

**DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACADEMY**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**

**DATE/LOCATION:** May 11, 2010 at Washburn Edison Charter School

**PRESENT:** Tim Golden, Chair; Donna Nordstrom, Vice-Chair; Julie Tersteeg, Treasurer; Don Zupec, Secretary; Allison Dillon, Steve Ondrus, Tammy Rackliffe, Stacey Torrago, and Patty Milliken

**ABSENT:** Denise Wise & Phil Semaan

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**CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:35 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Motion made (Golden); second (Tersteeg) to approve the agenda with the addition of Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce dinner. Motion unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Motion made (Golden); second (Milliken) to approve the board meeting minutes for April 2010. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Golden); second (Ondrus) to approve the board retreat meeting minutes for April 17, 2010 as presented. Motion unanimously approved with the addition of "Submitted by DPSA board secretary, Don Zupec".
- Motion made (Golden); second (Nordstrom) to approve the special board meeting minutes on May 4, 2010. Motion approved as amended.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

- Motion made (Tersteeg); second (Torrago) to approve the payment of invoices (#'s 100130012, 100130013, and 100130014) in the amount of \$565,387.49 as stated. Motion unanimously approved.

**NATIONAL EDISON REPORT**

Jenny Charles present and provided update.

**HEAD OF SCHOOLS REPORT**

Bonnie Jorgenson presented monthly report. Supporting materials provided.

**SITE OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT**

Mary Grund presented monthly report. Supporting materials provided.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Did Not Meet

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Julie Tersteeg provided committee update. Tersteeg provided the Management Estimate Bridge as of April 30, 2010 and the budget projection for the next 5 years with the money that we currently have.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Did not meet.

## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Allison Dillon presented committee meeting minutes for May 3, 2010. Items discussed were the board make-up, training for new board members, and election recruitment.

## **BUILDING TASK FORCE**

Did not meet.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Tim Golden presented building/bonding update.
- Motion made (Golden); second (Zupec) to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools is the recognized public policy voice and official lobbying organization of the charter school movement in Minnesota, representing the charter schools at the Minnesota Legislature and governmental agencies; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Association of Charter School sis the professional association for the charter school movement in Minnesota, providing leadership in ensuring that charters are recognized as high quality, innovative and accountable; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools is the membership-based organization of the charter school movement in Minnesota, serving as a trusted broker in connecting charter schools with information, people and resources to improve organizational and academic achievement; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools is a provider of quality training, leadership development, technical assistance and support for the charter schools in Minnesota; and

Whereas, we as the Board of Directors support the mission, vision and strategic directions of the Association and the expectations for school members; and

Whereas, we as the Board of Directors understand the value and importance of the school being an active member of the charter school movement in Minnesota;

Now, therefore, the DPSA Board of Directors hereby moves to join the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools for the 2010-2011 membership year, which begins on July 1, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2011.

Motion unanimously approved.

Other business:

- Early admission policy discussed. No action taken.
- Authorizer Update
- Uniform Assistance Request:
  - Motion made (Tersteeg); second (Golden) for the DPSA Board to provide \$4,600 for uniform assistance for the school year 2010-2011. Motion unanimously approved.

- Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce:
  - Motion made (Golden); second (Nordstrom) to approve DPFA's participation at the Duluth Area of Chamber of commerce membership at the gold sponsor level of \$950. Motion unanimously approved.

Golden called meeting to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Aundrea Kinziger**

Aundrea Kinziger, DPFA Recorder