

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 6:03 P.M.

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

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)(g) for Consideration and Deliberation Regarding Personnel Issues and to Confer with Legal Counsel Regarding Negotiations on Construction Project

John Weinberger moved that the Board move into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e)(g) for consideration and deliberation regarding personnel issues and to confer with legal counsel regarding negotiations on construction project. Mike DuPlayee seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; Sobol – aye; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried.

IV. Motion to Move Back into Open Session – 7:15 P.M.

Kathy Bultman moved that the Board move back into open session. John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried.

V. School Board Reorganization

A. Election of President – Superintendent Gary Schumacher Presiding

Mike DuPlayee nominated John Kitslaar as School Board President. Kathy Bultman seconded. Kathy Bultman moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for John Kitslaar. Mike DuPlayee seconded. Motion carried. John Kitslaar was elected President of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education.

B. Election of Vice President – John Kitslaar

Mike DuPlayee nominated Phil McDade as School Board Vice President. Kathy Bultman seconded. Mike DuPlayee moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Phil McDade. John Weinberger seconded. Motion carried. Phil McDade was elected Vice President of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education.

C. Election of Treasurer – John Kitslaar

Kathy Bultman nominated John Weinberger as School Board Treasurer. Mike DuPlayee seconded. Kathy Bultman moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for John Weinberger. Mike DuPlayee seconded. Motion carried. John Weinberger was elected Treasurer of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education.

D. Election of Clerk – John Kitslaar

Mike DuPlayee nominated Kathy Bultman as School Board Clerk. John Weinberger seconded. John Weinberger moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Kathy Bultman. Mike DuPlayee seconded. Motion carried. Kathy Bultman was elected Clerk of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education.

E. Scheduling of Regular Board Meetings, Dates, Locations

John Weinberger moved that the Board continue on the same schedule, of one Board meeting per month on the second Wednesday of the month (with the exception of June & July), with the locations rotating between the communities (even months in Cottage Grove and odd months in Monona). Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

F. Scheduling of Board Standing Committees, Dates, Locations

Phil McDade moved that the standing committees meet on the following schedule with the location to be determined by the committee:

Third Wednesday of Month

Personnel & Policy (6:00 P.M.) & Curriculum (7:15 P.M.)

Fourth Wednesday of Month

Business Services (5:00 P.M.)

Mike DuPlayee seconded.

Kathy Bultman asked that the motion be amended to include that the Personnel & Policy and Curriculum Committee meetings be held in the community where the Board meeting is held for that month. Mike DuPlayee agreed to the amendment to the motion. Motion to amend carried.

Motion as amended carried.

John Kitslaar asked that Board members notify him of their preference for committee assignments.

G. Designation of Legal Counsel

John Weinberger moved approval of a resolution naming the following firms as legal counsel for the Monona Grove School District: Lathrop and Clark Law Offices; WASB Counsel; Quarles and Brady; Joseph Hill Law Office; and LaFollette, Godfrey & Kahn. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

H. Designation of Official Newspaper

Kathy Bultman moved approval of a resolution naming "The Herald-Independent" as the official newspaper of the school district. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

I. Designation of Official Bank Depositories

Kathy Bultman moved approval of a resolution naming the following institutions as official bank depositories for the Monona Grove School District: Bank of Sun Prairie;

A G Edwards & Sons Inc; Wisconsin Community Bank, ~~Cottage Grove~~; Monona State Bank, ~~Monona~~; Office of State Treasurer, Local Government Investment Pool; M&I Bank, ~~Monona~~; PMA Financial Network, Inc. (and the statutorily authorized vehicles to which they recommend); Wisconsin Investment Services Cooperative; and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. John Weinberger seconded.

Susan Manning asked that the motion be amended to reflect all locations associated with the bank be removed. Kathy Bultman seconded. Motion to amend passed.

Motion as amended carried.

J. Designation of Membership in Professional Organizations

Kathy Bultman moved approval of a resolution stating that the following organizations be designated as the professional organizations in which the Monona Grove School District are members: Wisconsin Association of School Boards; CESA 2; and Dane County School Boards Consortium. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

K. Designation of CESA 2 Representative

Kathy Bultman moved that Mike DuPlayee be designated as the CESA 2 representative for the Monona Grove School District. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

L. Designation of Monona Grove School District Safety Officer

John Weinberger moved that Mark Scullion be designated as Safety Officer for the Monona Grove School District. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

VI. Public Appearances

The following individuals spoke regarding the consolidation of three second grade classes at Maywood School into two third grade classes at Nichols School:

- Cari Fuss, 65210 Winnequah Road, Monona
- Laura Liston, 6204 Winnequah Road, Monona
- Melissa Breen, 6405 West Gate Road, Monona, speaking on behalf of herself and Lisa & Randy Fiscus
- Matthew Breen, 6405 West Gate Road, Monona, speaking on behalf of himself and Christine Whelley
- Tim Handell, 4409 Gordon Avenue, Monona, speaking on behalf of himself and Regina Simon
- Tom Klinzing, 5204 Midmoor Road, Monona
- Nella Citino, 1406 Mathys Road, Monona
- Kristin Yates, 4663 Tonyawatha Trail, Monona, speaking on behalf of herself and her husband, Tim Drascic
- Larry Miller, 1110 Nishishin Trail NE, Monona
- Dave Gronski, 4403 Winnequah Road, Monona

Written correspondence was received from the following individuals regarding the

consolidation of three second grade classes at Maywood School into two third grade classes at Nichols School:

- Jennifer Jaworski, 5602 Tecumseh Avenue
- Regina Simon, Monona

The following individual spoke regarding the budget and building project:

- Susan Fox, 4637 Tonyawatha Trail, Monona

VII. Correspondence and Announcements

John Kitslaar reported that because of the many public appearances regarding the consolidation of three second grade classes at Maywood into two third grade classes at Nichols, he will schedule a Committee meeting at which time the administration can present information regarding procedures they follow in determining staffing needs.

VIII. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gary Schumacher

A. Announcements

- Congratulated two high school social studies students (Joe Otterson, Kyle Gasser). Joe was named a finalist for the state of Wisconsin for a social studies paper he had written and will compete in national competition in Washington D.C. in June. Kyle won a history bowl competition at Marion College.
- Congratulated Casey Meehan and Mendy Dorris, high school teachers, who have received Fulbright Scholarships through UW. Milwaukee that will allow them to study in Morocco this summer.

IX. Program Report – Global Impact Student Projects: Energy Savings at Monona Grove High School – Maury Smith

Maury Smith, Math Teacher and Logan Bliss, a senior at Monona Grove High School, shared with the Board of Education a class project report that was completed as part of the “global impact” course on potential energy savings at Monona Grove High School. It was determined that savings could be realized if employees and students focused on simple energy conservation measures. If you would like to review the document, the report is on file at the District Office.

Board members asked that the administration follow-up with Maury Smith to begin a study of energy savings for the school district.

X. Old Business

A. “School Perceptions” Climate Survey Results and Analysis – Bill Foster

Bill Foster, School Perceptions LLC, presented a preliminary analysis of a study that was conducted for the Monona Grove School District during the months of March and April, 2007. Board members will use this report as goals are established for the future to address

perception issues in a continuous improvement process. A copy of the final report will be on file at the Monona Grove Schools District Office.

B. Monthly Construction Report

Mike Huffman, Owner's Representative, presented his monthly construction report. Renovations at Winnequah Middle School will begin on Monday, June 11, 2007, with this phase being completed by August 23, 2007. The new school in Cottage Grove is on target and work is progressing nicely. A tour of the Cottage Grove building site will take place in June before the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

C. Establish School Board Retreat Date and Tentative Agenda

Discussion was held regarding possible dates for the School Board Retreat. Board members were asked to let the Superintendent know dates they would be available to participate during the summer months. One day of the retreat will focus on establishing annual goals and the other day on board development.

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Agreement with the City of Monona for the Assessment of Coldsprings Avenue Reconstruction

Phil McDade moved approval of an agreement with the City of Monona for the assessment of Coldsprings Avenue reconstruction as presented to the Board of Education. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. The reconstruction will begin once school is released for the summer and should be completed by the time school starts in the fall.

XI. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution to Change Youth Options Legislation

Discussion was held regarding possible legislation that would end the Youth Options mandate that school districts now have no control over.

Kathy Bultman moved that Phil McDade draft a resolution for the Youth Options proposal and present it at the June Board meeting for possible approval. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

XII. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

A. Report From the Business Services Committee Meeting of April 25, 2007

Mr. Weinberger reported the following from the Business Services Committee meeting of April 25, 2007:

- Renee Tennant, Principal and Kathy Stapleton, School Forest Coordinator, presented information regarding a proposed boardwalk project to be constructed at the Norman

Vethe School Forest at Cottage Grove School. Ms. Tennant reported the Cottage

- Grove PTO has collected approximately \$16,000 to be used for the project.
- Bill Herman, Director of Technology, reported on bids he had received for the purchase of replacement computers and monitors for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services, presented information from Student Assurance Services, the provider of voluntary student accident insurance.
- John VanderMerwe, Transportation Supervisor, presented information on the lease of a 23 passenger bus for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Molly Hancock, Pool Director, presented the Fund 80 pool budget for 2007-2008.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Bids Received for the Purchase of 244 Replacement Computers for the Technology Department

John Weinberger moved that the Monona Grove School District accept the bids as presented in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$101,777 for the purchase of 244 replacement computers and monitors. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Student Assurance Services, Inc., as the Provider of Voluntary Accident Insurance for the 2007-2008 School Year

John Weinberger moved that the Monona Grove School District designate Student Assurance Services, Inc., as the provider of voluntary student accident insurance for the 2007-2008 school year. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. It was noted that this service is provided at no cost to the school district.

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Leasing a 23 Passenger Bus for 2007-2008

John Weinberger moved that the Monona Grove School District enter into a six-year lease agreement, with an annual lease payment of \$7,611.00, with Wisconsin Bus Sales, Inc., for the leasing of a 23 passenger Micro Bird bus. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

E. Presentation of Monthly Budget Statement

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

F. The next meeting of the Business Services Committee will be on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, 5:00 P.M., at the District Office in the Nichols School building.

Curriculum Committee – Phil McDade

A. Report From the Curriculum Committee Meeting of April 25, 2007

Phil McDade reported that at the Curriculum Committee meeting of April 25, 2007, program study updates were given for the following curriculum areas: Four-Year Old Kindergarten (Connie Haessly); International Baccalaureate (Paul Brost); Block Schedule (Paul Brost); and Elementary World Language (Bill Breisch). All areas will present their final reports at upcoming meetings. The four-year old kindergarten committee will be presenting their final report on May 23, 2007.

- B. The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at the District Office.

Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

- A. Report From the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting of April 25, 2007

Mike DuPlayee reported the Personnel & Policy Committee reviewed two policies. Connie Haessly led a discussion on the Early Entrance Admission to Kindergarten Policy. This policy will be reviewed further by the administration and potential revisions brought forward at a later date. Paul Brost reviewed the Graduation Requirements policy, which will be presented for possible approval by the Board.

- B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Board Policy 345.6 – Graduation Requirements

Kathy Bultman moved approval of Board Policy 345.6 – Graduation Requirements, as presented. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

With approval of this policy graduation requirements will be increased from 22 to 24. Administration will be working on implementation policies and will report back at a later date.

- C. The next meeting of the Personnel & Policy Committee will be at 6:00 P.M on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the District Office.

XIII. Consent Agenda

Kathy Bultman moved that Agenda Item A (Approval of April 23, 2007, minutes) and Item E. (Staff Retirement Requests) be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Susan Manning seconded and the motion carried.

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the following consent agenda items other than those mentioned in the above motion.

- A. Minutes of the April 4th and 18th, 2007, School Board Meetings. Minutes of April 23rd meeting pulled for further discussion.
- B. Hiring of Staff – none submitted
- C. Staff Resignations – none submitted
- D. Approval of Staff Contract Amendments – none submitted
- E. Approval of Staff Retirement Requests – Pulled for further discussion
- F. Approval of Gift Donations
- Cash donation of \$400 for conference childcare supervision at Taylor Prairie School donated by Cottage Grove PTO
 - Cash donation of \$60 to cover cultural events program (Mime) at Taylor Prairie School donated by Cottage Grove PTO
 - Cash donation of \$100 for Winnequah Middle School Talent Show donated by Uphoff Company, Deerfield, WI.
 - Cash donation of \$90.73 for Taylor Prairie School Milk Buddy Program donated by Verizon “School Bucks”

- G. Budget Transfers – complete list on file at the District Office as part of official minutes of meeting
- H. Vouchers Payable
 - A. Debt Service Fund Vouchers in the amount of \$2,548,282.29
 - B. General Fund Vouchers No 172136-172706. in the amount of \$868,286.73
 - C. Building Project Fund Vouchers No10053-10064 in the amount of \$1,316,801.73

Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

After further discussion Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the Minutes of April 23, 2007, as amended (showing Susan Manning abstained from the vote for approval of the developer's agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove). Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

Kathy Bultman moved approval of the retirement requests submitted by Bill Cairns, English Teacher, Monona Grove High School (effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year), and Patti McGinnis, Winnequah Middle School Principal (effective at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year). Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

XIV. Adjournment

Phil McDade moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

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Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Nichols School, Superintendent's Office, Starting at
6:05 P.M.

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Phil McDade, Peter Sobol, John Weinberger

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Mary Ellen Van Valin

Board members reviewed personnel issues and negotiations on construction project with no
action taken during closed session.