

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACADEMY
School Board Meeting Minutes

DATE/LOCATION: January 11, 2005 at Raleigh 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: 6:36 p.m.

Chair Goossens welcomed special guests - representatives from Northwoods Children's Services, DPSA's sponsor, Jim Yeager, President, and Dick Wolleat, Chief Operating Officer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion made (Field), seconded (Ondrus), and unanimously approved to accept minutes from the December 14, 2004 DPSA School Board Meeting given the location of the meeting is changed from Washburn to Kenwood.
- Motion made (Nordstrom), seconded (Potter), and unanimously approved to accept minutes from the December 31, 2004 DPSA School Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved with the no additions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kris Anderson, Technology Director regarding ramifications of cutting technology positions. Ms. Anderson noted that such a change could potentially: decrease the amount of technological support for teacher professional development, decrease support for evening school events, decrease support for technical problems, decrease support for ongoing technological changes, and result in extra duties for non-tech staff (i.e. managing the libraries).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATION

- Lisa Harold, Washburn teacher and paraprofessional, regarding the option of eliminating part-time teaching positions that are supplemented with other duties to create full time positions with benefits.
- Kristin Regas, Raleigh teacher, regarding the fact that not all employees who have completed a graduate program since employed by DPSA have received financial compensation.
- Kris Anderson, DPSA Technology Director, regarding the implications of cutting technology staff.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- **INVOICES.** Motion made (Rose), seconded (Lindberg), and unanimously approved to accept current invoices totaling \$993,737.16.
- **AUDIT UPDATE.** Eikell & Shilling and AFMU office continue to work on Title I audit. Goossens reports that the delinquency appears to be primarily caused by the AFMU office. Debra Medlin of Eikell & Shilling estimates that the single audit of financial assistance will be complete June 2005.

NATIONAL EDISON OFFICE REPORT

None

HEAD OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Bonnie Jorgenson, Head of Schools, gave report; outline of report and 2005-2006 DPSA Recruitment Plan provided.

- HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN. No motion was made to continue to pursue a half-day kindergarten program for the 2005-2006 school year. The Head of Schools will work with the Marketing and Communications Committee to explore the feasibility of this option in the future. The Head of Schools will request advisement from legal counsel regarding whether or not offering half-day kindergarten is an option, given our charter.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul Goossens, Co-Chair Finance Committee, gave a verbal report; Site Detail Financial Report provided.

- 03-04 BUDGET. Shortfall currently estimated at \$347,000.
- 04-05 BUDGET. Shortfall currently estimated at \$240,000.
- 05-06 MANAGEMENT FEE is undetermined due to issues that have not yet been resolved. See Memorandum of Understanding below.
- MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. Board President Goossens will work with Attorney, Mark Pilon, to develop a draft Memorandum of Understanding outlining proposed resolution items including past, current year projected, and future projected management fee shortfall; Raleigh Lease agreement; reconciliation of past accounts due to Edison; and 05 -06 budget parameters. Pursuant to Edison response/approval, MOU will be available for DPSA approval at the February 8, 2005 Board meeting.

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.
- FUN FAIR. March 4-6, 2005. Motion made (Lindberg) seconded (Ondrus) and unanimously approved to cover up to \$250 for expenses from the Fair.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

Kathy Haldorsen, Co-Chair, Board Development Task Force, gave verbal report.

- CLIENT CONFERENCE. Next week in New York. Five DPSA representatives will be attending.

TEACHER COMPENSATION TASK FORCE

Paul Goossens, Board President, reports that the Task Force will not be established until current financial issues have been resolved.

OTHER BUSINESS

05-06 CALENDAR TASK FORCE

- Field and Nordstrom will co-chair this Task Force. A draft of the 2005-2006 calendar will be presented to the Board at the February 8, 2005 meeting.

FACILITIES UPDATE

- **MEETING WITH DULUTH BIBLE CHURCH.** Board President Goossens met with Duluth Bible Church elders on December 19, 2005 regarding the Washburn lease. The Duluth Bible Church continues to desire that DPSA either purchase or vacate the Washburn building. Potential financing options were discussed including bond financing and Contract for Deed.
- **RENEGOTIATION OF KENWOOD LEASE.** Board President Goossens is working with Attorney, Mark Pilon, to develop a draft lease for the Kenwood building; the current lease with ISD 709 ends June 30, 2005.

CLOSED SESSION. Motion made (Goossens) seconded (Field) and unanimously approved to move to closed session. The Board entered into closed session to discuss issues pursuant to real estate proceedings. Motion made (Goossens), seconded (Haldorsen) and unanimously approved to approve a resolution granting DPSA officers the authority to coordinate with Tischer Creek Development on a proposal to purchase property from ISD 709.

TABLED

CPRE CONFERENCE

ADJOURNED Motion made(Goossens), seconded (Field) and unanimously approved to adjourn tonight's meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Rose, DPSA Secretary

NEXT MEETING

February 8, 2005

Kenwood Edison Charter School