

MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2007 - Nichols School – District Office Board Room

Committee Members Present: Kathy Bultman, Mike DuPlayee, Jill List, Phil McDade, Larry Miller
Also Present: Liz Hoppenjan, John Kitslaar, Barb Nyenhuis, Anita Ranum, Gary Schumacher, John Weinberger

- I. Opening of Meeting – Mike DuPlayee opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Declaration of Public Notice – Gary Schumacher confirmed that public notice had been declared for the meeting.
- III. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2007 – Phil McDade moved to approve the minutes from the February 21st meeting. Kathy Bultman seconded. Motion passed. The minutes were approved as distributed.
- IV. Public Appearances – There were no public appearances.
- V. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Rule 343.2 – Guidelines for Class Size – Gary Schumacher reported he had met with the 6th Grade team to discuss their philosophy to change the size of 6th grade classes to be more in line with elementary class sizes, with the goal of 22 students in each class. This change of would reduce the number of 6th grade classes for 2007-2008. Liz Hoppenjan, Barb Nyenhuis, and Anita Ranum were present to discuss their rationale to change the goal for 6th grade class size from 24 to 22, included are: 1) the transition of students to the middle school environment; 2) more time/attention to reading and language arts; 3) safety in science labs. Discussion was held. Gary Schumacher and Phil McDade suggested that data such as the WAT list, discipline, MAP growth, GPA scores, summer school recommendations, grade promotion and WKCE data be compiled and reviewed for the past 4-5 school years to look at trends on student achievement and growth to make an informed decision for the 2007-08 school year. Kathy Bultman suggested that a larger group be convened to look at all scheduling needs prior to the opening of the new middle school.
- VI. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 458 Wellness Policy – Barb Waara reported that the Wellness Committee has continued to meet to develop the policy. In addition, principals, teachers, students and parents have also contributed to this policy. Discussion was held. Kathy Bultman moved to approve the policy, as amended, and forward it to the Board of Directors for their approval. Phil McDade seconded. Motion passed.
- VII. Establish Next Meeting Date – The next Committee meeting will be held April 18, 2007 – Nichols School, District Office Board Room at 6:00 p.m.
- VIII. Adjournment – Larry Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Jill List seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Recorded by Kim Hallock