

EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MT. IRON-BUHL  
SCHOOLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 712 HELD FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jeremy Jesch, Vice-Chair Jason Gellerstedt, Clerk Charles Bainter, Director Jesse White, Director Jennifer Tiedeman and Director Lisa Kvas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Reggie Engebretson, and Student/Personnel Coordinator Anni Grahek

The Emergency Meeting of the School Board was called to order by Chair Jesch at 3:30 p.m. in the Merritt Auditorium, following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motioned by Gellerstedt and supported by Bainter to approve the agenda as proposed.

*In favor of: Jesch, Gellerstedt, Bainter, Winans, White, Tiedeman, Kvas*

*Opposed: None*

SPECIFIC AGENDA:

Motioned by Kvas, supported by White to Approve Resolution #09-20 Emergency Facilities Use Agreement with Delta Airlines

**Resolution #09-20**

**WHEREAS**, Independent School District No. 712, Mountain Iron-Buhl Public Schools (“MIB”), continues to own and maintain the former MIB High School building located at 5720 Marble Avenue in Mountain Iron (hereinafter referred to as the “Building”).

**WHEREAS**, with MIB’s recent construction and opening of a new MIB High School building and campus, the former high school Building has been vacated, remains vacant and, pursuant to statutory procedures, has been officially declared closed as a public educational facility.

**WHEREAS**, MIB has continued to keep in place basic utility services to the Building in order to maintain the condition of the Building and to prevent the Building from falling into a state of disrepair. MIB is incurring ongoing costs and expenditures to keep and maintain utility services to the Building.

**WHEREAS**, MIB has been engaged in an ongoing process to attempt to find new uses for the Building and to either sell the Building or to lease all or parts of the Building for new, alternative uses.

**WHEREAS,** Delta Airlines, Inc. (“Delta”) operates a large reservations center in Chisholm, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS,** Delta is a large employer on the Iron Range and the economic activities and stimulus provided by Delta’s presence on the Iron Range are important to the Iron Range economy and to the economic and socio-economic health of communities across the Iron Range.

**WHEREAS,** in part due to complications arising from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement of “social distancing” related to the pandemic, Delta is faced with an emergency situation of immediately needing additional building space for its ongoing reservations business operations on the Iron Range.

**WHEREAS,** MIB’s former high school Building is ready and available, and is well-suited, for Delta’s immediate occupancy and use and will help alleviate Delta’s emergency situation of needing additional building space.

**WHEREAS,** MIB and Delta wish to enter into an agreement for Delta to be able to immediately occupy and use a part of the Building for Delta’s reservations business activities, related general office purposes and ancillary uses. This initial agreement could also lead to a subsequent agreement or agreements for Delta’s ongoing use of the Building for an extended or longer term.

**WHEREAS,** this opportunity to put the Building to an immediate, alternative use with a large business enterprise such as Delta, with the possibility of an ongoing relationship with Delta for the longer term use of the Building, is of benefit to MIB and of benefit to the health of the Iron Range economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 712, that MIB shall enter into the Facilities Use Agreement with Delta, which said Agreement is

attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”, and the Board hereby authorizes and directs the necessary signatures for purposes of executing and finalizing said Agreement.

*In favor of: Jesch, Gellerstedt, Bainter, Winans, White, Tiedeman, Kvas*

*Opposed: None*

Motioned by Kvas, supported by Winans to Approve Resolution 10-20 to Apply For and Accept IRRRB Funding

#### **Resolution #10-20**

**WHEREAS**, Independent School District No. 712, Mountain Iron-Buhl Public Schools (“MIB”), is a duly organized public school district operating under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, MIB continues to own and maintain the former MIB High School building located at 5720 Marble Avenue in Mountain Iron (hereinafter referred to as the “Building”).

**WHEREAS**, with MIB’s recent construction and opening of a new MIB High School building and campus, the former high school Building has been vacated, remains vacant and, pursuant to statutory procedures, has been officially declared closed as a public educational facility.

**WHEREAS**, MIB has continued to keep in place basic utility services to the Building in order to maintain the condition of the Building and to prevent the Building from falling into a state of disrepair. MIB is incurring ongoing costs and expenditures to keep and maintain utility services to the Building.

**WHEREAS**, MIB has been engaged in an ongoing process to attempt to find new uses for the Building and to either sell the Building or to lease all or parts of the Building for new, alternative uses.

**WHEREAS**, Delta Airlines, Inc. (“Delta”) operates a large reservations center in Chisholm, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS,** Delta is a large employer on the Iron Range and the economic activities and stimulus provided by Delta's presence on the Iron Range are important to the Iron Range economy and to the economic and socio-economic health of communities across the Iron Range.

**WHEREAS,** in part due to complications arising from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement of "social distancing" related to the pandemic, Delta is faced with an emergency situation of immediately needing additional building space for its ongoing reservations business operations on the Iron Range.

**WHEREAS,** MIB's former high school Building is ready and available, and is well-suited, for Delta's immediate occupancy and use and will help alleviate Delta's emergency situation of needing additional building space.

**WHEREAS,** MIB and Delta wish to enter into an agreement for Delta to be able to immediately occupy and use a part of the Building for Delta's reservations business activities, related general office purposes and ancillary uses. This initial agreement could also lead to a subsequent agreement or agreements for Delta's ongoing use of the Building for an extended or longer term.

**WHEREAS,** this opportunity to put the Building to an immediate, alternative use with a large business enterprise such as Delta, with the possibility of an ongoing relationship with Delta for the longer term use of the Building, is of benefit to MIB and of benefit to the health of the Iron Range economy.

**WHEREAS,** the MIB Board of Education approves of applying for funds from the State of Minnesota, Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation ("IRRR"), to assist with this emergency situation and to assist with this transaction and arrangement between MIB and Delta for Delta's occupancy and ongoing use of the Building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 712, that MIB shall apply for, seek and accept funding from the IRRR for the purpose of supporting and assisting with this emergency facilities situation and for the purpose of supporting and assisting with this transaction and arrangement between MIB and Delta for Delta's occupancy and ongoing use of the Building.

Motioned by Gellerstedt, supported by Tiedeman to adjourn at 3:41p.m.

*In favor of: Jesch, Gellerstedt, Bainter, Winans, White, Tiedeman, Kvas*

*Opposed: None*

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Chair Jeremy Jesch

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Clerk Charles Bainter