

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Business Services Committee, held on Thursday, September 23, 2004, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 5:00 P.M.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Allen, John Kitslaar, John Weinberger (Arrived 5:38 PM)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Blair (Arrived 5:40 PM/Left 6:00 PM), Dan Millin

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Jeff Avery

OTHERS PRESENT: Barb Berg, Phil McDade, Mike DuPlayee, Mary Possin, Mark Scullion, John VanDerMerwe

I. Opening of Meeting – Nancy Allen opened the meeting at 5:35 P.M. John Weinberger arrived at 5:38 P.M. and took over the chair.

II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

III. Public Appearances – none

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the July 27, 2004, Business Services Committee Meeting

Dan Millin moved approval of the July 27, 2004, Business Services Committee meeting minutes as amended. John Kitslaar seconded and the motion carried.

V. Opportunity for Public Input into the 2004-2005 Budget

No one was in attendance to offer public input into the budget process.

VI. Introduction of Transportation Supervisor

Mark Scullion, Director of Buildings/Grounds/Transportation introduced and welcomed John VanDerMerwe, Transportation Supervisor, to the Monona Grove School District.

VII. Report on Bus Counts

John VanDerMerwe, Transportation Supervisor, reported the third Friday bus counts. All buses are within the capacity limits and no major problems have been reported with either Badger Bus or our own district buses in Cottage Grove.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Approval of Plaque to Honor Donors to the Taylor Prairie Playground Project

Barb Berg, Principal, Taylor Prairie School, requested permission to hang a plaque in the front hallway of Taylor Prairie School honoring the donors to the Taylor Prairie Playground Project.

Dan Millin moved that the Committee recommend to the Board of Education approval of hanging a plaque in the front hallway of Taylor Prairie School honoring the donors to the Taylor Prairie School Playground Project. Jim Blair seconded and the motion carried.

IX. Discussion and Possible Approval of Recommendation to Dissolve Drainage District #20

Gary Schumacher, Superintendent, reported the school district has received a request from Steve Querin-Schultz, Cottage Grove, to sign a petition calling for the dissolution of Drainage District #20 (which is located in the Norman Vethe School Forest). Mr. Querin-Schultz stated the property owners in this drainage district believe it is not needed and should be dissolved.

After discussion by the Committee, it was agreed that the administration would research the dissolution of Drainage District #20 and report back to the Business Services Committee at the October 25, 2004, Committee meeting.

X. Discussion and Possible Approval of Financial Advisor for the Purpose of Refinancing Existing Debt

Jeff Avery, Director of Business Services, reported on the outcome of the proposals solicited from financial firms to assist in the Advance Refunding of 3/1/93 general obligation refunding bonds and 11/1/99 general obligation refunding bonds. The lowest bid received was submitted by Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Company.

John Weinberger moved that the Committee recommend to the Board of Education that Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Company be approved as the financial advisor for the purpose of refinancing existing debt. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

XI. Discussion of Successor Agreement for the Operation of the Monona Grove High School Pool

Gary Schumacher reported he will be meeting with the City of Monona regarding operation of the Monona Grove High School pool. The agreement with the City of Monona to manage the pool expires at the end of December. Mr. Schumacher will report back to the Committee in October regarding his meeting with the City of Monona.

XII. Update on Natural Gas Prices

Jeff Avery reported natural gas prices have again increased from last month. He will continue to monitor the market for the best possible rate before he locks into an amount.

XIII. Confirm Next Meeting Date, Time and Place

The next meeting of the Business Services Committee will be Monday, October 25th, 2004, in the Monona Grove High School Conference Room, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

XIV. Adjournment

Ms. Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Millin seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.