

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Wednesday, March 14, 2007, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 6:02 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

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- I. Opening of Meeting – John Kitslaar
- II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged
- III. Motion to Move into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e)(f)(g) for Conferring With Legal Counsel Regarding Bargaining with Monona Grove Education Association, Personnel Matters, and Review of Student Expulsion Hearing Proceeding Determination

Nancy Allen moved that the Board move into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e)(f)(g) to confer with legal counsel regarding bargaining with Monona Grove Education Association, personnel matters, and review of a student expulsion hearing proceeding determination. Kristi Williams seconded. Roll Call Vote: Allen – aye; Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; McDade – aye; Weinberger – aye; and Williams – aye. Motion carried.

- IV. Motion to Move Back into Open Session – 7:10 P.M.

John Weinberger moved that the Board move back into Open Session. Nancy Allen seconded and the motion carried.

- V. Review and Act Upon Student Expulsion Hearing Proceeding Determination

John Kitslaar reported the Board met in Closed Session to review and act upon a student expulsion hearing proceeding. Phil McDade moved approval of the hearing officer's recommendation as presented with typographical errors corrected. Nancy Allen seconded and the motion carried.

- VI. Public Appearances

Sharon Henes, 720 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove, regarding the gate placed on Coldsprings Avenue.

- VII. Correspondence & Announcements

Kristi Williams reported on Project Girl, which is being held at Edgewood College in the Science Center. For further information you can contact Edgewood College.

John Weinberger reported the Monona Grove Education Foundation is sponsoring an All School 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion for graduates of the Monona Grove School District, on July 14, 2007, at the Alliant Center.

Kathy Bultman reported that students at Monona Grove High School will be presenting the musical "Into the Woods" on April 13, 14, 20 and 21, 2007. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office at Monona Grove High School.

VIII. National Board Certified Teacher

Val Edwards, IMC Director, Monona Grove High School, reviewed the process for becoming certified in the National Boards for Professional Teaching Standards. Ms. Edwards is Monona Grove's first staff member to have achieved this certification. Board members and administration congratulated Ms. Edwards on this accomplishment.

IX. Superintendent's Report & Updates

A. Announcements

Dr. Schumacher reported the following:

1. Day at the Capitol was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. John Weinberger and Nancy Allen were also in attendance.
2. School Perceptions climate survey is still available on line. All parents are encouraged to participate. Deadline is Friday, March 23, 2007.

B. Recognition of 2007 Kohl Teacher Fellowship Award

Paul Brost, Principal at Monona Grove High School, introduced Sarah Stangland. Sarah is a Math teacher at Monona Grove High School and was recently awarded the Kohl Fellowship Award for 2007. Board members and administration congratulated Ms. Stangland on receipt of this award.

X. Old Business

A. Monthly Construction Report – Mike Huffman

Mike Huffman presented the Referendum Budget Report. Discussion was held on whether the cost of impact fees could be passed on to taxpayers. Dr. Schumacher will consult with legal counsel and report back to the Board of Education. Bids will be received tomorrow (March 15, 2007) for the Winnequah School remodeling.

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Selection of CGC to Perform Construction Material Testing for New School in Cottage Grove

John Weinberger moved approval of contracting with CGC to perform construction materials testing for the new school in Cottage Grove at a cost not to exceed \$27,000. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

B. Update on Road Construction on Coldsprings Avenue, Monona

Dr. Schumacher reported on discussion he has had with the Monona City Administrator, David Berner, regarding how the City will handle the assessment for the reconstruction of Coldsprings Avenue adjacent to Monona Grove High School. The School Board will be

monitoring assessment costs and if needed consult with legal counsel.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Cooperative Girls' Hockey Program

Jeff Schreiner, Athletic Director, Monona Grove High School, presented information regarding a cooperative girls' hockey program. Discussion will continue between the athletic directors with implementation beginning in the 2007-2008 school year.

John Weinberger moved approval of Monona Grove High School's participation in a cooperative girls' hockey program. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

XI. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Cooperative Wrestling Program

Jeff Schreiner reported on a proposal for a two- year cooperative wrestling program with Madison Edgewood. The proposal would enable Monona Grove High School students (20 students showed interest in wrestling) to participate along with Madison Edgewood at a cost of \$800.00 for the 2007-2008 school year and \$2,500.00 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Kathy Bultman moved approval of entering into a two-year cooperative wrestling program agreement with Madison Edgewood. Kristi Williams seconded and the motion carried.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of 2007-2008 Open Enrollment Applications

Gary Schumacher presented the Open Enrollment Report for the 2007-2008 school year. The district received 83 applications to enter the Monona Grove School District, with administration recommending accepting 44 based on School Board Policy. Forty applicants asked to leave the Monona Grove School District with 18 of those applying to attend a virtual school.

Nancy Allen moved approval of the 2007-2008 open enrollment applications as presented by Dr. Schumacher. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Monona Grove High School Youth Option Applications

Gary Schumacher presented the applications submitted by five Monona Grove High School students to participate in the Youth Options program. Discussion was held regarding courses that were chosen by the students.

Nancy Allen moved that the Board of Education deny all applications submitted. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. Board members stated four of the applications received did not meet the intent of Youth Options and one application asked to take a course being offered at Monona Grove High School.

XII. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

A. Report From the Business Services Meeting of February 28, 2007

John Weinberger reported the following from the meeting of February 28, 2007: food service budget was presented with no budget increase for the 2007-08 school year; student fee schedule was presented with minor changes for the 2007-2008 school year; budgets with little or no increase were presented for the Superintendent's Office, Business Office, Jump Start Program at Monona Grove High School, Summer School, and debt payments; and Scott Gralla, a Financial Analyst with PMA Financial presented information on how their Financial Planning Program could be implemented and used as a budget forecasting model.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of 2007-2008 Student Fee Schedule

John Weinberger moved approval of the 2007-2008 Student Fee Schedule, including Summer School, as presented by Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services, in her memorandum dated March 7, 2007. Nancy Allen 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

John Weinberger reported the next meeting of the Business Services Committee would be on Monday, March 19, 2007, 5:00 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room.

Curriculum Committee – Phil McDade

A. Report From the Curriculum Committee Meeting of February 21, 2007

Phil McDade reported at the meeting on February 21, 2007, the Committee heard a report from Nancy Evans, Jenifer Smith, and Tom Howe regarding activities of the Monona Grove New Teacher Project (MGNTTP) and a proposal to develop two new positions in the district for released teacher mentors. Bill Breisch, Director of Instruction, reported that the proposal to create two new positions will be submitted for discussion during the 2007-2008 budget process.

B. The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 7:15 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room.

Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

A. Report From the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting of February 21, 2007

Mike DuPlayee reported at the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting on February 21, 2007, discussion was held on the process to be used for naming the new school in Cottage Grove and several policies were reviewed and will be presented to the Board for approval.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Revision to Board Rule 343.2 – Class Size Guidelines

Nancy Allen moved approval of a revision to Board Rule 343.2 – Class Size Guidelines. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Revision to Board Policy 751 – Student Transportation Services

Kathy Bultman moved approval of a revision to Board Policy 751 – Student Transportation Services. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Revision to Board Policy 425 – Public School Open Enrollment

Kathy Bultman moved approval of a revision to Board Policy 425 – Public School Open Enrollment. John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried.

E. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Revision in Administrative Rule 422.1 – Guidelines for the Admission of International Exchange Program Students

Nancy Allen moved approval of a revision in Administrative Rule 422.1 – Guidelines for the Admission of International Exchange Program Students. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

F. Discussion and Possible Approval of an Addendum to Monona Grove High School Student Handbook, Including Policy for Course/Credits from Other Sources for 2007-2008

Kathy Bultman moved approval of an addendum to Monona Grove High School Student Handbook, including policy for course/credits from other sources for 2007-2008. Kristi Williams seconded and the motion carried.

G. The next meeting of the Personnel & Policy Committee will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 6:00 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room.

XIII. Consent Agenda

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the following consent agenda items:

A. Minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Board meetings

B. Hiring of Staff

- Dana Bohrer, Speech & Language Pathologist, .20 FTE, beginning March 5, 2007
- Brandon Beckwith, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Index 8, Monona Grove High School
- Jerry Schwenn, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, Index 8, Monona Grove High School
- Derek Pertzborn, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Coach, Index 6, Monona Grove High School
- Tim Carew, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Soccer Coach, Index 5, Monona Grove High School
- Jim Smecko, Varsity Softball Coach, Index 11, Monona Grove High School
- Dick Schmitz, Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Index 4, Monona Grove High School

- School, Shared Additive
  - Stephanie Smecko, Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Index 4, Monona Grove High School, Shared Additive
  - Julie Berndt, Junior Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Index 4, Monona Grove High School, Shared Additive
  - Jennifer Norton, Junior Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Index 4, Monona Grove High School, Shared Index
  - Peter Dermody, Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, Index 10, Monona Grove High School
  - Jeff Keepman, Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, Index 6, Monona Grove High School
  - Angie Jensen, Varsity Girls Track Coach, Index 16, Monona Grove High School
  - Dean Becker, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Index 9, Monona Grove High School
  - Dan Harris, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Index 9, Monona Grove High School
  - Nate Campbell, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Index 9, Monona Grove High School
  - Peter Johnson, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Index 9 (minus \$500.00), Monona Grove High School, Shared Additive
  - Marie Anderson, Assistant Girls Track Coach, \$500.00 of Index 9, Monona Grove High School, Shared Additive
- C. Staff Resignations
- Shaun Cady, Food Service – Store Room Clerk, Monona Grove High School, effective March 19, 2007
  - Jennifer Howlett, Special Education Teacher, Monona Grove High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year
  - Brandon Moran, Custodian, Monona Grove High School, effective February 28, 2007
- D. Staff Contract Amendment submitted by Sarah Stangland, Monona Grove High School, to resign from Class Advisor additive effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year
- E. Staff Leave of Absence Request submitted by Sarah Adumat, Science Teacher, Monona Grove High School, for educational purposes during the 2007-2008 school year
- F. Staff Retirement Requests – conclusion of 2006-2007 school year
- Renata Altstaetter, Kindergarten Teacher, Maywood School
  - Sue Chenier, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Cottage Grove School
  - Carol Greig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Maywood School
  - Christine Klinzing, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Taylor Prairie School
  - Martha Knott, Technology, Winnequah Middle School
  - Sandra Martinelli, Special Education, Cottage Grove School
  - Lynn McKenzie, Speech & Language Clinician, Taylor Prairie School
  - Kristine Robinson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Cottage Grove School
  - Ruth Steiner, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Taylor Prairie School
  - Ilana Strauch, School Social Worker, District Wide
- G. 2007-2008 Job Share Assignments
- Wendy Connor (.50 FTE) & Sarah Croak (.50 FTE), 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Taylor Prairie School
  - Tracy Gilbertsen (.50 FTE) & Sherry Melde (.50 FTE), 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Taylor Prairie School
  - Note: Sandra Bradt (.50 FTE) & Dawn May (.50 FTE), withdrew their request for a job assignment for the 2007-08 school year
- H. Gift Donations – none submitted
- I. Budget Transfers – Complete list on file at the District Office with the Official Minutes of the Meeting

J. Vouchers Payable

- A. Debt Service Fund Vouchers No./Wire Transfer in the amount of \$1,051,982.99
- B. General Fund Vouchers No. 171345-171798 in the amount of \$930,835.98
- C. Building Project Fund Vouchers No. 10045-10052 in the amount of \$192,211.19

Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

XIV. Adjournment

Nancy Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

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