

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Wednesday, April 18, 2007, in the Cottage Grove School LGI, Starting at 5:33 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. Motion to Move into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e)(f)(g) for Conferring With Legal Counsel Regarding Bargaining Regarding Land Negotiations, 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 land negotiations, bargaining with Monona Grove Education Association, personnel matters, and review of a student expulsion hearing proceeding determination. John Weinberger 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 – 7:27 P.M.

Kristi Williams moved that the Board move back into Open Session. John Weinberger 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 determination. Nancy Allen moved approval of the hearing officer's recommendation as presented. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

VI. Public Appearances

Steve Anders, Supervisor for the Town of Cottage Grove, 4506 Sandpiper Trail, Cottage Grove, asked that the Board consider a possible collaboration of Cable TV broadcasting on community channel 4 with the Township of Cottage Grove. The Board asked that Andrew Hagen, Cable Coordinator, and Bill Herman, Director of Technology, meet with the Township to further explore this possibility.

Kelly Bethke, High School Volleyball Coach, addressed the Board regarding the school district's non-renewal of her volleyball coaching contract.

VII. Correspondence & Announcements

John Kitslaar reported the following:

- announced that Susan Manning & Peter Sobol will each serve a three-year term as members of the Board of Education. John Weinberger, incumbent, will serve a one-year term. Newly elected Board members will participate in their oath of office ceremony on Monday, April 23, 2007.
- on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked Kristi Williams for “stepping up” to complete the year for Mary Possin.
- announced the Village of Cottage Grove has applied for a Safe Routes to School Grant in the amount of \$182,000 with the Village of Cottage Grove donating an additional \$50,000. The grant would be used towards the traffic light at Damascus and Cottage Grove Road, sidewalks and \$10,000 towards bike rodeos, grade level assemblies, etc. This grant, if approved, will be at no cost to the school district.
- Kathy Bultman reported that Monona Grove High School’s musical “Into the Woods” will have their final performances on April 20 and 21, 2007. Tickets can still be purchased at the Box Office at Monona Grove High School.

Commendation of Nancy Allen – John Kitslaar thanked Nancy Allen for her dedication to the Monona Grove School District. Nancy was presented with a Certification of Commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and a crystal “eagle” from the Board of Education. Nancy thanked the school district for the opportunities she has had serving as a member of the Board of Education for the past twelve years.

VIII. Superintendent’s Report & Updates

A. Establish Date for School Board Summer Retreat

Dr. Schumacher asked that Board members notify Bev Kalish regarding their availability during the summer for the Board Retreat. Structure of the retreat will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting.

B. Announcements

- Board members were notified that the CESA 2 delegate convention will be held May 15, 2007. The representative to this convention will be selected at the May 9, 2007, Board meeting.
- Winnequah Middle School students did very well at the Wisconsin Math League Conference under the leadership of Math teacher, Stephanie Ganshert. Both the 6th and 7th grade teams placed second in the region.

IX. New Business

A. Appraisal Report – District Owned Land in Cottage Grove – D. L. Evans Company, Inc.

Andrew Kessenich and Kent Reams from D. L. Evans Company, Inc. presented information regarding the appraisal of the vacant land on the northern edge of school district property (roughly 5.2 acres). They reported the vacant land could be divided into three parcels – Detail A (lot 2 – 23,370 square feet or .537 acres) – 1-2 lots; Detail B (lot 3 – 115,297 square feet or 2.647 acres) – 9 lots; and Detail C (lot 4 – 87,930 or 2.019 acres) would best be used for commercial properties. The complete appraisal report can be viewed at the District Office during normal business hours.

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Process to Sell a Portion of District Owned Land in Cottage Grove

Phil McDade moved that the school district publicly solicit bids for the sale of Lots 2, 3, and 4 of the Certified Survey Map; that bids shall be solicited for Lots 2 and 3 and separately solicited for Lot 4; and that the school district administration be authorized to determine the terms and conditions of the solicitations of such bids. Nancy Allen seconded and the motion carried.

B. Pupil Non-Discrimination Self-Audit – Bill Breisch, Jeff Schreiner, Linda Alexander, Val Edwards

Presentation of the document entitled “Five-Year School District Self-Evaluation Summary for Status of Pupil Nondiscrimination/Equity” was given by the Equity Study Committee comprised of Bill Breisch, Jeff Schreiner, Linda Alexander, and Val Edwards. Bill Breisch stated this document is the result of a self study done by the school district. A complete copy of the report can be reviewed at the Monona Grove Schools District Office.

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Pupil Non-Discrimination Self-Audit Report

Phil McDade moved approval of the “Five-Year School District Self-Evaluation Summary for Status of Pupil Nondiscrimination/Equity” report dated April, 2007, as presented by the Equity Study Committee. Kristi Williams seconded and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval to Implement Student Testing: Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) – EXPLORE/PLAN/ACT – Bill Breisch, Ed O’Connor

Presentation of the document entitled “Proposal for Adoption of ACT’s Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS)(Grades 8-11)” was given by Bill Breisch and Ed O’Connor. Bill Breisch reported this proposal has also been reviewed by the Curriculum Committee. It was further reported that this testing would replace the MAPS testing program presently being used in the schools and would have a start up cost for the first year at \$19,000.00 funded by the Curriculum and Instruction budget.

Kathy Bultman moved approval of implementation of the Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS)(Grades 8-11) student testing – EXPLORE/PLAN/ACT. John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried.

X. Old Business

A. Monthly Construction Report – Mike Huffman

Mike Huffman reported Winnequah Middle School bids were received and were higher than expected. He believes overall the referendum project will come in favorable to the district. Mr. Huffman will report next month on the financial status of the referendum dollars.

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Developer's Agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove

Discussion was held by the Board and administration regarding the developer's agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove. Gary Schumacher reviewed the amendments that were made to the original document. Board members asked that the administration contact legal counsel regarding the agreement and further discussion and possible approval will take place at a meeting of the Board on Monday, April 23, 2007, after administering the oath of office to newly elected Board members.

XI. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

A. Report From the Business Services Meeting of March 19, 2007

John Weinberger reported the following from the meeting of March 19, 2007: presentation of on-line facility reservation software by Jeff Schreiner and Kristi Massey; reviewed 2007-2008 capital outlay budget as presented by Mark Scullion; and reviewed proposed 2007-2008 budgets for Transportation, Building and Grounds, Technology, Pupil Services, Early Learning Fair, EXCEL and Soar Programs.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget

John Weinberger moved approval of the 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. It was noted this budget increased by approximately 10% over the previous year's budget.

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 Wednesday, April 25, 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 March 21, 2007

Phil McDade reported at the meeting on March 21, 2007, the Committee heard a report from Bill Breisch and Ed O'Connor regarding a new state testing program – EXPLORE/PLAN/ACT. This testing program would be used for students in grades 8-11.

B. The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be on Wednesday, April 25, 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 March 21, 2007

Mike DuPlayee reported at the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting on March 21, 2007, discussion was held regarding revisions to Board Policy 343.2 – Guidelines for Class Size, with no action being taken on the policy and the final draft of Board Policy 458 – Student Wellness Policy was reviewed and approved by the Committee.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 458 – Student Wellness Policy

Phil McDade moved approval of revisions to Board Policy 458 – Student Wellness Policy. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried. The policy will be placed on the web and also printed in the individual school handbooks.

C. The next meeting of the Personnel & Policy Committee will be on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 6:00 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room.

XII. Consent Agenda

Nancy Allen moved approval of the following consent agenda items:

A. Minutes of the March 14, 2007, Board meeting

B. Hiring of Staff

- Dan Butz, School Bus Driver, 2 Routes/Day, Monona Grove School District
- Lawrence Reed, Volunteer Boys Tennis Coach, Monona Grove High School
- Jill Schroeder, Food Service Store Keeper, 2.5 Hours/Week, Monona Grove High School

C. Staff Resignations

- Laura Hofer, ELL Educational Paraprofessional, Monona Grove School District, effective at conclusion of 2006-2007 school year
- Janelle Krebsbach, Special Education Teacher, Monona Grove High School, effective

- at conclusion of 2006-2007 school year
- Amanda Silha, IMC Director, Nichols School, effective at conclusion of 2006-2007 school year
- Aaron Tarnutzer, School Social Worker/AODA Coordinator, Winnequah Middle School, effective at conclusion of 2006-2007 school year
- Sasha Woodard, Gifted and Talented Teacher, Monona Grove School District, effective at conclusion of 2006-2007 school year
- D. Approval of non-renewal of volleyball coaching duties of Kelly Bethke, Monona Grove High School
- E. Staff contract amendment submitted by Nichole North-Hester, Monona Grove High School, to resign as Girls Freshman Basketball Coach, effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year
- F. Staff retirement request submitted by Ann Badeau, 2nd Grade Teacher, Taylor Prairie School, effective at conclusion of 2006-207 school year
- G. Job Share Assignments
 - Peggy Riley, .50 FTE, 2nd Grade, Taylor Prairie School
 - Nancy Hixon, .50 FTE, 2nd Grade, Taylor Prairie School
- H. Gift Donations
 - Cash donation of \$300.00 to be used to fund construction of boardwalk in school forest at Cottage Grove School given by Sara Steele, Cottage Grove
 - Equipment donation of microwave oven given to Monona Grove High School Alternative School by Catherine DuPont, retired administrator
 - Cash donation of \$100.00 for Cottage Grove Strings program given by Ronnie Hess, Madison
 - Cash donation of \$200.00 for student needs in Ms. Amundson's special education classroom at Monona Grove High School given by Val Sellers, Cottage Grove
 - Equipment donation of set of weights and miscellaneous supplies for Destination Imagination Program at Cottage Grove School given by Pam Keiner, Cottage Grove
- 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 \$12,897.29
 - B. General Fund Vouchers No. 171799-172135 in the amount of \$794,859.14

Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

XIII. Adjournment

Nancy Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned. John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

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