

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACADEMY
School Board Meeting Minutes

DATE/LOCATION: February 8, 2005 at Kenwood Edison Charter School

PRESENT: Paul Goossens, President; Rachel Komarek, Vice President; Steve Ondrus, Treasurer; Sue Rose, Secretary; Kathy Haldorsen; Renee Lindberg; Ellie Potter; Donna Nordstrom; Patrick Field

ABSENT: none

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m.

Chair Goossens welcomed special guest Jay Hromatka, Vice President, Municipal Capital Markets Group, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made (Field), seconded (Nordstrom), and unanimously approved to accept minutes from the January 11, 2005 DPSA School Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved with the following addition: closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

FACILITIES TASK FORCE

- **FACILITIES FINANCING.** Jay Hromatka from Municipal Capital Markets Group, Inc., gave a verbal report: Facility Finance Proposal provided.
Paul Goossens, Co-Chair, Facilities Task Force, gave verbal report.
- **KENWOOD LEASE RENEWAL** has been submitted to ISD 709; there has been no response to date.
- **BIRCHWOOD RFP** has been submitted to ISD 709; there has been no response from 709 to date.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Ondrus, Treasurer, gave verbal report; balance sheet and invoices provided.

- **INVOICES.** Motion made (Lindberg), seconded (Komarek), and unanimously approved to accept Treasurer's Report as amended and pay current invoices totaling \$335,827.40.
- **AUDIT UPDATE.** Carol Stump, Area Financial Manager, gave verbal report. FY04 audit has been completed and is being prepared by our auditing firm, Eikell & Shilling. The audit will be presented to the DPSA Board at their regular March meeting.

NATIONAL EDISON OFFICE REPORT

BUGET UPDATE. Carol Stump, Area Financial Manager, gave verbal report; Budget vs. Expenditure update (as of 1/24/2005) provided.

HEAD OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Bonnie Jorgenson, Head of Schools, gave report; outline of report and ESEA/NCLB Annual Evaluation Report provided.

- **MCA TESTING DATE CHANGE.** Motion made (Field), seconded (Nordstrom), and unanimously approved to accept changes in MCA math testing dates from April 20 and 21, 2005 to April 19 and 20, 2005.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul Goossens, Co-Chair Finance Committee, gave a verbal report; draft Memorandum of Understanding, and Site Detail Financial Report provided.

- MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING has been submitted to Edison Schools, Inc.; there has been no response to date.
- MEMBERSHIP. Finance Committee has been recruiting new members and plans to meet as a Committee of the Whole on a regular basis beginning in March.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

Renee Lindberg, Co-Chair Communications/Marketing Committee, gave a verbal report.

- CELEBRATION BOXES will be placed at each of the buildings this month rather than last month as reported at the February Board meeting.
- FUN FAIR. March 4-6, 2005. Motion made (Lindberg) seconded (Ondrus) and unanimously approved to cover up to \$250 for expenses from the Fair.
- Communications/Marketing Committee will be sending out a newsletter to families this during the month of February.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 05-06 CALENDER drafts were presented. Calendar will not be finalized until 05-06 budget issues have been resolved.
- WASHBURN DRESS CODE AMENDMENT. Washburn staff request that the uniform dress code be amended to include their hooded, navy blue "student activity" sweatshirts.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made (Goossens) seconded (Haldorsen) and unanimously approved to move to closed session. The Board entered into closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

TABLED

- 05-06 BUDGET FORECAST
- REVIEW OF BUDGET OPTIONS
- SALARY INCREASE PARAMETERS

ADJOURNED Motion made(Rose), seconded (Lindberg) and unanimously approved to adjourn tonight's meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Rose, DPSA Secretary

NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2005
Raleigh Edison Charter School