

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Thursday, August 16, 2007, in the Cottage Grove School Distance Learning Center, Starting at 6:00 P.M. at the Cottage Grove Construction Site and Continuing at Cottage Grove School at 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Bultman (Arrived 7:00 P.M.), Mike DuPlayee, John Kitslaar, Susan Manning, Phil McDade, Peter Sobol, John Weinberger

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Mary Ellen Van Valin

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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 – Peter Vogel & Ross Rehfeldt, Vogel Brothers

Peter Vogel and Ross Rehfeldt of Vogel Brothers Construction, led the Board of Education on a tour of the new building site in Cottage Grove.

IV. Motion to Reconvene Meeting at Cottage Grove School – 7:00 P.M.

John Weinberger moved that the Board reconvene their meeting at Cottage Grove School. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

V. Public Appearances

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding possible implementation of the alternating block schedule at Monona Grove High School:

- Kathryn Steffel, 438 Ollie Drive, Cottage Grove
- Sharon Henes, 720 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove
- Tim Handell, 4409 Gordon Avenue, Monona
- Jan Anderson, 416 Clearbrooke Terrace, Cottage Grove
- Richard Wood, 1965 W Ridge Road, Cottage Grove
- Marilyn Bower, 4601 Conestoga Trail, Cottage Grove

The following individuals also addressed the Board:

- Susan Fox, 4637 Tonyawatha Trail, Monona, regarding Board Rule #343.2
- Christine Whelley, 1018 Birch Haven Circle, Monona, regarding a presentation at the Monona Community Center by The Natural Step, Monona

VI. Correspondence and Announcements

John Kitslaar reported the following:

- Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, October 24, 2007, Cottage Grove School, LGI, 7:00 P.M.
- Wisconsin Association of School Board's Annual Fall Meeting for Region 12 will be

held on October 4, 2007 at the Windsor Country Club. Board members wishing to attend were asked to contact Bev Kalish.

- Susan Manning reported on a Booster Club Meeting that was held regarding policy implementation.

## VII. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gary Schumacher

### A. Announcements

Dr. Schumacher reported everything is ready to go for the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year. Registration has been completed at all schools and Winnequah will be ready for staff by August 28, 2007.

Congratulated Kathy Huber, Early Childhood Teacher and Deb Lyons-Zaber, Reading Teacher, who received a \$5,000.00 IDEA Preschool Discretionary Grant from the Department of Public Instruction.

## VIII. Old Business

### A. Monthly Construction Report – Peter Vogel & Ross Rehfeldt, Vogel Brothers Construction

Peter Vogel and Ross Rehfeldt, Vogel Brothers Construction, reported both the new middle school and renovations at Winnequah Middle School are both in good shape and ahead of schedule. Winnequah Middle School staff should be able to begin moving in August 24, 2007.

Dr. Schumacher thanked Vogel Brothers for their exemplary work, friendly crews, good communication and overall positive attitudes.

### B. Update on the Potential Sale of Approximately Five Acres of Land on the Location of the New School in Cottage Grove - Mary Ellen Van Valin

Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services, presented information she had received from D.L. Evans Company, Inc., regarding the disposition of vacant land owned by the school district located along the north side of County Hwy BB in the Village of Cottage Grove. The Request for Bid for lot 4 (parcel running closest to Hwy BB) will go out the week of August 20, 2007, and due back in the District Office on September 12, 2007. The Request for Bid for Parcels 2 and 3 (north of Manley Road) will go out September 19, 2007, and due back at the District Office by October 10, 2007.

### C. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Implementation of an Alternating Block Schedule at Monona Grove High School Beginning With the 2008-2009 School Year – Dr. Paul Brost

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the Implementation of an Alternating Block Schedule at Monona Grove High School beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Kathy Bultman seconded.

Dr. Brost re-capped information previously presented at earlier meetings. He emphasized both the Leadership Team and high school staff recommends the alternating block schedule but if he feels the staff are not ready, he will delay implementation until the 2009-2010 school year.

Discussion was held by the Board of Education. Susan Manning moved that the motion be amended to read "...beginning with the 2009-2010 school year but if staff is ready implementation could begin with the 2008-2009 school year". Peter Sobol seconded. The motion on the amendment failed.

Kathy Bultman asked for a roll call vote on the original motion. Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; Sobol – aye; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried.

#### IX. New Business

##### A. Discussion and Possible Approval to Dismiss Winnequah and Nichols School a Day Early in June, 2008

Dr. Schumacher reported the administration is asking that Winnequah and Nichols School be released a day early for Vogel Brothers to begin renovations at both schools. The Department of Public Instruction needs Board approval before they will act on our request.

Kathy Bultman moved approval to dismiss Winnequah and Nichols School a day early in June, 2008. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

##### B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution to Use a Hearing Officer for Student Expulsion Proceedings for the 2007-2008 School Year

Dr. Schumacher stated this resolution is adopted yearly by the Board of Education and allows a hearing officer to preside over expulsion hearings.

Mike DuPlayee moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Use a Hearing Officer for Student Expulsion Proceedings for the 2007-2008 school year. John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried.

##### C. Discussion of Check Out Process Resulting From School Board Retreat Discussion

Board members discussed the check out process that would be implemented at the end of each Board meeting. Because of uncertainty of how a check out process would work, John Kitslaar will be researching the concept and report back to the Board of Education with further information.

#### X. Committee Reports and Recommendations

##### Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

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

Mr. Weinberger reported the following:

- Mary Ellen Van Valin presented the fund raising reports that were submitted by the Building Principals. Ms. Van Valin will be meeting with Principals and Administrative Assistants regarding a common reporting form and to emphasize that all schools must follow the policy regarding fund raising activities.
- Molly Hancock, Aquatics Director, reviewed swimming pool usage and presented proposed changes to the fee schedule beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.
- Mary Ellen Van Valin presented the final budgets for Committee approval. Bill Breisch had a very useful handout explaining the various titles and grants.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of 2007-2008 Monona Grove Swimming Pool Fees

John Weinberger moved that the Board of Education approve the 2007-2008 Swimming Pool fee schedule as presented by Molly Hancock, Aquatics Director. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

C. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Business Services Committee will be on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, 5:00 P.M., Nichols School, in the District Office Board Room

Curriculum Committee – Kathy Bultman

A. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be at 7:15 P.M. on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, Nichols School, in the District Office Board Room.

Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

A. Report From the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting of July 19, 2007

Mike DuPlayee reported the Personnel & Policy Committee reviewed two policies and one job description that will be presented to the Board of Education.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Rule 343.2 – Guidelines for Class Size

Susan Manning moved approval of revisions to Board Rule 343.2 – Guidelines for Class Size. John Kitslaar seconded.

Board members reviewed the paragraph that would be added to the Guidelines under the Contingencies section.

Susan Manning asked for a roll call vote: Bultman – nay; DuPlayee – nay; Kitslaar – nay; Manning – aye; McDade – nay; Sobol – nay; and Weinberger – nay. Motion failed.

- C. Discussion and Possible Approval of New School Board Policy 237 – Director of Facilities and Safety Job Description

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of new School Board Policy 237 – Director of Facilities and Safety. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

- D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revised School Board Policy 721 – Buildings and Grounds Inspections

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of revisions to School Board Policy 721 – Buildings and Grounds Inspections. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

- E. The next meeting of the Personnel & Policy Committee will be at 6:00 P.M on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, Nichols School, in the District Office Board Room

#### XI. Consent Agenda

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the following consent agenda items.

- A. Minutes of the July 12 and 24, 2007, School Board Meetings
- B. Hiring of Staff
- Carol Cain, Bilingual (Spanish) Educational Paraprofessional, 4 Hours Per Day, District Wide
  - Ashley DuPlayee, Concessions Coordinator, Index 6, Monona Grove High School
  - Jeremy Duss, English Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Monona Grove High School
  - Mark Esch, Third Grade Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Cottage Grove School
  - Jonathan Farris, Strings Teacher, .30 FTE, Cottage Grove School
  - Seth Meinel, Social Studies Teacher, 1.0 FTE Temporary Contract While Teacher is on Leave of Absence, Monona Grove High School
  - Darren Schwenn, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Football Coach, Index 6, Monona Grove High School
  - Sheryl Spensley, ESL Teacher, .76 FTE, Taylor Prairie School
  - Deborah Trzinski-Becker, Math Teacher, .50 FTE, Monona Grove High School
  - Bonnie Valley, Art Teacher, .70 FTE, Monona Grove High School
  - Jennifer Vos, Business Education Teacher, .50 FTE, Monona Grove High School
  - Erin Walsh, Spanish Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Monona Grove High School
  - Erin Walsh, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Index 6, Monona Grove High School
- C. Staff Resignations
- Kari Augustine, Fifth Grade Teacher, Cottage Grove School, effective July 20, 2007
  - Jenifer Hedrick, Occupational Therapist, Taylor Prairie School, contingent upon receipt of liquidated damages fine paid to the District Office
  - Rebecca Riley, Strings Teacher, Cottage Grove School, never began assignment
  - Blaine Toshner, English Teacher, Monona Grove High School, never began assignment
- D. Approval of Staff Contract Amendments – none submitted
- E. Approval of 2007-2008 Private School Parent Transportation Contract Rate and “Non-Eligible” Rider Transportation Fee
- F. Approval of Gift Donations
- Cash donation of \$25 to Winnequah Middle School from Movin Shoes, Madison

- G. Budget Transfers – complete list on file at the District Office as part of the official minutes of the meeting
- H. Vouchers Payable
  - A. Debt Service Fund Vouchers – Wire Transfers – in the amount of \$10,122.28
  - B. General Fund Vouchers No 173769-174128. in the amount of \$1,046,371.58

Peter Sobol seconded and the motion carried with Mike DuPlayee abstaining from the vote.

- XII. Establish Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room. A tour of Winnequah Middle School will be held before the meeting.

- XIII. Adjournment

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