

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education held Wednesday, November 14, 2007, in the Nichols School Multi Purpose Room, Starting at 5:33 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Bultman (Arrived 5:40 P.M.), Mike DuPlayee, John Kitslaar, Susan Manning, Phil McDade (Arrived 5:45 P.M.), Peter Sobol, John Weinberger

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Mary Ellen Van Valin

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)(c)(e)(f)(g) to Confer With Legal Counsel Regarding Bargaining with Monona Grove Education Association and Personnel Issues: Review of Credentials of Middle School Principal Finalists

Mike DuPlayee moved that the Board move into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e)(f)(g) to confer with legal counsel regarding bargaining with Monona Grove Education Association and personnel issues: review of credentials of middle school Principal finalists. John Weinberger seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bultman – aye; DuPlayee – aye; Kitslaar – aye; Manning – aye; McDade – aye; Sobol – aye; and Weinberger – aye. Motion carried.

IV. Motion to Move Back into Open Session –7:10 P.M.

Mike DuPlayee moved that the Board move back into open session. John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried.

V. Public Appearances

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding teacher negotiation issues:

- Amanda Henes, 720 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove
- Melinda Dorris, 12 Backbay Circle, Madison
- Pat Onsager, 3510 Sargent Street, Madison
- Jake Altwegg, 5408 Maher Avenue, Madison
- Denise Peterson, 6710 Sleepy Hollow Road, McFarland
- Sonja Hanson-Boehm, 4112 Drexel Avenue, Madison
- Kelly Frydenlund, 1111 Starlight Lane, Cottage Grove
- Jeremy Wallace, 1820 Keyes Avenue, Madison
- Patti Powers, 18 Brule Circle, Madison
- Sharon Henes, 720 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding joint use agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove and athletic fields at the new middle school:

- Jim Smecko, 1304 Neponset Trail, Monona
- Tory Pomeroy, 4627 Conestoga Trail, CG
- Maurice Haukereid, 5513 Winnequah Road, Monona
- Pat Mackesey, 434 Connie Street, Cottage Grove
- Sharon Henes, 720 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove

John Kitslaar stated that the Board has fully empowered the Negotiating Team to act on their behalf, are aware of the issues, and have set parameters for the team. He further stated if Consensus Bargaining had been used in negotiations the Board would have been involved in the process.

VI. Announcements

John Kitslaar congratulated the Monona Grove High School Girls Swim Team who placed third in Division II at the State Swim meet. Students participating at the meet were Kelsey Millin, Tess Becker, Hayley Martin, Katie Barta, Elizabeth Emmerich, and Becky Opheim and Coaches Jenni Reinwand and Becki Timmons.

VII. Superintendent's Report & Updates

A. Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) Recognition of Winnequah Middle School

The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators has recognized Winnequah Middle School as an exemplary middle school. Ninety schools out of a total of 363 were recognized based upon information supplied by the Department of Public Instruction reflecting high growth in reading and/or math scores.

B. Update on Status of Parking on North Side of Coldsprings Avenue

Correspondence has been sent to the City of Madison requesting permission to park on the north side of Coldsprings Avenue. The Mayor of Monona has also sent a request on behalf of the City of Monona. Further information will be shared as it is received from the City of Madison.

C. Announcements - none

VIII. Old Business

Susan Manning moved that the Board of Education move agenda item C to B to follow discussion of the athletic fields. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revisions to the Development of Athletic Fields at the New Middle School Site

John Kitslaar gave background information of work that was included in the referendum dollars – that the district would only have funds to grade and seed the fields at the new middle school site. Representatives from the Village of Cottage Grove approached the Board regarding joint use of the fields for soccer and softball fields. The Board authorized the administration to talk to the Village but that no additional district monies would be available. Being discussed this evening is the agreement that was the result of those meetings.

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the development of athletic fields at the new middle school site as shown. John Weinberger seconded.

Kathy Bultman moved to amend the motion to read “moved approval of the development of athletic fields at the new middle school site as shown in Exhibit A as revised”. Peter Sobol seconded. Motion to amend carried.

1. Proposal From GOALS (Guarantee Our Athletes Land for Sports)

The following representatives from the Monona Grove Soccer Community Enthusiasts addressed the Board of Education regarding their “Guarantee Our Athletes Land for Sports” proposal where they ask that the Board not sign the user agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove: Carl Pulvermacher; Rich Plier; Joyce Hamm on behalf of Jeff Vitense; and Tim Carew.

After discussion of Agenda Item C (see below) the Board of Education returned to Agenda Item A.

Dan Rossiter, Rettler Corporation, presented drawings of the athletics fields at the new middle school if a soccer complex were to be developed on that site.

Jeff Schreiner, Athletics Director, presented his summary of field use at the new middle school.

Kathy Bultman moved to amend/change the motion to have the district form a study committee, with membership to be determined by the Superintendent and Board President, to study development of athletic fields district wide. Based on legal counsel recommendation that this was a new motion and could not be addressed because a motion was on the floor, the motion was dropped.

Kathy Bultman moved to table the original motion as amended. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

C. Discussion of the Location for Future Monona Grove High School Boys & Girls Soccer

1. Proposal From City of Monona to Use Ahuska Park for Monona Grove High School Boys & Girls Soccer

Mayor Robb Kahl spoke regarding the City of Monona's desire to form a partnership with the Monona Grove School District in regards to using the Ahuska Park soccer field as a game field. Chris Homburg, Homburg Contractors, reviewed changes that have been made at Ahuska Park to improve the playing fields.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Joint Use Agreement for the Athletic Fields at the New Middle School Site Between the Village of Cottage Grove and the Monona Grove School District

John Weinberger moved approval of a joint use agreement for the athletic fields at the new middle school site between the Village of Cottage Grove and the Monona Grove School District as outlined. Peter Sobol seconded.

Susan Manning moved that the motion be amended to change the agreement from thirty years, in light of the ongoing continuity of the agreement, to five years. Kathy Bultman seconded.

Kathy Bultman moved to amend the amended motion to a fifteen-year term. Phil McDade seconded. After further discussion, John Weinberger called the question to amend the amended motion from a five to a fifteen-year term. Motion carried.

The vote on the motion as amended carried. The agreement will reflect a fifteen year term.

Susan Manning moved to eliminate from the third Whereas on the first page of the agreement the words softball, soccer, and football (the specific fields) referred to in Exhibit A. Mike DuPlayee seconded. Motion failed.

Susan Manning moved to change the word shall to may under 1.b."The Athletic Field Improvements installed pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1.a. above ~~shall~~ may not be removed or altered...". Motion failed for lack of a second.

Susan Manning. moved to replace the wording "subject to utilization of the School District's online facilities calendar to confirm..." in paragraph 2.c. to "subject to school district approval practices to confirm...". Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

Bill Fahey suggested a change to 2.b. on the second page of the agreement. Kathy Bultman moved to add the word only after Taylor Prairie playgrounds to 2 b. (...Taylor Prairie playgrounds only for its organized recreational programming at times and for purposes ...) Susan Manning seconded

and the motion carried.

Susan Manning moved a change to 2.a. to add the words regardless of the season (...outside of normal school hours, for School District related activities regardless of the season.) Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried.

John Weinberger moved approval of the joint use agreement between the Village of Cottage Grove and the Monona Grove School District as amended. Mike DuPlayee seconded.

Phil McDade moved to call the question. Motion to call carried.

Motion as amended with the revisions, including Exhibit A, carried.

Susan Manning moved that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to continue to study a long range plan for the field use at the middle school. Phil McDade seconded.

Phil McDade asked that a friendly amendment be reflected in the motion stating that the School Board authorize the school district administration to create a study group to look at and report back to the Board on athletic facility needs of the district. Susan Manning agreed to the friendly amendment to the original motion. Original motion with the friendly amendment carried.

The Board of Education took a break from 10:50 P.M. to 10:55 P.M.

D. Monthly Construction Report – Mike Huffman

Mike Huffman reported there were no major changes to the September budget report.

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Furniture & Equipment Procurement and School Moving Manager

Mike Huffman reported that requests for proposals were sent to eight firms. Three firms returned their bids and it is the Selection Committee's recommendation that Creative Business Interiors receive the contract.

John Weinberger moved that Creative Business Interiors be approved as the Furniture and Equipment Procurement and School Moving Manager vendor. Kathy Bultman seconded. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and Possible Approval of Naming of the New Middle School – Phil McDade & Mike DuPlayee

Phil McDade reported on the October 18, 2007 meeting of the Ad Hoc Middle School Naming Committee. The Committee discussed the five names as submitted by the middle school naming project (Glacial Drumlin Middle School, Granger Middle School, Hawks Ridge Middle School, Monona Grove Middle School, Silver Eagle Middle School). From those five names the Committee narrowed the list to two (Glacial Drumlin Middle School and Hawks Ridge Middle School) which are being recommended to the Board of Education for possible approval. Discussion was held regarding naming the school a middle school since the building will house 5-8 students. Phil McDade thanked Committee members – co chair Mike DuPlayee, Kathy Albright, Becky Mitchell, Sunny Schubert, Laura Toso, Jenny Klas, Barbara Koykhar, and Patti McGinnis.

Kathy Bultman moved approval of naming the new school "Glacial Drumlin School". Peter Sobol seconded. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

- A. Report From Applied Population Laboratory Regarding Enrollment Projections – Sarah Lazenby
- Phil McDade moved that this agenda item be tabled to the December Board of Education meeting.
Kathy Bultman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- B. Report From Energy and Sustainability Committee – Peter Sobol

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of “Letter of Intent” for Potential Performance Contracting for Monona Grove School District Energy Systems

Phil McDade moved that this agenda item be tabled to the December Board of Education meeting.
Kathy Bultman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

X. Committee Reports and Recommendations

Curriculum Committee – Kathy Bultman

- A. Confirm Next Meeting Date – November 28, 2007, 7:15 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

Personnel & Policy Committee – Mike DuPlayee

- A. Confirm Next Meeting Date – November 28, 2007, 6:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

Business Services Committee – John Weinberger

- A. Presentation of Monthly Budget Statement

John Weinberger presented the monthly budget statement with no comments or questions from Board members.

- B. Confirm Next Meeting Date – November 28, 2007, 5:00 P.M., Nichols School, District Office Board Room

XI. Consent Agenda

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the October 4, 10, 17, and 24, 2007, Board Meetings
- B. Hiring of Staff
- Todd Shenk, 8th Grade Girls B Basketball Coach, Index 6, Winnequah Middle School
 - Dan Bradford, Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach, Index 11, Monona Grove High School
 - Chad Wurth, JV Boys Basketball Coach, Index 12, Monona Grove High School
 - Greg Gehrig, 9th Grade A Team Basketball Coach, Index 11, Monona Grove High School
 - Tim King, 9th Grade B Team Basketball Coach, Index 11, Monona Grove High School
 - Deidre Bradford, Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Index 11, Monona Grove High School
 - Gabe Haberkorn, JV Girls Basketball Co-Coach, Index 6, Monona Grove High School
 - Todd Grundahl, JV Girls Basketball Co-Coach, Index 6, Monona Grove High School
 - Carla Kriel, 9th Grade Girls Basketball Co-Coach, Index 5.5, Monona Grove High School
 - Bob Johnson, JV and 9th Grade Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach, \$1.00, Monona Grove High School

- Bryan Manke, JV Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach, \$1.00, Monona Grove High School
 - Joel Coyne, Boys Swim Volunteer Coach, \$1.00, Monona Grove High School
 - Toby Kinsler, JV Hockey Coach, Index 12, Monona Grove High School
- C. Staff Resignations
- Peter Johnson, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Monona Grove High School, effective October 15, 2007
- D. Approval of Staff Contract Amendments
- Brandon Beckwith, Resigned Additive Assignment, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Monona Grove High School, effective November 14, 2007
 - Maureen McCarty, Added Additive Assignment, Index 5, Middle School Orchestra, Winnequah Middle School
 - Barbara Schmidt, Added Additive Assignment, Index 2, 6th Grade Girls Intramural Basketball Coach, Winnequah Middle School
- E. Food Service Manager's Compensation
- F. Gift Donations
- Jewelry Studio Equipment and Supplies Donated to Monona Grove High School Art Department by Julie Mills
 - Monona Grove High School Football Stadium Field Goal Post Donated by Mark Rundle
 - Cash Donation of \$3744.00 for Die Cuts, SRA Reading Program, Kindergarten Lets Find Out Reading Materials, and 1st and 2nd Grade Weekly Readers for Taylor Prairie School Students by the Cottage Grove PTO
 - Cash Donation of \$600.00 for the Milk Buddy Program and DVD's or CD's for Cottage Grove School Students by Sara Steele
 - Cash Donation of \$200.00 to be Used to Help Fund "Giving Tree" at Cottage Grove School by Randy Lenz
 - Cash Donation of \$527.44 for Use by the Special Education Department From the Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive
- G. Approval of Budget Transfers – None Submitted
- H. Approval of Vouchers Payable
- Debt Service Fund Vouchers No. (Wire Transfers) in the Amount of \$1,292,438.06
 - General Fund Vouchers No. 174994-175597 plus Wire Transfer (Repayment of Short-Term Borrowing) in the Amount of \$3,379,405.45
 - Building Project Fund Vouchers No. 10092-10097 in the amount of \$1,598,156.92

Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

XII. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 12, 2007, Cottage Grove School, LGI

XIII. Adjournment

Phil McDade moved that the meeting be adjourned. Peter Sobol seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

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