

Monona Grove School District
Budget Hearing and Annual School Meeting
Cottage Grove School LGI
October 24, 2007
7:00 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

I. Meeting Called to Order – John Kitslaar, President

John Kitslaar opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

John Kitslaar introduced Bill Fahey, Attorney, Lathrop & Clark Law Offices, who will act as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

III. Election of a Permanent Chairperson

Judy Runk, 311 Asher Circle, Monona, nominated Kevin Hoey as permanent Chairperson. Deloris VanderVelde, 5501 Pheasant Hill Road, Monona, seconded.

Mike DuPlayee moved that nominations be closed. Phil McDade seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Hoey was elected Permanent Chair of the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing.

IV. Announcement of the Availability of the Minutes From the 2007 Annual Meeting

Kevin Hoey announced that the minutes from the 2007 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting could be found in the packet of information located inside the doors of the LGI.

V. School Board President's Report – John Kitslaar

John Kitslaar reported on the following 2007-2008 School Board goals:

1. Improve student achievement in reading, language arts and mathematics as identified in the 5-year goals established by the District's data team
2. Continue new building project at Cottage Grove and renovations at Winnequah Middle School
3. Receive training in continuous improvement frameworks, which will be used to guide school improvement efforts.
4. Continue to identify and implement community outreach strategies with the goal of communicating more effectively with the constituents.
5. Search for a replacement for our current Superintendent, Dr. Schumacher.
6. Continue to address the following program initiatives, implementations, and studies that have commenced in the previous school year(s):
 - Implementation of four-year old kindergarten program (District)
 - Block scheduling (MGHS)
 - Study of elementary world languages program (District)
 - Problem-solving model (District)

Administering Explore, Plan and ACT (District)
Curriculum Mapping (District)

VI. District Business Services Committee Report – John Weinberger

John Weinberger reported the Business Services Committee consists of three Board Members (John Weinberger, Peter Sobol, Susan Manning) and 2 citizen members (Judy Runk, Jason McCutchin). This committee tends to the non-educational functions of the district. District Office staff in the Business Office consists of: Barbara Waara, Food Service Director; John VanderderMerwe, Transportation Supervisor; Bill Herman, Director of Technology; Mark Scullion, Director of Facilities and Safety; and Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services. Mr. Weinberger reviewed the functions and goals of each of the department heads.

VII. District Curriculum Committee Report – Kathy Bultman

Kathy Bultman reported the Curriculum Committee serves the integral role on the school board as the oversight of the academic progress of the following school district initiatives that have taken place during the previous year:

- Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Study (Connie Haessly)
- International Baccalaureate Study (Paul Brost)
- Block Schedule at High School (Paul Brost)
- World Language (Ann Schroeder)
- Student Achievement (Explore, Plan, Score, Act Assessment)
- Mentoring Program Initiatives

Bill Breisch, Director of Curriculum, was also instrumental in the above listed initiatives.

Kathy Bultman thanked citizen members (Sue Carr, Tim O’Conner), Board members (Phil McDade, Mike DuPlayee), Bill Breisch, and Superintendent Gary Schumacher for their service to the Committee during the 2006-2007 school year.

VIII. District Policy Committee Report – Mike DuPlayee

Mike DuPlayee reported the Policy Committee reviewed policies as brought forth by the district administration for review and approval. Highlighted policies for the year were the district Wellness Policy (which will be on-going), Class Size Policy Guidelines (which remained unchanged) and the Booster Club Policy, which had not been reviewed since 1999.

Mike DuPlayee thanked citizen members (Larry Miller, Jill List), Board members (Phil McDade, Susan Manning) and Superintendent Gary Schumacher for their service to the Committee during the 2006-2007 school year..

IX. Financial Report – Auditor’s Statement – John Weinberger – Treasurer

Mr. Weinberger reported the auditor’s statement has not been completed at this time but a full report would be given to the Board of Education at a later date.

X. Budget Hearing – Budget Presentation – John Weinberger, Treasurer and Mary Ellen Van Valin,

Director of Business Services

Ms. Van Valin presented the 2007-2008 school district budget. The budget would consist of a total gross expenditure amount of \$62,835,319.54, which is composed of:

- a General Fund budget in the amount of \$ 31,538,588.49
- a Debt Service budget of \$ 4,961,612.50
- a Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$ 20,106,170.96
- a Food Service budget of \$1,078,817.93
- a Special Revenue Trust Fund budget in the amount of \$42,037.87
- a Community Service budget in the amount of \$178,855.70
- a Special Education Fund budget in the amount of \$4,814,573.76
- and a Cooperative Fund Budget in the amount of \$114,662.33

The following individuals spoke regarding the budget:

Kristin Yates, 4663 Tonyawatha Trail, Monona
Susan Manning, 1108 Nishishin Trail NE, Monona
Larry Miller, 1110 Nishishin Trail NE, Monona
Randy Parvin, 503 Frost Woods Road, Monona
Matt Breen, 6405 West Gate Road, Monona

XI. Adoption of Tax Levy

John Weinberger, 5504 Healy Lane, Monona, moved approval of a Tax Levy in the total amount of \$20,590,837.07, of which consists of a General Fund Levy in the amount of \$15,778,399.57, which includes a General Fund Tax Levy of \$15,773,630.00 and Prior Year Property Tax Charge Backs of \$4,769.57, and a Debt Service Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$4,812,437.50, which includes Long Term Debt Obligation of \$4,552,437.50 (Fund 39) and Non-Referendum Debt Obligations of \$260,000.00 (Fund 38), and a Community Services Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$0.00. Mike DuPlayee, 2712 Nightingale Way, Cottage Grove seconded and the motion carried.

XII. Authorization of Salaries for School Board Members

Mary Possin, 4509 Midmoor Road, Monona, moved that salaries remain at \$3,000 per member for the 2007-2008 school year. Kristi Williams, 3768 Bohnsack Lane, Cottage Grove, seconded and the motion carried with Board members abstaining from the vote.

XIII. Reimbursement of School Board Member Related Expenditures

Kristi Williams moved approval of the reimbursement of School Board member related expenditures. Jerald Nelson, 706 W. Dean Avenue, Monona, seconded and the motion for reimbursement of School Board members related expenditures carried with Board members abstaining from the vote.

XIV. Authorization to Sell Tangible Properties

Sharon Henes, 720 Crawford Drive, Cottage Grove moved approval of authorization for the Board to sell tangible properties (under \$2500). Kristi Williams seconded.

Discussion was held regarding what is tangible properties (computers, etc.).

Bill Fahey asked that the motion reflect that the minutes read – authorization for the Board to sell tangible personal property at a per item price of not to exceed \$2500. Sharon Henes and Kristi Williams approved the amendment. Motion as amended carried.

XV. Authorization to Provide Bussing for Students

Sharon Henes moved approval of providing bussing for students of the Monona Grove School District. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion to provide bussing for students of the Monona Grove School District was approved.

XVI. Authorize the School Board to Establish the Date, Time, and Place of the 2008 Annual Meeting

Sharon Henes moved approval of authorizing the Board of Education to establish the date, time, and place of the 2008 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing. Jerald Nelson seconded the motion. The motion to have the Board of Education establish the date, time, and place of the 2008 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing was approved.

XVII. Other Business - none

XVIII. Adjournment

Mike DuPlayee moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kathy Bultman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.