT:

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made (Wise), second (Tersteeg) to approve the agenda. Additions made as amended. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made (Golden), second (Tersteeg) to approve the board meeting minutes for January 12, 2010 as corrected. Motion unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter to the board, from several non-teaching staff, was read. The letter was in regards to retirement benefits. Letter will be forwarded to Edison Learning for follow-up to DPSA staff members.

Phone call to Tim Golden was received in regards to getting our schools involved in supplemental education services. Follow up has already been provided by Ms. Jorgenson.

Letter received by mail to Tim Golden in regards to bussing issues at Kenwood. Letter was openly read and board discussed concerns. Ms. Jorgenson will be following up with the school administration and the family.

A couple of phone calls and one email from community and family members in regards to the newspaper article in the Duluth News Tribune earlier this week were also received.

Public Comment

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report by Julie Tersteeg. Supporting materials provided: Account Balances, Invoices.

Motion made (Tersteeg), second (Milliken) to approve the payment of invoices (#'s 100130003, 100130004, 100130005, and 100130006) in the amount of \$523,856.84 as stated. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion (Tersteeg), second (Torrago) to approve the monthly stipends that the DPSA board pays its members. Motion unanimously approved.

NATIONAL EDISON REPORT

Mary Stafford present and provided an update from the national office.

HEAD OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Bonnie Jorgenson presented monthly report. Supporting materials provided.

SITE OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Mary Grund presented monthly report. Supporting materials provided. Mary will be attending a SOM Budget Planning training in Knoxville, TN February 17-19 (not 2/10-2/12 as stated).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tim Golden presented committee meeting minutes for February 8, 2010.

Motion made (Golden), second (Tersteeg) to approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the DPSA and Tischer Creek Building Company Boards are conducting investigations on land and building acquisition by Tischer Creek for lease to the Duluth Public Schools Academy;

WHEREAS the Duluth Public School District, ISD 709 has offered buildings and property for purchase consideration;

That the DPSA Board has concluded through its due diligence that none of the buildings or properties offered present a true opportunity and no further action in pursuit of a purchase is required. Factors related to this decision include but are not limited to overall cost of ownership, timing of purchase and or likelihood of any transaction being approved by the ISD 709 Board of Directors.

Motion unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Julie Tersteeg presented committee update.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Did not meet.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Allison Dillon presented committee meeting minutes for February 1, 2010. Board Retreat is scheduled for April 17, 2010 from 9 am to 3 pm. Committee discussed board make-up and put steps into place to notify teachers and established voting for March 2, 2010. Items also discussed: training for new board members and the updating of the white binders.

BUILDING TASK FORCE

Motion made (Golden), second (Tersteeg) to allow the Building Task Force to act on behalf of the DPSA and TC board of directors for decisions relating to project scope and design. Decisions that commit budget dollars, not already approved by either board, in excess of \$10,000 require approval from each board. The Task Force will also make recommendations to each board on matters that require a full board approval as required by state law or the by-laws of either entity. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion (Golden), second (Tersteeg) to approve the following proposed resolution:

WHEREAS the mission of the Tischer Creek Building Company is to support the DPSA Board and Duluth Edison Charter Schools;

WHEREAS the Building Task Force supports the mission of the DPSA and Tischer Creek Boards; That the DPSA Board is in full support of a contract between Tischer Creek Building Company and DLR Group for Architecture, Engineering, Planning and Interior Design services as recommended by the Building Task Force.

Motion unanimously approved.

Calendar Task Force

Motion made (Tersteeg), second (Golden) to have the first day of school on Monday August 23, 2010, and the students first day of school on Monday, August 30, 2010.

Motion unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Golden called meeting to adjourn at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aundrea Kinziger

Aundrea Kinziger, DPSA Recorder