

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Wednesday, September 12, 2007, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 5:30 P.M. at Winnequah Middle School and Continuing at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room, 7:08 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Bultman (Arrived 5:45 P.M.), 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

John Kitslaar opened the meeting at Winnequah Middle School in Monona.

II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

III. Tour of Winnequah Middle School in Monona – Mike Huffman

Mike Huffman led the Board of Education on a tour of Winnequah Middle School commenting on the remodeling work that was completed during the summer months.

IV. Motion to Reconvene Meeting at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room – 6:18 P.M.

Phil McDade moved that the Board reconvene their meeting at Nichols School in the District Office Board Room. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

V. Motion to Move into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) for Consideration and Deliberation Regarding Bids Received for the Sale of Property Owned in Cottage Grove

Kathy Bultman moved that the Board move into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) for consideration and deliberation regarding bids received for the sale of property owned in Cottage Grove. Phil McDade seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; Sobol – aye; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried.

VI. Motion to Move Back into Open Session – 7:08 P.M.

Kathy Bultman moved that the Board move back into Open Session. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

VII. Public Appearances

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Nancy Cole-Rice, 5305 Maywood Road, Monona
- Susan Fox, 4637 Tonyawatha Trail, Monona
- Sue Carr, 4209 Winnequah Road, Monona
- Christine Zenger, 907 Progressive Lane, Monona
- Melanie Stebbins, 5005 McKenna Road, Monona
- Sharon Henes, 720 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove

VIII. Correspondence and Announcements

John Kitslaar stated he had no correspondence or announcements to report at this time.

Susan Manning thanked the Monona Grove High School Soccer team who volunteered their time to help fill and place sand bags in the Belle Isle area in Monona.

IX. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gary Schumacher

A. Preliminary Enrollment Count

District enrollment is down approximately 40 students, with small increases at Maywood and Cottage Grove schools.

B. Update on Opening of School

The opening of the school year went very well. Dr. Schumacher thanked Mark Scullion and his custodial staff for getting the schools in excellent shape for another school year. He also recognized Winnequah Middle School staff for their efforts in being able to have that school ready after extensive remodeling during the summer months.

Staff initiatives include the following: Dr. Paul Brost, Principal, Monona Grove High School introduced the students to Writers Ink Reference Books this school year; Barb Waara, Food Service Director, introduced home grown products in student lunches at Maywood School; and Vogel Brothers and Monona State Bank again this year have donated school supplies to the district schools.

C. Announcements

Dr. Schumacher announced his plans to retire at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year. He thanked the Board and community for allowing him to serve the school district as their Superintendent for the past eight years.

X. Old Business

A. Monthly Construction Report – Mike Huffman, Owners Representative

Mike Huffman gave an overview of the progress of the new middle school in Cottage Grove, a final report on the remodeling at Winnequah Middle School, and the construction budget. He indicated everything is on schedule and nearly on budget. Furniture, fixtures, and equipment bids have been sent with a bid opening date set for September 19, 2007.

B. Report on Leasing Arrangements for the SOAR, EXCEL and Monona Grove Alternative School Programs

Dr. Schumacher reviewed with the Board of Education lease/rental information for the SOAR, EXCEL, and Monona Grove Alternative School programs as compiled by Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services. Further discussion will be held at the October 10, 2007, Board Meeting.

XI. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Sale of Lot 4, Certified Survey Map No. 12085 (Property Owned in Cottage Grove)

Mary Ellen Van Valin reported the district received two bids for the sale of Lot 4, Certified Survey Map No. 12085, which is a parcel of land located along Highway BB across from the new middle school.

John Weinberger moved that the Board accept the bid of Coyle Highlands, LLC to purchase Lot 4, Certified Survey Map No. 12085, in the amount of \$501,000 and authorized the District Administrator, or his designee, to complete the sale pursuant to the terms of the bid specification. Peter Sobol seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; Sobol – aye; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution to Encourage the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to Utilize Quality Growth Measures for Student Performance Accountability Purposes

Dr. Schumacher stated this resolution is to encourage the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to utilize quality growth measures for student performance accountability purposes. This resolution will be sent to the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for consideration.

Phil McDade moved approval of a resolution asking the Department of Public Instruction to reconsider the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and allow the Monona Grove School District to use MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) for testing growth measures. Peter Sobol seconded.

After discussion of the motion Kathy Bultman moved to amend the motion to remove notation to No Child Left Behind from the second paragraph of the resolution. Phil McDade seconded. The motion to approve the amendment to the resolution carried.

The original motion, as amended, carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Entry into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement Relating to the “Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative” and Authorizing Participation in the Investment Programs of the Fund – Mary Ellen Van Valin

Mary Ellen Van Valin stated the Monona Grove School District has participated in the Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative for several years and this agency was formerly adopted as a district depository in April, 2007. This resolution will only confirm our participation in the program.

Peter Sobol moved approval of the resolution authorizing entry into an intergovernmental agreement relating to the Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative and authorizing participation in the investment programs of the Fund. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

XII. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Curriculum Committee – Kathy Bultman

A. Report From the Curriculum Committee Meeting of August 15, 2007

Ms. Bultman reported the following from the Curriculum Committee Meeting:

1. Bill Breisch and Dr. Paul Brost reviewed information that had been presented to the Committee at a previous meeting regarding further study of the International Baccalaureate program.
2. Dr. Brost requested approval of dismissing Monona Grove High School seniors for a portion of a school day during the ACT's Explore and Plan Testing.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Discontinuation of the Study of the International Baccalaureate Program at Monona Grove High School During the 2007-2008 School Year

Kathy Bultman stated the Curriculum Committee would not be bringing forward a positive recommendation to the Board of Education for continuation of the study of the International Baccalaureate Program at Monona Grove High School. Discussion was held regarding why this was forwarded to the Board for further discussion, as the study was not advanced from the Committee.

Kathy Bultman moved for the discontinuation of the study of the International Baccalaureate Program at Monona Grove High School during the 2007-2008 school year. Mike DuPlayee seconded. After further discussion a roll call vote was taken. Roll Call Vote: Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – nay; Sobol – nay; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval to Dismiss Monona Grove High School Seniors for a Portion of a School Day During the ACT's Explore and Plan Testing in September, 2007

Kathy Bultman moved approval of dismissing Monona Grove High School seniors for a portion of a school day during the ACT's Explore and Plan Testing in September, 2007. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

D. Confirm Next Meeting Date – September 20, 2007, 7:15 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room.

Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

A. Report From the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting of August 15, 2007

Mike DuPlayee reported the Personnel & Policy Committee reviewed two policies that will be presented to the Board of Education and delayed action on a job description for the Technology Director until the next meeting of the Committee.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Rule 185 – Standing Board Committee Guidelines

Phil McDade moved approval of revisions to Board Rule 185 – Standing Board Committee Guidelines. Kathy Bultman seconded.

After further discussion of the motion, Kathy Bultman moved to amend the motion to remove C.5 (review and approve all textbooks) from duties of the Curriculum Committee. John Weinberger seconded and the amendment to the motion carried.

The motion, as amended, carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Board Exhibit 185 – Questions for Potential Citizen Members on Standing Committees

Kathy Bultman moved approval of Board Exhibit 185 – Questions for Potential Citizen Members on Standing Committees. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

D. Confirm Next Meeting Date – September 19, 2007, 6:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

A. Report From the Business Services Committee Meeting of August 22, 2007

Mr. Weinberger reported the following from the Business Services Committee meeting::

1. Mark Scullion, Director of Facilities and Safety, reported on the district building and grounds projects completed during the summer.
2. John VanderMerwe, Transportation Supervisor, gave an update on district transportation for the 2007-2008 school year, ID badges, late bus update, and the purchase of digital cameras to install on school buses.
3. Dr. Schumacher and John VanderMerwe presented start and end times for the district schools commencing in 2008-2009.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Start and End Times for the District Commencing in 2008-2009

John Weinberger moved approval of the start and end times for the district schools commencing in 2008-2009. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

C. Confirm Next Meeting Date – September 19, 2007, 5:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

XIII. Consent Agenda

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the following consent agenda items.

- A. Minutes of the August 16, 2007, Board Meeting
- B. Hiring of Staff
 - Michael Ament, 1.0 FTE, Occupational Therapist, Taylor Prairie & Cottage Grove School
 - Celena Badylak, 1.0 FTE, Second Grade Teacher, Taylor Prairie School
 - Lara Brandt, 5.75 hrs/week, Food Service Helper I & Food Service Store Keeper, Monona Grove High School
 - Erin Drewes, 1.0 FTE, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Taylor Prairie School
 - Micaelen Freeman, 7.5 hrs/day, Educational Paraprofessional (Special Education), Monona Grove High School
 - Richard Frosh, 1 route/day, Bus Driver, District Wide
 - Christine Gessner, Supervisory Paraprofessional, Maywood School
 - Lisa Krause, 7 hours/day, Educational Paraprofessional (Special Education), Winnequah Middle School
 - James Kuzma, 2 routes/day, Bus Driver, District Wide
 - Sheilagh Lochner, 2 hrs/day, Supervisory Paraprofessional, Taylor Prairie School
 - Janelle Martinson, Index 8, Pom Pons Head Coach, Monona Grove High School
 - Dian Phelan, 7.5 hours/day, Educational Paraprofessional (Special Education), Monona Grove High School
 - Dawn Seifert, Administrative Assistant I, 5.2 hours/day, Winnequah Middle School
 - Rebecca Timmons, 7.5 hours/day, Educational Paraprofessional (Special Education), Monona Grove High School
 - Michael Zientek, 7.5 hours/day, Supervisory Paraprofessional (Study Hall), Monona Grove High School
- C. Staff Resignations
 - Teri Beghin, Bus Driver, District Wide, effective June 8, 2007
 - Nate Campbell, Supervisory Paraprofessional (Study Hall), Monona Grove High School, effective September 14, 2007
 - Ken Sidwell, Bus Driver, District Wide, effective June 8, 2007
- D. Approval of Staff Contract Amendments
 - Lori Alexander, Index 2, Pupil Services Coordinator, Maywood, added additive assignment
 - Lindsey Dederich, Index 2, Student Council Advisor, Winnequah Middle School, added additive assignment
 - Chris Gramann, 90 hours, Supervisory – AM Playground, Cottage Grove School, added supervisory assignment
 - Nichole Hester, Index 4, Science Department Coordinator, Monona Grove High School, added .50 additive assignment
 - Jacob Mihm, Index 4, Tech Ed Department Coordinator, Monona Grove High School, added .50 additive assignment
 - Jeff Olsen, Index 4, Science Department Coordinator, Monona Grove High School, added .50 additive assignment
 - Jeff Otto, Index 4, Tech Ed Department Coordinator, Monona Grove High School, added .50 additive assignment
 - Steven Rhoads, Index 8, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach & Index 2, 6th Grade Girls Intramural Basketball Coach, Winnequah Middle School, added additive assignment
 - Tara Sehmer, 38 hours, Supervisory – Hall Patrol, Cottage Grove School, added

- additive assignment
 - Ginger Veith, Index 2, Student Council Advisor, Winnequah Middle School, added additive assignment
- E. Approval of Gift Donations – none submitted
- F. Budget Transfers – none submitted
- G. Vouchers Payable
1. Debt Service Fund Vouchers – Wire Transfers – in the amount of \$11,709.55
 2. General Fund Vouchers No 174129-174421. in the amount of \$879,921.90
 3. Building Project Fund Vouchers No 10073-10084 in the amount of \$6,170,804.29

Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

- XIV. Establish Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Cottage Grove School, Large Group Instruction Room.

Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Cottage Grove School.

- XV. Adjournment

Kathy Bultman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

MINUTES: Meeting of the Closed Session of the Monona Grove Board of Education held
Wednesday, September 12, 2007, in the Nichols School, Superintendent's Office,
Starting at 6:18 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

The Board met in closed session for consideration and deliberation regarding bids received for the sale of property owned in Cottage Grove with no action taken.