

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Tuesday, January 2, 2007, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Allen, Kathy Bultman, Mike DuPlayee, John Kitslaar, Phil McDade, John Weinberger, Kristi Williams

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Mary Ellen Van Valin, Mark Scullion

I. Opening of Meeting – John Kitslaar

II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

III. Public Appearances

The following individuals registered to address the Board regarding facilities for the high school soccer programs:

Jeff Vitense, 728 Chestnut Drive, Cottage Grove

Tim Carew, 4905 Rothman Place, Monona

Rich Plier, Monona Grove High School Soccer Coach

The following individual registered to address the Board regarding Cottage Grove Youth Soccer playing fields:

Carl Pulvermacher, 2925 Lane Street, Madison

IV. Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposal to Reduce Energy Costs by Contracting With a Consulting Firm (Energy Education, Inc.)

Geoff Purser representing Energy Education, Inc., addressed the Board regarding how their company, through changing behaviors/attitudes among staff and current equipment, could benefit the Monona Grove School District in reducing energy costs. Mr. Purser stated the contract would call for a 4-year investment with free support for future years.

Dr. Schumacher stated according to state statutes it was the administration's belief that this service should be bid out and also a policy should be written to reflect energy conservation practices. He recommended that possibly the Board could authorize the administration to go through the "RFP" process and bring results to a future Board meeting.

Ms. Bultman moved that the Board authorize the administration to prepare RFP's regarding energy cost proposals and bring the results to the Board at a future meeting. John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried.

V. Monthly Construction Report - Mike Huffman and Mary Ellen Van Valin

A. New Middle School

1. Site Development Update

Mike Huffman presented pictures of site development being done in Cottage Grove at the new school site. He reported all scheduled site development has been completed, on schedule, and will start up again approximately the third week in March, 2007.

2. Bid Document Preparation

Mike Huffman reported bid documents are being prepared and should be sent out the end of January or first week in February, 2007.

3. Budget Update

Mike Huffman reported remodeling work done during the summer of 2006 at Cottage Grove School and Maywood came in below budget. Winnequah School remodeling has added additional work above the scope of the project, which will result in additional monies being needed. Cost of the roads is still being discussed between the Village and School District and will not have a firm budget until after those discussions.

VI. Presentation of Interior Design for New Middle School – Bray Architects

Jennifer Schommer, Bray Architect Architects, presented the drawings and had drawings/samples of the colors/materials that will be used for the new school in Cottage Grove. Ms. Schommer stated she had input from the students, staff, and a small district committee that influenced the colors/materials she selected. The School Board thanked the students, staff, and district committee that met with the architects regarding interior design for the new school.

VII. Discussion and Possible Approval of Cooperative Agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove for the Development of School Athletic and Recreational Fields at the New Middle School Site

Dr. Schumacher presented information regarding discussions he has had with the Village of Cottage Grove regarding the development of school athletic and recreational fields at the new middle school. Discussion was held regarding the district's needs for the green space for school programs and athletic practice/playing fields. Board members emphasized plans and budget for the green space was only to grade the land at this time. Dr. Schumacher stated as part of the agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove they would be doing the finishing work to the green area

Phil McDade moved that the Board recommend that district administration continued to work on a cooperative agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove regarding the development of school athletic and recreational fields at the new middle school site in Cottage Grove. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

VIII. Presentation of Proposed Renovations for Winnequah School – Bray Architects

A. Proposed Renovations

Bray Architects presented detailed drawings of the renovations for Winnequah School. These drawings will be posted on the district web site at www.mononagrove.org.

B. Timeline for Construction

Bray reviewed the timeline for the renovations at Winnequah School. The site work, office area, entrance way, gymnasium area, and some bathroom areas will be completed during the Summer of 2007 with the remainder of the renovations being completed during the Summer of 2008.

C. Budget

Budget costs are not available at this time as the bid documents have not been sent out for the project. Mike Huffman did comment that the budget amount would be in the red because of additional projects added to the scope of the project.

IX. Adjournment

Nancy Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.