

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Wednesday, January 10, 2007, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 7:00 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

I. Opening of Meeting – John Kitslaar

II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

III. Public Appearances

The following individual registered to address the Board:

Sharon Henes, 720 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove, regarding 2007 Summer School program being held at Winnequah Middle School.

IV. Correspondence & Announcements

Kristi Williams announced that the Monona Grove Education Foundation will be hosting a “50th All School Class Reunion” on July 14, 2007.

V. Discussion With Elected State Legislators: Senator Mark Miller, Representative Gary Hebl, and Representative Joseph Parisi

Senator Mark Miller, Representative Joseph Parisi and Representative Gary Hebl met with the School Board to discuss recent and upcoming legislative issues. The major topic of concern for both groups is funding for school districts.

VI. Superintendent’s Report & Updates

A Announcements

1. Kohl Foundation applicants have been reviewed at Cesa 2. Sara Stangland, Math teacher, Monona Grove High School, will have her application forwarded to the Kohl Foundation for further review. Jacinda Wood, elementary teacher at Taylor Prairie School, and Kyle Sternad, student at Monona Grove High School, were nominated by their peers but unfortunately their applications were not forwarded to the state level.
2. March 14, 2007, is Day at the Capital. Additional information will be distributed as it is received in the District Office.

VII. New Business

A. Report on Planning for 2007 Summer School – Ann Schroeder

Ann Schroeder, Summer School Director, reported on plans for the 2007 summer school program. Because of construction at Winnequah Middle School as well as road work

being done on Coldsprings Avenue adjacent to the high school, only elementary students will be housed at Winnequah Middle School this summer. She reported the contractors will secure the upper level and access will be only at the lower level. Monona Grove High School will house the middle and high school summer school programs.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Employee Assistance Program Contracted Services – Mary Ellen Van Valin

Mary Ellen Van Valin reviewed information she had received from Don Heitzinger of Heitzinger & Associates that details the third party Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that is being recommended for the Monona Grove School District. Don Heitzinger will visit each school to meet with the staff regarding what services will be provided through this program. The cost of the program is approximately \$2250.00 per year (\$5.00 per staff member).

Nancy Allen moved approval of entering into a one year agreement with renewal contingent upon satisfactory performance and cost with Heitzinger and Associates as the District's Employee Assistance Program provider. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried with Phil McDade abstaining from the vote.

VIII. Old Business - none

IX. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

A. Report From the Business Services Meeting of January 2, 2007

John Weinberger reported the following from the meeting of January 2, 2007: (1) John VanderMerwe presented a proposal for the lease of three new buses; and (2) the Committee received a report on the 2005-2006 financial audit from Steve Volz representing Reilly, Penner & Benton, LLP.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Lease Renewal for Three Buses

John Weinberger moved approval of the proposed agreement with Wisconsin Bus Sales and Service, Inc., for a six-year lease of three buses for an annual dollar amount not to exceed \$35,629.00. Kristi Williams seconded and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of 2005-2006 Financial Audit

John Weinberger moved approval of the financial statements provided from Reilly, Penner, & Benton, LLP, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Kristi Williams seconded and the motion carried.

D. Presentation of Monthly Budget Statement

John Weinberger presented the monthly budget statement with no questions or comments from Board members.

E. Confirm Next Meeting Date

John Weinberger reported the next meeting of the Business Services Committee would be on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 5:00 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room.

Curriculum Committee – Phil McDade

A. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 7:15 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room.

Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

A. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Personnel & Policy Committee will be on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 6:00 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room. At the January meeting discussion will be held on booster clubs.

X. Consent Agenda

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the following consent agenda items:

- A. Minutes of the -December 13th, 2006, and January 2nd, 2007, Board meetings
- B. Hiring of Staff
 - Taryn Garland, Silver Dimensions Director, Index 2, Monona Grove High School, beginning September 6, 2006
 - Traci McDonald, Special Education Paraprofessional, 7 hours/day, Taylor Prairie School, beginning January 2, 2007
- C. Staff Resignations
 - Kelly Knueve, Educational Paraprofessional, SOAR Program, Winnequah Middle School, effective January 2, 2007
- D. Staff Retirement Request
 - Mike Roth, Technology Education Teacher, Monona Grove High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year
- E. Staff Contract Amendments
 - Michelle Baxter, resigned from EFAP Coordinator, district wide, effective January 1, 2007
 - Lori Nahirniak, resigned from Silver Dimensions additive, Monona Grove High School, effective September 6, 2006
 - Ken Eeg, resigned from Head Freshman Football Coach (Monona Grove High School) and 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (Winnequah Middle School), effective January 10, 2007
- F. Gift Donations

- Cash donation of \$175 from Physicians Plus Insurance to be used toward health and wellness or physical education efforts at Cottage Grove School
 - Cash donation of \$472 from Skala Photography from school photo proceeds at Taylor Prairie School
 - Cash donation of \$100.50 by the Cottage Grove PTO for transportation costs for the first grade students at Taylor Prairie to the Governor's Mansion
 - Cash donation of \$1500 from the Cottage Grove PTO for author's visit (Candace Fleming) to Taylor Prairie School
 - Cash donation of \$280 by the Cottage Grove PTO for babysitting that took place during conferences at Taylor Prairie School
 - Cash donation of \$285 & \$126 by Cottage Grove PTO for various classrooms at Taylor Prairie School for scrip sale profits
- G. Budget Transfers – Complete list on file at the District Office with the Official Minutes of the Meeting
- H. Vouchers Payable
- A. Debt Service Fund Vouchers No./Wire Transfer in the amount of \$334,637.51
 - B. General Fund Vouchers No. 170312-170719 in the amount of \$900,994.70
 - C. Building Project Fund Vouchers No. 10030-10036 in the amount of \$86,732.00

John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried.

The Board of Education thanked Mike Roth for his many years of service to the students at Monona Grove High School. Mr. Roth will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year.

XI. Adjournment

Nancy Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.