

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Wednesday, June 13, 2007, in the Cottage Grove School LGI, Starting at 6:00 P.M. at the Cottage Grove Construction Site and Continuing at Cottage Grove School in the LGI

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher

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I. Opening of Meeting – John Kitslaar

John Kitslaar opened the meeting at the construction site in Cottage Grove.

II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

III. Tour of New Middle School in Cottage Grove – Mike Huffman

Mike Huffman, Owner's Representative for the building project and Ross Rehfeldt, Project Manager for Vogel Brothers Construction, led the Board of Education on a tour of the new building site in Cottage Grove. Mike Huffman stated all aspects of the construction are either on target or slightly ahead of schedule.

IV. Board members traveled to Cottage Grove School to continue their meeting in the LGI.

V. Public Appearances – none

VI. Correspondence and Announcements

John Kitslaar reported he had received applications from Susan Fox, Randy Parvin, and Sharon Henes to serve on a Board committee.

VII. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gary Schumacher

A. Receipt of Monona Elementary PTO Gift Donation – Maywood PTO Playground Committee Representatives

Connie Haessly, Katie Sackett, and Leah Kimmel reported the Playground Committee has been raising money for a number of years to be used for new playground equipment at Maywood School. The Monona PTO is contributing \$12,000 towards purchase of playground equipment for Maywood School. It will be installed this summer and ready for school in the fall.

B. Governor's School Health Award (Monona Grove High School)

On May 24, 2007, Monona Grove High School (along with one other high school) was awarded, along with twenty other school districts, the Governor's School Health Award.

Dr. Schumacher thanked Amy Magnor, High School Health Teacher, and Barb Waara, Food Service Director, for making this award possible.

C. Confirm School Board Retreat Date and Plans

Dr. Schumacher confirmed that the Board of Education Retreat will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2007, 5:30 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room. LuAnn Byrd and John Ashley from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards will facilitate a session on Boardsmanship for Effective Governance.

John Kitslaar stated the data retreat will be held sometime in August or September. That meeting will be a joint meeting with the administrative staff.

D. Announcements

Dr. Schumacher introduced Jan Chynoweth as the new Assistant Principal for Cottage Grove and Taylor Prairie Schools. Ms. Chynoweth has been offered and has accepted a .60 FTE contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ms. Chynoweth introduced herself and gave a brief background of her educational experiences.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on Disproportionality (Data Review) – John Faust, Ed O’Connor

John Faust, Director of Pupil Services, and Ed O’Connor, Continuous Improvement and Assessment Coordinator, updated the Board with their handout entitled “2006-2007 Monona Grove School District Disproportionality Improvement Plan Summary, 10/02/06”. The Disproportionality Committee will continue to meet to further analyze the data that has been gathered. A final report will be presented to the Board at a future date. A complete copy of the report is on file at the Monona Grove Schools District Office.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Youth Options Resolutions

Phil McDade moved approval of the youth options resolution wording as presented. Mike DuPlayee seconded. Discussion was held regarding the resolution as drafted by Phil McDade. The resolution urges lawmakers to pass legislation that would provide school districts with the option of paying for post-secondary options in the Madison area. Motion carried. The resolution will be forwarded to state representatives, state education committee, and supporters of the bill.

C. Update on 2006-2007 District Goals

Dr. Schumacher reviewed the progress of the 2006-2007 district goals and reported the following:

Goal 1 – Student Achievement – On target – Bill Breisch and Ed O’Connor will be gathering data from the data retreats and will be giving their final report to the School Board in August or September, 2007.

Goal 2 – Construction – Both sites, Winnequah and the new site in Cottage Grove, are presently either on schedule or slightly ahead of schedule.

Goal 3 – Constituent Feedback – Survey has been completed and Bill Foster, School Perceptions, has met with the Board regarding implementation of the results.

Goal 4 – Community Outreach – The following initiatives have been implemented: Principals have been communicating more effectively with parents via newsletters, school web sites; Dr. Schumacher has been meeting with PTO Presidents on a regular basis reaching out to parents with district information; and an instant alert system is being researched to enable the district to notify parents of important issues – school closings, etc. John Kitslaar stated Board members have prepared video tapes on various subjects, which are shown on the local cable channels in Cottage Grove and Monona. A district newsletter was reviewed and researched but was never implemented.

Goal 5: Four Year Kindergarten Program – The study has been completed and presented to the Board of Education for possible approval and implementation in the 2008-2009 school year. Dr. Schumacher thanked Connie Haessly for her leadership on this goal.

Goal 6 – International Baccalaureate Study – Dr. Paul Brost, High School Principal, has chaired the Study Committee reviewing this topic. The research continues and Dr. Brost will be reporting the Study Committee’s findings to the Curriculum Committee at a future meeting.

Goal 7 – World Languages at the Elementary Level Study – This study is a few months behind schedule. A report is planned for the Curriculum Committee in the fall, 2007.

IX. New Business - none

John Weinberger moved that the Curriculum Committee report be taken out of order and presented before the Business Services report. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

X. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Curriculum Committee – Kathy Bultman

A. Report From the Curriculum Committee Meeting of May 23, 2007

Kathy Bultman reported that Connie Haessly, Principal at Maywood School and Chair of the Four-Year Old Kindergarten Study Committee, along with members of the Study Group, submitted their final report to the Curriculum Committee on May 23, 2007.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval to Implement a Four Year Old Kindergarten Program Beginning With the 2008-2009 School Year

Ms. Haessly reported the Study Group is recommending implementation of Model 1 (Public School Staff/School Site) and Model 3 (Contracted Services/Community Sites) for implementation beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Model 4 (Home Educational Support Resources for Parents) will be implemented the following year (2009-2010).

Phil McDade moved approval of implementing a four year old kindergarten program

beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

A complete copy of the report is on file at the Monona Grove Schools District Office.

- C. The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, 7:15 P.M. at the District Office. Ms. Bultman stated the Committee would hear a report from Dr. Paul Brost, High School Principal, regarding block scheduling.

#### Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

- A. Report From the Business Services Committee Meeting of May 30, 2007

Mr. Weinberger reported the following from the Business Services Committee meeting of May 30, 2007: Jeff Schreiner, Athletic Director, Monona Grove High School, presented his proposed budget for 2007-2008; received a gift donation from Monona PTO in the amount of \$12,000 to be used for playground equipment at Maywood School; heard a report from Mark Scullion on keyless entry systems; reviewed applications that had been submitted by after-school day care providers for 2007-2008; and reviewed the Fund 50 Food Service proposed budget for 2007-2008.

- B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Donation From the Monona PTO for Additional Playground Equipment for Maywood School

John Weinberger moved that the Monona Grove School District accept the donation from the Monona PTO for additional playground equipment at Maywood School in the amount of \$12,000. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

The Business Services Committee also approved to reallocate within the 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget installation of the additional playground equipment and site work in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

- C. Discussion and Possible Approval of After-School Child Care Providers for 2007-2008

John Weinberger moved approval of the YMCA and Learning Ladder day care facilities to provide childcare services on district property for the 2007-2008 school year. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

With approval of this motion, the YMCA would continue their services at Maywood School and Learning Ladder at Cottage Grove School.

- D. Presentation of Monthly Budget Statement

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

- E. The next meeting of the Business Services Committee will be on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, 5:00 P.M., at the District Office in the Nichols School building.

#### Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

A. Report From the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting of May 16, 2007

Mike DuPlayee reported the Personnel & Policy Committee reviewed and approved student handbook revisions for the 2007-2008 school year and also heard a report from the Booster Club Review Committee who presented revisions to Booster Club Policy 881.1 for possible approval.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Student Handbook Revisions for the 2007-2008 School Year

Phil McDade moved approval of the student handbook revisions for the 2007-2008 school year. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Board Policy 881.1 – Relations With Booster/Parent Organizations

Kathy Bultman moved approval of Board Policy 881.1 – Relations With Booster/Parent Organizations as recommended by the Committee. Phil McDade seconded.

After discussion of the policy, Peter Sobol moved to amend the policy to include a requirement for an annual basis financial report from any club raising more than \$500.00 in any given year to be submitted annually and be made available to the public and that report would include the total funds raised, the amount contributed to the schools, the fund raising expenses and fund balance. Phil McDade seconded. After further discussion of the amendment, a vote was taken and the motion to amend failed.

Original motion carried.

D. The next meeting of the Personnel & Policy Committee will be at 6:00 P.M on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at Cottage Grove School in the Distance Learning Lab.

XI. Consent Agenda

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the following consent agenda items.

A. Minutes of the May 9 & 23, 2007, School Board Meetings

B. Hiring of Staff

- Lori Alexander, 1.0 FTE, School Psychologist/AODA Coordinator, Maywood School & District
- Emily Barron, 1.0 FTE, First Grade Teacher, Maywood School
- Carrie Burkhalter, 1.0 FTE, Special Education Teacher, Nichols School
- Jan Chynoweth, .60 FTE, Assistant Principal, Cottage Grove & Taylor Prairie Schools
- Suzanne Crase, 1.0 FTE, One Year Temporary Contract, Science, Monona Grove High
- Tina Gilbert, 1.0 FTE, Second Grade Teacher, Taylor Prairie School
- Jessica Hubbard, 1.0 FTE, Special Education Teacher, Taylor Prairie School
- Aimee Lussier, 1.0 FTE, Speech & Language Clinician, Cottage Grove School
- Kelly O'Neill, 1.0 FTE, Special Education Teacher, Nichols School
- Stacey Pipson, 1.0 FTE, Library Media Specialist, Nichols School
- Heather Reekie, 1.0 FTE, Speech & Language Clinician, Taylor Prairie School

- Jade Sachs, .40 FTE, Spanish Teacher, Monona Grove High School
  - Jamie Thomas, 1.0 FTE, Social Worker, Winnequah Middle School & District
- C. Staff Resignations
- Sadie Bartz, Educational Paraprofessional, Monona Grove High School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Cheryl Berg, Food Service Worker, Monona Grove High School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Karla Corl, Educational Paraprofessional, Taylor Prairie School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Larry Jackson, Math Teacher, Monona Grove High School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Brenda Karls, Food Service Worker, Maywood School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Derek Pertzborn, Math Teacher, Monona Grove High School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Cassandra Reichenbach, Art Teacher, Monona Grove High School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Kelly Sampson, Educational Paraprofessional, Monona Grove High School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Ryan Walter, Math Teacher, Monona Grove High School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Edna Wrochta, Food Service Worker, Maywood School, effective June 13, 2007
  - Judy Yonash, Educational Paraprofessional, Winnequah Middle School
- D. Approval of Staff Contract Amendments
- Kelly Bethke, Physical Education Teacher, Monona Grove High School, Added Physical Education Department Coordinator Additive
  - Janet Blimling, English Teacher, Monona Grove High School, Added English Department Coordinator Additive
  - Lindsey Dederich, Educational Paraprofessional, Winnequah Middle School, Added 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls (B) Volleyball Coach Additive
  - Ken Eeg, Baseball Coach, Winnequah Middle School, Resigned From Additive
  - Brian Fredrick, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach (Intramurals), Winnequah Middle School, Resigned From Additive
  - Peggy Hampton, Educational Assistant, Cottage Grove School, Added Girls (A) Volleyball Coach Additive
  - Ann Maeder, Reading Teacher, Winnequah Middle School, Resigned from Student Council Advisor Position
  - Amy Magnor, Health Teacher, Monona Grove High School, Added Health/Family Education Coordinator Additive
- E. Approval of Gift Donations
- Cash donation of \$12,000 from Monona Elementary PTO for Maywood Playground Equipment
  - Cash donation of \$200.00 for two Alternative School Graduates donated by Ilana Strauch, Social Worker, Monona Grove High School
- F. Approval of CESA 2 & 5 Annual Contracts for the 2007-2008 School Year
- 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 (Wire Transfers) in the amount of \$12,494.65
  - B. General Fund Vouchers No 172707-173278. in the amount of \$974,081.52
  - C. Building Project Fund Vouchers No 10065-10071 in the amount of \$1,130,822.30

Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

## XII. Adjournment

Kathy Bultman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.