

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Board of Education, held Wednesday, November 12, 2008, in the Nichols Building, District Office Board Room, Starting at 7:05 P.M

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Fox, John Kitslaar, Jill List, Susan Manning (left 8:40 P.M.), Phil McDade, Peter Sobol

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Mike DuPlayee

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Craig Gerlach, Mary Ellen Van Valin

I. Opening of Meeting – John Kitslaar

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Public Appearances

Robin Krueger, Maywood teacher, gave an update on positive happenings at Maywood School.

IV. Correspondence and Announcements

V. Featured Presentation: Monona Grove High School Technology Education Department Update

Jake Altwegg, Jeff Otto, Ryan Stodola, and Don Tupper, Technology Education staff at Monona Grove High School reported on positives from the past school year and initiatives for the future.

VI. Superintendent's Report & Updates

A. Annual Meeting Notification Update

Craig Gerlach reported the Post Office misplaced the annual meeting notification flyers and did not have them delivered to Monona residents until the day of the meeting or later. The Post Office has apologized to the school district and will be refunding the \$241 postage cost. If citizens would like to view the Annual Meeting tapes you can find it being played on the local cable channels.

B. Wisconsin Association of School Personnel Administrators (WASPA) Conference Update

Craig Gerlach reported on the WASPA Conference he attended November 5-7, 2008. He stated he did much networking with similar size districts.

C. Announcements

1. Bussing update – A meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008, with John VanderMerwe, Mary Ellen Van Valin, and Mark Scullion regarding bussing issues in Cottage Grove.
1. Board development – a Board work session is being developed that will be facilitated by Mike Julka, Attorney at Lathrop & Clark, or Dean Ryerson, a retired Superintendent.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revised Scope of Monona Schools Ad Hoc Committee

John Kitslaar stated based on a meeting of citizens interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee regarding grade configuration in Monona that he is recommending the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee be expanded to include a district wide grade configuration study 4K-8.

Susan Fox moved that the Board of Education approve a task force, to be appointed by the Board President, to be established to discuss the issues relating to the

enrollments and grade configurations of the 4K through 8th grade schools in the Monona Grove School District. An analysis and recommendation(s) will be provided to the School Board by the end of the 2008-2009 school year. The Committee to be comprised of 2 School Board members, 3 administrators, 1 staff member from the Cottage Grove elementary schools, 1 staff members from the Monona elementary schools, 4 Cottage Grove citizens, and 4 Monona citizens. Susan Manning seconded. Discussion was held. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Appointment of Committee Members to Serve on Ad Hoc Committee as Defined in Agenda Item VII – A.

John Kitslaar made the following appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee: 3 Administrators (Craig Gerlach - Chair; Ann Schroeder, Renee Tennant); 2 Board Members (Susan Fox, Jill List); 1 staff member from Monona elementary schools (to be named); 1 staff member from Cottage Grove elementary schools (to be named); 4 Monona Citizens (Margaret Breunig-Clark, Kristin Frederickson, Jennifer Jindrich, Jeff Knight); and 4 Cottage Grove citizens (Lisa Jones, Jason McCutchin, Jennifer Pickel, Lisa Stangler). Mr. Kitslaar stated it was a very hard selection as all that applied were highly qualified and had something to offer the Committee.

The Board President has authority by Board Policy to select Ad Hoc Committee membership so approval was not needed from the Board of Education.

Craig Gerlach announced the first meeting of the Committee will be on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 6:00 P.M., in the Nichols Building, District Office Board Room.

VIII. New Business

A. Report on Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Employment Seminar – Jill List

The report from Jill List on the WASB Employment Seminar will be on the agenda of the December Board meeting.

B. 2008 Monona Grove High School Homecoming Report – Dr. Paul Brost, Principal

Dr. Paul Brost reviewed with the Board of Education his memorandum to them regarding 2008 homecoming activities that included a history of homecoming activities from the previous ten years. It is his recommendation that the high school does not have a formal homecoming week in the fall but possibly a formal dance after the fall sports.

John Kitslaar thanked Dr. Brost for his report and stated the decision as to whether to have homecoming activities is an administrative function not a Board decision. Dr. Brost and Superintendent Gerlach will keep the Board apprised of any changes for next year.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Together 4 Kids Community Preschools for 2009-2010 School Year – Connie Haessly, Principal

Connie Haessly reported on her recommendations regarding Together 4 Kids Community Preschools for 2009-2010. Ms. Haessly reported this first year has been very successful at all three of the community sites.

Susan Manning moved approval of the following community preschools as Together 4Kids collaborating partner sites with the Monona Grove School District for the 2009-2010 school year: Kid's Safari Learning Center in Cottage Grove; Learning Ladder Preschool and Childcare in Cottage Grove; and Immaculate Heart of Mary Preschool in Monona. Susan Fox seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

IX. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Curriculum Committee – Phil McDade

A. Report From the Curriculum Committee Meeting of October 15, 2008

Phil McDade reported the Curriculum Committee met on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, and received a report from Monona Grove High School teaching staff regarding Response to Intervention (RtI) training. Phil McDade also shared information regarding a meeting he attended as a member of the Department of Public Instruction's Next Generation Assessment Task Force.

B. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Thursday, November 20, 2008, 7:15 P.M., Nichols Building, District Office Board Room

Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

A. Report From the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting of October 15, 2008

Craig Gerlach reported for Mike DuPlayee, who was absent, on the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting of October 15, 2008. Mr. Gerlach stated the Committee reviewed but did not make any changes to Board Policy 655 – Rental of District Owned Real Estate. Discussion was held by the Committee as to future policies to bring forward for discussion.

B. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 7:15 P.M., Glacial Drumlin School

Business Services Committee – Peter Sobol

A. Report From the Business Services Committee Meeting of October 29, 2008

Peter Sobol reported the following from the Business Services Committee meeting of October 29, 2008: Mark Scullion, Director of Facilities and Safety and Jim Hessling, Village of Cottage Grove, discussed the school district's participation in a Public Works Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement; Dr. Paul Brost, Principal, Monona Grove High School, presented a three year exclusive beverage contract with Pepsi for approval; and Bill Herman, Director of Technology, gave an update on the process for selecting a new student information system for the school district.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Exclusive Beverage Contract for Monona Grove High School (Renewal)

Dr. Paul Brost presented a proposal for the renewal of an exclusive three year beverage contract with Pepsi for possible approval by the Committee.

Phil McDade moved approval of the proposed three year exclusive beverage contract with Pepsi for Monona Grove High School as presented. Jill List seconded. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

C. Presentation of Monthly Budget Statement

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

D. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 5:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

X. Consent Agenda

Phil McDade moved approval of the following consent agenda items:

A. Minutes of the October 8th, 22nd, and 27th, 2008, School Board Meetings

B. Hiring of Staff

1. Laura Grob, Food Service Helper I, Cottage Grove School, beginning October 14, 2008
2. Carol Johnson-Lange, Food Service Helper I, Glacial Drumlin School, beginning October 6, 2008
3. Monona Grove High School Athletic Coaching Additives for Winter Season
 - Dan Bradford, JV Boys Basketball Coach, Index 6
 - Brock Femrite, JV Hockey Coach, Index 12
 - Gabe Haberkorn, 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Index 11
 - Steve Hornbeck, JV Girls Basketball Coach, Index 12
 - Kent Kelsey, Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Index 11
 - Eric Nelson, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Index 18
 - Ann Speigle, Girls JV Tennis Supplementary Coach, Index 5, 2008 Fall Season
 - Mark Toijola, Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Index 11
 - Andy Witte, JV Boys Basketball Coach, Index 6,

C. Staff Resignations

1. Gary Hardy, Bus Driver, effective October 2, 2008
2. Dana Magarian, Special Education Paraprofessional, employment terminated October 15, 2008

D. Approval of Gift Donations

1. Cash donation of \$1,283.00 from Scrip Sales for Taylor Prairie School given by Cottage Grove PTO
2. Cash donation of \$125.00 for the Special Needs activity account at Taylor Prairie School given by Cottage Grove Lions
3. Cash donation of \$264.49 for the purchase of an easel for a Taylor Prairie staff member given by Cottage Grove PTO
4. I.D. making technology for making student/staff identification cards at Glacial Drumlin School given by Skala Capitol Pictures, Cottage Grove
5. Cash donation of \$500.00 to the Early Learning Fair given by Cottage Grove PTO
6. Cash donation of \$607.75 from Tootsie Roll sales to be used by Special Education Department given by Wisconsin State Council, Knights of Columbus
7. Cash donation of \$1200.00 for Taylor Prairie School field trips given by Cottage Grove PTO
8. Cash donation of \$3,600.00 given by various community businesses and individuals to Monona Grove High School to defer the cost of an assembly speaker (Herman Boone)

E. Approval of Budget Transfers – none presented

F. Approval of Vouchers Payable

1. Debt Service Fund Vouchers No. (wire transfer) in the amount of \$1,260,115.95
2. General Fund Vouchers No. 180475 – 181075 plus wire transfer repayment of short term borrowing in an amount of 3,937,174.75
3. Building Project Fund Voucher No. 10214-10220 in the amount of \$283,047.83

Peter Sobol seconded and the motion carried.

XI. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 10, 2008, Glacial Drumlin School

XII. Adjournment – 8:50 P.M.

Phil McDade moved that the meeting be adjourned. Peter Sobol seconded and the motion carried.