

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Business Services Committee, held on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 5:02 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Weinberger, Susan Manning, Peter Sobol

COMMUNITY MEMBER PRESENT: Jason McCutchin, Judy Runk

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Mary Ellen Van Valin, Gary Schumacher

I. Opening of Meeting – John Weinberger

II. Declaration of Public Notice – Acknowledged

III. Public Appearances – None

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the July 25, 2007, Business Services Committee Meeting

Peter Sobol moved approval of the minutes of the July 25, 2007, Business Services Committee meeting as amended. Susan Manning seconded and the motion carried.

V. Opportunity for Public Input on the 2007-2008 Proposed Monona Grove School District Budget

Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Trail NE, Monona, addressed the Committee regarding the \$10,000 line item that was placed in the budget for staff development for continuing the study of the International Baccalaureate program.

VI. Update on District Buildings and Grounds Summer Projects – Mark Scullion

Mark Scullion, Director of Facilities and Safety, reported the following:

- Coldsprings Avenue road reconstruction is 90% complete with only final resurfacing and landscaping needed.
- Security upgrades, keyless entry and instant alert system installation in the district buildings are on going with completion expected during the first few weeks of school.
- High School gymnasium floor resurfaced and turf renovation complete.
- Taylor Prairie roof repairs are 80% complete and should be done before school begins.
- Taylor Prairie School bathroom renovations in the kindergarten wing are complete.
- Remodeling at SOAR (middle school off-site program) is complete.
- Maywood playground installation complete with only painting to be done of the old system.
- The Boardwalk project in the Norman Vethe Forest at Cottage Grove School was constructed during the summer.
- Winnequah Middle School renovations complete and staff will be moving back into the building August 23, 2007.

VII. Update on District Transportation 2007-2008 Bus Routes, ID Badges, Late Bus Update, and Digital Camera Purchase – John VanderMerwe

John VanderMerwe, Transportation Supervisor, reported the following:

- Bus routes have been completed with no major changes and will be printed in the Herald Independent next week.

- Middle school and high school students will have a colored code on their I.D. card to indicate which bus they should be riding.
- Late bus run that was implemented last year (two determined stops in Cottage Grove) will continue this year.
- Digital cameras have been purchased and will be used on two district buses and two Badger buses.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Approval of Start and End Times for the District Commencing in 2008-2009 – Gary Schumacher, John VanderMerwe

Gary Schumacher, Superintendent, and John VanderMerwe presented a summary of transportation criteria for the start and end times for the new middle school in Cottage Grove, which will open for the 2008-2009 school year. Dr. Schumacher stated the start and end times need to be established before further planning can be done on the school day for the new building and the reconfiguration of the other buildings.

Peter Sobol moved that the Committee recommend to the Board of Education approval of the proposed district start and end times for the school day beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Judy Runk seconded and the motion carried.

IX. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Business Services Committee will be on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 5:00 P.M., at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room.

X. Adjournment

Peter Sobol moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jason McCutchin seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.