

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Business Services Committee, held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 5:05 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Allen, John Weinberger
BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Mary Possin
COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Runk
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Mary Ellen Van Valin
OTHERS PRESENT: Mike DuPlayee, John Kitslaar

I. Opening of Meeting-John Weinberger

II. Declaration of Public Notice-Acknowledged

III. Public Appearances-None

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the July 26th, 2006, Business Services Committee Meeting

Nancy Allen moved approval of the Minutes of the July 26th, 2006, Business Services Committee meeting. Judy Runk seconded and the motion carried.

V. Opportunity for Public Input on the 2006-07 Proposed School District Budget

No one was in attendance to offer public input into the 2006-07 school district budget.

VI. Presentation by David Noack, Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc. – GASB 43/45 OPEB – Liability Obligation – GOALS Program

David Noack of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., presented information to the Committee on their GOAL (Government OPEB & Liability) program.

After the presentation and discussion by the Committee it was determined that this is a very complex program. John Weinberger asked that Mary Ellen Van Valin contact Paul Thompson, our Financial Advisor, to prepare an analysis on plans being offered to accommodate GASB 43/45 OPEB Liability Obligation. The Committee would like a comparison of Stifel, Nicolaus & Companies GOALS Program with other similar plans.

VII. Update on 2006-2007 Bus Routes/Registration/Plan for Walk Area Review

John VanderMerwe reported the district will be faced with detoured bus routes resulting from road construction. One of the major roads, Cottage Grove Road (HWY BB) will be closed for bridge repairs until the end of November, 2006.

John also reported registration went well. He feels he has no major concerns for the beginning of the school year. Some bus routes have had minimal changes due to changed/added bus stops.

One area that will be studied this year is the walk area. Measurements will be taken to better document if students are outside the walk area boundaries and therefore would receive transportation. The Committee asked that Mr. VanderMerwe review the hazardous walk areas to see if any changes have occurred within those areas.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2006-2007 Parent Contracts for Parochial School Transportation

Mary Ellen Van Valin reviewed the 2006-2007 parent contracts for parochial school transportation list. The school district parents listed are reimbursed for transportation of their children to parochial schools.

Nancy Allen moved that the Committee recommend to the Board of Education approval of the 2006-2007 parent contracts for parochial school transportation. Judy Runk seconded and the motion carried.

IX. Possible Parent Request for a Bus Route Change

Mary Ellen Van Valin reported she had resolved the issue so this agenda item is not needed.

X. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Business Services Committee is Wednesday, September 20, 2006, 5:00 P.M., Nichols School – District Office Board Room.

XI. Adjournment

Nancy Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Judy Runk seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 P.M.