

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Wednesday, March 12, 2008, Starting at 5:30 P.M. at Glacial Drumlin School in Cottage Grove and Then Continuing at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Bultman, Mike DuPlayee, John Kitslaar, Susan Manning, Phil McDade, Peter Sobol, John Weinberger

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Mary Ellen Van Valin

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I. Opening of Meeting – John Kitslaar

II. Declaration of Public Notice

III. Tour of Glacial Drumlin School in Cottage Grove – Mike Huffman  
(Meet at School Site – 2794 CTH BB, Cottage Grove) – 5:30 P.M.

Mike Huffman led the Board of Education on a tour of Glacial Drumlin School in Cottage Grove. Mr. Huffman reported the project is on schedule with a move in date of June 10, 2008.

IV. Motion to Reconvene Meeting at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room – 6:40 P.M.

Mike DuPlayee moved that the Board reconvene the meeting at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

V. Motion to Move into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(f) Regarding Personnel Matters and Review of Student Expulsion Hearing Determination – 6:45 P.M.

Kathy Bultman moved that the Board move into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(f) regarding personnel matters and review of student expulsion hearing determination. John Weinberger seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; Sobol – aye; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried.

VI. Motion to Move Back into Open Session – Approximately 7:00 P.M.

Kathy Bultman moved that the Board move back into Open Session. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

VII. Review and Act Upon Student Expulsion Hearing Determination

Phil McDade moved that the Board of Education approve the student expulsion hearing determination as presented. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

VIII. Public Appearances

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education:

- Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Trail, NE, Monona regarding mascot and school colors at Glacial Drumlin, budget reductions, and Board member access to meetings by phone when absent from meetings.
- Jeff Knight, 601 Owen Road, Monona, regarding budget cuts.
- Sharon Henes, 729 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove, thanked community for raising money for new band uniforms at the high school and athletic field use.
- Larry Miller, 1110 Nishishin Trail NE, Monona, regarding the release of public records.
- Ray Palmer, 2054 DiPiazza Drive, Cottage Grove, regarding payment of bus fees for non-resident students attending through open enrollment.

- Kendi Parvin, 503 Frost Woods Road, Monona, regarding budget cuts.
- Emma Raymond, 505 Owen Road, Monona, regarding the colors for Glacial Drumlin School and presented a petition signed by 515 people who want the traditional blue and white colors and silver eagle mascot used at Glacial Drumlin School.
- Brock Offerdahl, 3645 T Bird Way, Cottage Grove and 4001 Monona Drive, Monona, regarding school colors at Glacial Drumlin School.
- Rachel Manz, 1004 Starlight Lane, Cottage Grove, regarding school colors at Glacial Drumlin School.
- Natalie Lemke, 2668 Hope Road, Cottage Grove, regarding school colors at Glacial Drumlin School.

#### IX. Announcements

Susan Manning congratulated Colton Jones and Paul Zweifel – Monona Grove High School students who were named to the all-state honorable mention hockey team.

#### X. Superintendent's Report & Updates

##### A. Announcements

Dr. Paul Brost, Principal, Monona Grove High School, congratulated the following staff members:

- Jake Mihm, Wisconsin Technology Education Association (WTEA) Award of Excellence
- Don Tupper, WTEA 25 year Award
- Meghan Walsh, Fulbright Scholarship to study in Rwanda during the summer of 2008
- Val Edwards, Wisconsin Educational Media & Technology Professional of the Year

#### XI. Old Business

##### A. Monthly Construction Report – Mike Huffman

Mike Huffman reported he is very happy with the quality of work and progress being made at Glacial Drumlin School and can foresee a move-in date target of June 10, 2008. Focus will begin on continuing the remodeling work at Winnequah School. Bid opening was held for the road work for CTH BB (create intersection, turning lane, divided lanes of traffic for extent of school property). R G Huston of Cottage Grove received the bid at a cost of approximately \$904,000 (\$900,000 in budget). Discussion was held regarding the joint user agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove for improvements to the athletic fields at Glacial Drumlin. Dr. Schumacher will be meeting with the Village to expedite signing of the agreement by both the School Board and the Village of Cottage Grove.

##### B. Update on Progress of Athletic Field Use Ad Hoc Committee – Susan Manning

Ms. Manning thanked the Board of Education for her appointment to this committee. Twenty three individuals served on the Committee representing all athletic teams both in the community and school district. The committee reviewed all needs for the athletic fields, spoke with city and village representatives regarding community athletic field usage, and heard from Rettler Corporation regarding the installation of artificial turf. The Ad Hoc Committee is recommending to the Board of Education to move forward with the high school athletic complex modifications (artificial turf, track, press box) contingent on clarification of funding. To install artificial turf, replace the track and press box, it was estimated that the cost would be approximately \$1.25 million. Ms. Manning further stated it was Mark Scullion's recommendation that the district stay status quo with athletic field usage for the 2008-2009 school year.

John Kitslaar asked that Mary Ellen Valin, Jeff Schreiner, John Weinberger, Brian Storms, and Susan Manning meet to come up with field use plans for both next year and future years and report

back to the Board at a upcoming meeting.

## XII. New Business

### A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Administrative Proposal for Glacial Drumlin School (Co-Principals)

Kathy Bultman moved that the Board of Education approve the administrative proposal for Glacial Drumlin School. Mike DuPlayee seconded.

Dr. Schumacher stated that this concept of co-principals at Glacial Drumlin School has been discussed extensively and he is recommending that Paul Herrick and Renee Tennant be assigned as Co-Principals beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

Paul Herrick, Assistant Principal at Winnequah Middle School, and Renee Tennant, Principal at Cottage Grove School presented a handout regarding individual and shared responsibilities that would occur through a looping process. Discussion was held.

Mike DuPlayee called the question. Motion to call the question carried.

Susan Manning requested roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; Sobol – aye; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried. Ms. Manning asked that the minutes reflect she did have a comment she had wanted to make before the question was called stating she does support this motion and feels both individuals can make this successful.

### B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Girls Hockey Cooperative at Monona Grove High School

Jeff Schreiner, Athletic Director, Monona Grove High School, is asking that the Board of Education grant permission for the Girls Hockey team to withdraw from the Middleton Cooperative Girls Hockey program (LYNX) and enter into the Southeast (Stoughton) Cooperative Girls Hockey program. He stated this change will benefit the students by being geographically better fit for our school, the majority of the team members are underclassmen, and the Southeast Coop does have a need for additional skaters.

John Weinberger moved that the Girls Hockey cooperative withdraw from the Middleton Cooperative Girls Hockey (LYNX) program and enter into the Southeast (Stoughton) Cooperative Girls Hockey program at no cost to the school district.

## XIII. Committee Reports and Recommendations

### Curriculum Committee – Kathy Bultman

#### A. Confirm Next Meeting Date – March 26, 2008, 7:15 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

### Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

#### A. Report From the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting of February 20, 2008

##### 1. Discussion of Board Policy 453.61 – Life Threatening Allergy Policy

Mike DuPlayee reported the Committee reviewed Board Policy 453.61, Life Threatening Allergy Policy but asked that the School Nurse Lynn Hanson make modifications as

suggested, reformat the policy similar to the Wellness Policy, and resubmit it to the Committee at a future meeting for approval.

2. Discussion of Animals in the Classroom Policy

Mike DuPlayee reported that Mark Scullion presented to the Committee a policy entitled Animals in the Classroom. After discussion by the Committee Mr. DuPlayee asked that he make modifications as suggested, reformat the policy similar to the Wellness Policy, and resubmit it to the Committee at a future meeting for approval.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Rule 343.2 – Guidelines for Class Room Size (Goals Revised For Open Enrollment Purposes Only)

Mike DuPlayee reported the administration is bringing forward changes to Board Rule 343.2 – Guidelines for Class Room Size (goals revised for open enrollment purposes only) at the high school level.

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of changes to Board Rule 343.2 – Guidelines for Class Room Size (goals revised for open enrollment purposes only) at the high school level. Phil McDade seconded. Motion carried.

C. Confirm Next Meeting Date – March 26, 2008, 6:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

A. Report From the Business Services Committee Meeting of February 27, 2008

1. Update on Band Booster Fundraising Effort for the Purchase of New Band Uniforms

John Weinberger reported the Band Boosters have raised their portion of the money needed for the purchase of new band uniforms at the high school and the purchase order will be released from the Business Office.

2. Discussion of Food Service Meal/Milk Prices for 2008-2009

John Weinberger reported discussion was held on Food Service Meal/Milk Prices for 2008-2009. Because of the pending budget shortfall this discussion will take place at a future meeting of the Committee.

3. Discussion of Student Fee Schedule(s) for 2008-2009

John Weinberger reported discussion was held on Student Fee Schedule for 2008-2009. Because of the pending budget shortfall this discussion will take place at a future meeting of the Committee.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval To Purchase Additional Digital Cameras for the School Busses

John Weinberger reported the Committee is recommending approval of the purchase of an additional eleven REI digital cameras for installation on the district owned and Badger leased buses.

John Weinberger moved approval of the purchase of the eleven digital REI digital cameras from Wisconsin Bus Sales in an amount not to exceed \$17,280. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

C. Presentation of Monthly Budget Statement

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

D. Confirm Next Meeting Date – March 25, 2008, 5:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

XIV. Consent Agenda

Kathy Bultman moved approval of the following consent agenda items:

A. Minutes of the February 13, 27 & March 3, 2008, Board Meetings

B. Hiring of Staff

1. Dean Becker, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 9, beginning March 1, 2008
2. Julie Berndt, JV Softball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 4, beginning March 1, 2008
3. Nate Campbell, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 9 plus \$500.00 from Angie Fassl, effective March 1, 2008
4. Tim Carew, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 7, Beginning March 1, 2008
5. Peter Casey, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 9, beginning March 1, 2008
6. Ashley DuPlayee, Concessions, Monona Grove High School, Index 2, beginning March 1, 2008
7. Angie Fassl, Varsity Girls Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 16, (minus \$500 to Nate Campbell), beginning March 1, 2008
8. Greg Gehrig, JV Girls Soccer Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 4 beginning March 1, 2008
9. Nick Haley, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 4, beginning March 1, 2008
10. Kris Halverson, JV Softball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 4, beginning March 1, 2008
11. Dan Harris, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 9, beginning March 3, 2008
12. Brian Henry, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 9, beginning March 1, 2008
13. Matthew Hockett, Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 10, beginning March 1, 2008
14. Pete Hockett, Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 6, beginning March 1, 2008
15. Tim King, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 8, beginning March 1, 2008
16. Seth Meinel, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 9, beginning March 1, 2008
17. Jake Mihm, Varsity Boys Golf Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 10, beginning March 1, 2008
18. Sherry Parrish, SOAR/EXCEL Educational Paraprofessional, beginning February 25, 2008
19. James Reinwand, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 6, beginning March 1, 2008
20. Dick Schmitz, Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 4, beginning March 1, 2008
21. Michael Sonn, Night Shift Custodial Coordinator Elementary School – Range 2, beginning March 10, 2008

22. Jim Smecko, Varsity Softball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 11, beginning March 1, 2008
  23. Stephanie Smecko, Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 4, beginning March 1, 2008
  24. Mike Stassi, Weight room Supervisor, Monona Grove High School, Index 4
  25. Brian Storms, Varsity Boys Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 16, beginning March 1, 2008
  26. Jeff Vitense, Girls Soccer Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 12, beginning March 1, 2008
  27. Erin Walsh, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Soccer Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 5, effective March 1, 2008
  28. Chad Wurth, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 4, Beginning March 1, 2008
  29. Dan Zweifel, Varsity Boys Golf Coach, Monona Grove High School, Index 6, beginning March 1, 2008
- C. Staff Resignations
1. Sarah Adumat, Science Teacher, Monona Grove High School, effective at conclusion of 2007-2008 school year
  2. Carol Cain, ELL Educational Paraprofessional, District Wide, effective June 13, 2008
  3. Peggy Hampton, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball Coach, Winnequah Middle School, effective February 19, 2008
  4. Heather Zvara, Track Coach, Winnequah Middle School, effective February 11, 2008
- D. Staff Contract Amendments – None Submitted
- E. Approval of Job Share Assignments for 2008-2009
1. Sandi Bradt, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Job Share Assignment With Wendy Connor, .50 FTE, Taylor Prairie School
  2. Wendy Connor, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Job Share Assignment with Sandi Bradt, .50 FTE, Taylor Prairie School
  3. Margaret Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Job Share Assignment with Nancy Hixon, .50 FTE, Cottage Grove School
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- F. Staff Retirement Requests
1. Janet Aeschlimann, Spanish Teacher, Winnequah Middle School, effective at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year
  2. Kathy Bodilly, School Psychologist, District Wide, effective at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year
  3. Deborah Dade, Special Education Teacher, Winnequah Middle School, effective at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year
  4. Stephanie Ganshert, Math Teacher, Winnequah Middle School, effective at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year
  5. Kathy Petty, Special Education Teacher, Taylor Prairie School, effective at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year
- G. Youth Options Application for Adam Bower to attend Madison Area Technical College
- H. Staff Leave of Absence Requests
1. William McDonald, Monona Grove Alternative School, for .50 FTE for the 2008-2009 school year (will have a contract for .50 FTE)
  2. Tom Howe, 1.0 FTE, Social Studies Teacher, Monona Grove High School, for the 2008-2009 school year
- I. Gift Donations
1. Cash donation of \$7,259.00 for high school band uniforms donated by the Band Boosters
  2. Cash donation of \$500.00 for the Taylor Prairie Reading Program donated by the Cottage Grove PTO
  3. Donation of 1,000 pencils for all district schools donated by Wal-Mart – Monona
  4. Matching cash donation of \$5,000 from Alliant Energy Foundation to match a donated received from Cosette Swalheim for the Norman Vethe Forest at Cottage Grove School

- J. Budget Transfers – complete list on file at the District Office as part of the official minutes of the Meeting.
- K. Approval of Vouchers Payable
  - 1. Debt Service Fund Vouchers (wire transfer) in the amount of \$722,539.94
  - 2. General Fund Vouchers No. 176952-177344 in the amount of \$886,678.48
  - 3. Building Project Fund Vouchers No. 10115-10122 in the amount of \$1,266,913.67

Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

- XV. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, April 9, 2008, Cottage Grove School, LGI
- XVI. Motion to Move into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) Regarding Personnel Matters and Review Superintendent Vacancy Candidates – 9:42 P.M.

Mike DuPlayee moved that the Board move into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) regarding personnel matters and review Superintendent vacancy candidates. John Weinberger seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; Sobol – aye; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried.

- XVII. Adjournment

Kathy Bultman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Mary Ellen Van Valin

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ADMINISTRATOR PRESENT: Gary Schumacher

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Board members met in closed session regarding personnel matters and to review Superintendent vacancy candidates.