

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Board of Education, held Wednesday, October 8, 2008, in the Glacial Drumlin School IMC, Starting at 6:30 P.M

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike DuPlayee, Susan Fox, John Kitslaar, Jill List, Susan Manning, Phil McDade, Peter Sobol

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Craig Gerlach, Mary Ellen Van Valin

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I. Opening of Meeting – John Kitslaar

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Motion to Move into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (e) for Consideration and Deliberation Regarding Contract Negotiations With AFSCME Local 60 Clerical Employees

Mike DuPlayee moved that the Board move into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 1 (e) for consideration and deliberation regarding contract negotiations with AFSCME Local 60 clerical employees. Phil McDade seconded. Roll Call Vote: DuPlayee – aye; Fox – aye; Kitslaar – aye; List – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; and Sobol –aye. Motion carried.

IV. Motion to Move Back into Open Session – 7:00 P.M.

Mike DuPlayee moved that the Board move back into Open Session. Phil McDade seconded. Motion carried.

V. Public Appearances

Janice Stone, 3731 Crestview Drive, Cottage Grove, Glacial Drumlin School Band Teacher, regarding Glacial Drumlin music program.

VI. Featured Program: Equity and Diversity/Minority Student Achievement Initiatives – Bill Breisch, John Faust, Ed O’Connor, Charlie Ellis

Bill Breisch, John Faust, Ed O’Connor and Charlie Ellis shared with the Board of Education a report they had presented to the Curriculum Committee regarding equity and diversity/student achievement initiatives. Bill Breisch and John Faust reported on the history, current actions, and future plans as it relates to the disproportionality improvement plan document. Ed O’Connor shared data regarding minority student achievement and disproportionality. Charlie Ellis gave an overview of his role as Equity and Diversity Coordinator for the Monona Grove School District.

VII. Correspondence and Announcements - none

Susan Manning reported she had received information that Kendrick Henes, 2008 graduate of Monona Grove High School, was named AP National Scholar.

VIII. Superintendent’s Report & Updates

A. Report on WASB Fall 2008 Regional Meeting Held September 30, 2008

Craig Gerlach reported he attended the WASB Fall Regional Meeting held on September 30, 2008, along with Board members Jill List, Susan Manning, and Mike DuPlayee. At that meeting Nancy Thompson was elected as representative for Region 12.

B. Annual Meeting Reminder: Monday, October 27, 2008, Monona Grove High School, 7:00 P.M.

C. Announcements

It was announced that a short Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2008, 1:00 P.M., to approve cash flow borrowing for 2008-2009.

Jill List will report on her attendance at the WASB Employment Seminar at the next Board of Education meeting.

IX. Old Business

A. Monona Grove High School Charter School End of Year Report – Nichole North-Hester & Denise Meyer

Nichole North Hester and Denise Meyer, teachers at Monona Grove High School, presented the Charter School end of year report for the 2007-2008 school year. Both remarked the student's attendance and graduation ratios were very high during this previous school year.

B. Monthly Construction Report – Mike Huffman

Mike Huffman, the school district's construction manager for the referendum projects, gave his final monthly construction report. Discussion was held regarding the September budget report and the list of additional projects added to the referendum project.

Mike Huffman introduced and thanked Vogel Brothers (Ross Rehfeldt and Jay Thompson) for their involvement in the building of Glacial Drumlin School and also the remodeling projects at Winnequah School. Vogel Brothers thanked the school district for giving them the opportunity to remodel Winnequah School and build Glacial Drumlin School, Mike Huffman for his leadership, Bray Architects for great architectural drawings, and Creative Business Interiors for their assistance with the furniture, fixtures and equipment budgets.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee Members to Study Grade Configuration in Monona

Craig Gerlach reported on a meeting held on October 7, 2008, with the citizens of the school district who showed interest in serving on the Committee. He stated many good ideas came from the group but it was evident that the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee is much larger than just studying grade configuration in Monona. Discussion was held as to whether this Ad Hoc Committee should continue with the charge given the Committee or if the Board would consider changing the scope to make it a district wide study of grade configurations at the elementary level.

John Kitslaar stated he was not ready to appoint citizens to the Ad Hoc Committee until the Board discussed whether to change the scope to a district wide study of grade configurations at the elementary level. Discussion was held regarding changing the charge of the Committee. Mr. Kitslaar stated he will meet with the Superintendent to determine if the charge to the Committee should be broadened and how to move forward in selection of the Committee.

This agenda item will be discussed further at the November 12, 2008, meeting of the Board of Education.

X. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Changes in Elementary School Conference Dates

Craig Gerlach reviewed the memorandum from Principal's Ann Schroeder and Renee Tennant dated June 26, 2008, regarding parent/teacher conference dates. They asked that conference times

be designated by building rather than grade level. Craig Gerlach stated both he and MGEA agree with the Principals regarding this change.

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of changes in the elementary school conference dates as recommended in a memorandum from Principal's Ann Schroeder and Renee Tennant dated June 26, 2008. Phil McDade seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

## XI. Committee Reports and Recommendations

### Curriculum Committee – Phil McDade

A. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 7:15 P.M., Glacial Drumlin School

### Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

A. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 6:00 P.M., Glacial Drumlin School

### Business Services Committee – Peter Sobol

A. Report From the Business Services Meeting of September 22, 2008

Peter Sobol reported the following from the Business Services Committee Meeting of September 22, 2008:

- Mark Scullion, Director of Safety & Buildings, reported on a request for a temporary easement on the Monona Drive project that will be advanced to Board of Education for possible approval.
- Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services and Kristi Massey, who manages the on-line district calendar, reviewed the guidelines for facility/field fee structure and the approval process.
- John VanderMerwe, Transportation Director, reported bussing is going well with the exception of Cottage Grove routes which have encountered problems because of the 4K program and the adjusted start and end times at the various buildings. Mr. VanderMerwe also commented he is waiting for a hazardous traffic area report for Cottage Grove that is being done by the Dane County Sheriff's Department.
- Mary Ellen Van Valin and John VanderMerwe requested an additional \$92,950 be included in the 2008-2009 Transportation budget.
- Mary Ellen Van Valin presented the 2008-2009 all fund original budget (budget flyer) and preliminary 2008-2009 revenue limit calculations for approval.
- Craig Gerlach shared a handout showing room usage for the Nichols building.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Temporary Easement (Monona Drive Project) from Dane County as Trustee for Department of Transportation

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the temporary easement (Monona Drive project) from Dane County as Trustee for Department of Transportation as presented by Mark Scullion. Phil McDade seconded. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2008-2009 All Fund Original Budget Flyer and Preliminary 2008-209 Revenue Limit Calculation

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the 2008-2009 all fund original budget flyer and preliminary revenue limit calculations as presented by Mary Ellen Van Valin. Phil McDade seconded. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

D. Presentation of Monthly Budget Statement

Peter Sobol presented the monthly budget statement with no questions or comments from Board members.

- E. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 5:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

XII. Consent Agenda

Susan Manning asked that approval of Consent Agenda Item G. be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Phil McDade moved approval of the following consent agenda items A-F. .

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the September 10 & 15 , 2008, School Board Meetings
- B. Approval of Hiring of Staff
1. Dan Gage, Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach, Index 5, Monona Grove High School
  2. Don Guess, Food Service Store Keeper, 3 hours/week, Glacial Drumlin School
  3. Kim Haefner, Supervisory Educational Paraprofessional, 6.5 hours per week, Glacial Drumlin School
  4. Gary Hardy, Bus Driver, 2 routes per day, Glacial Drumlin School
  5. Susan Jensen, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball Coach, Index 6, Glacial Drumlin School
  6. Darren Johnson, Supervisory Educational Paraprofessional, 10 hours per week, Glacial Drumlin School
  7. Kelly Larsen, Student Council Advisor, Index 2, Glacial Drumlin School
  8. Steve Rhoads, Student Council Advisor, Index 2, Glacial Drumlin School
  9. Todd Shenk, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball Coach, Index 6, Glacial Drumlin School
  10. Daniel Schreier, Cross Country Coach, Index 6, Glacial Drumlin School
  11. Gina Thousand, Clerical, Class 2, 10 month position, Maywood & Taylor Prairie Schools
  12. Steve Wilson, Special Education Paraprofessional, 7.5 hours per day, Cottage Grove School
- C. Approval of Staff Resignations
1. Lara Brandt, Food Service, Helper I, Glacial Drumlin School, effective October 3, 2008
  2. Peter Casey, Head Cross Country Coach, Glacial Drumlin School, effective September 17, 2008
  3. David Williamson, Custodian, District Wide, effective August 20, 2008
- D. Approval of Gift Donations
1. Cash donation of \$1700 to purchase an art drying rack for the Taylor Prairie School Art Room, given by the Cottage Grove PTO
  2. Cash donation of \$1051 to be used towards the purchase of Band uniforms at Monona Grove High School, given by the Friends of Monona Grove Bands
  3. Cash donation of \$1000 to Taylor Prairie School from Follett Software for collaborating with the librarian and classroom teachers and conducting an exemplary technology program
- E. Approval of Budget Transfers – none submitted.
- F. Approval of 2008-2010 Agreement with Local 60, AFSCME Clerical Employees

Mike DuPlayee seconded. Motion carried.

G. Approval of Vouchers Payable

After hearing no direct inquiry of a particular line item, Phil McDade moved approval of the following Vouchers Payable:

1. Debt Service Fund Vouchers, Wire Transfer, in the amount of \$3,885.23
2. General Fund Vouchers No. 179994-180474 in the amount of \$1,219,440.12
3. Building Project Fund Vouchers 10197-10213 in the amount of \$654,338.78

Jill List seconded and the motion carried

XIII. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, November 12, 2008, Nichols Building

XIV. Adjournment – 10:20 P.M.

Mike DuPlayee moved that the meeting be adjourned. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

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Wednesday, October 8, 2008, in the Glacial Drumlin School Community Room, Starting at 6:35  
P.M

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McDade, Peter Sobol

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Craig Gerlach

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Board members met in closed session for consideration and deliberation regarding contract negotiations with  
AFSCME Local 60 clerical employees with no action taken.