

Monona Grove School District
Budget Hearing and Annual School Meeting
Monona Grove High School Auditorium
October 27, 2008

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

I. Meeting Called to Order – John Kitslaar, President – 7:00 P.M.

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Election of a Permanent Chairperson

Betsy Zande, 346 Meadow Crest Trail, Cottage Grove nominated Craig Gerlach, Superintendent, as permanent chairperson. Larry Miller, 1110 Nishishin Trail, Monona, seconded. Motion carried.

Craig Gerlach was elected Permanent Chairperson of the Budget Hearing and Annual School meeting.

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

Craig Gerlach announced that the minutes from the 2007 Budget Hearing and Annual School Meeting could be found in the packet of information located on the table in the back of the Auditorium.

Superintendent Gerlach apologized for the lateness in the mailing that went to Monona residents regarding the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing. A representative from the U.S Postal Services has acknowledged they misplaced the 53716 zip code flyers and did not deliver them in a timely manner. They have apologized and refunded the postage expense of the mailing.

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V. Superintendent's Report – Craig Gerlach

Bill Fahey, Attorney, Lathrop & Clark, was introduced as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Craig Gerlach, Superintendent of Schools, thanked the Board of Education and citizens for the warm welcome his family has received in their relocation to the Monona Grove School District. Superintendent Gerlach reported the district is presently doing a study of energy conservation, athletic field usage, and Monona grade configurations. All three areas have committees that will be reporting back to the Board sometime during the current school year. He also stated the district's 4K program has exceeded expectations and the district enrollment has increased from last year.

VI. School Board President's Report – John Kitslaar

John Kitslaar, School Board President, reported on the following events from the 2007-2008 school year: hiring a new Superintendent; implementing the district's 4K program; opening of

Glacial Drumlin School; remodeling of Winnequah School; and implementation of block scheduling at the high school.

Mr. Kitslaar thanked the administrative staff and employees for their service to the Monona Grove School District.

VII. District Business Services Committee Report – Peter Sobol

Peter Sobol reported the Business Services Committee consists of three Board members (Peter Sobol, Susan Manning, Phil McDade) and two citizen members (Judy Runk, Jason McCutchin).

He reported this Committee tends to the financial and other non educational activities of the school district that include food service, buildings and safety, transportation, and technology. Mr. Sobol gave an overview of the accomplishments of Mark Scullion – Director of Buildings and Safety; Barbara Waara – Food Service Director; John VanderMerwe – Director of Transportation; and Bill Herman – Director of Technology. He further stated the Committee also reviewed all aspects of the budget with Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services.

Mr. Sobol thanked Mary Ellen Van Valin and her staff for their service to the Monona Grove School District.

VIII. District Curriculum Committee Report – Phil McDade

Phil McDade reported the Curriculum Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Education for changes to the district's curriculum and to assess the results of educational programs and services to the students of the Monona Grove School District. Topics reviewed this year include the following: Literacy curriculum for grades 3-5; World Language study starting in kindergarten (approved but not implemented this year); Explore/Plan/ACT assessments for middle and high school students; sixth grade music programming; and implementation of the 4K program.

Mr. McDade thanked previous citizen members of the Curriculum Committee (Sue Carr, Tim O'Connor) present citizen members (Randy Parvin, Larry Miller) and also Bill Breisch, Director of Instruction and Ed O'Connor, Assessment Director.

IX. District Policy Committee Report – Mike DuPlayee

Mike DuPlayee reported the Policy Committee had no new policies written this year. The Committee oversaw the implementation of the wellness policy and Booster Club policy. Next year the Committee will review and implement the diversity policy and re-examination of the Transportation policy.

Mr. DuPlayee thanked Board members (Susan Manning, Jill List) previous citizen member (Larry Miller) and present citizen members (Sharon Henes, Lionel Norton), and Craig Gerlach for their service to the Committee during the 2007-2008 school year.

X. Financial Report – Auditor's Statement – Peter Sobol – Treasurer

Peter Sobol 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.

- XI. Budget Hearing & Budget Presentation – Peter Sobol, Treasurer
– Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services

Mary Ellen Van Valin presented the 2008-2009 school district budget. The budget consists of a total gross expenditure amount of \$47,775,793.30 which is composed of:

General Fund budget in the amount of \$32,820,595.09
Debt Service budget in the amount of \$5,148,262.50
Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$2,013,074.76
Food Service budget in the amount of \$1,139,925.30
Special Revenue Trust Fund budget in the amount of \$75,535.89
Trust Funds budget in the amount of \$851,418.00
Community Service budget in the amount of \$239,411.17
Special Education Fund budget in the amount of \$5,372,210.71
Cooperative Fund budget in the amount of \$115,359.88

The following individuals spoke regarding the budget:

Tim Handel, 4409 Gordon Avenue, Monona
Laura Liston, 6204 Winnequah Road, Monona

- XII. Adoption of Tax Levy

John Weinberger, 5504 Healy Lane, Monona, moved approval of a Tax Levy in the total amount of \$23,157,316.77, which consists of a General Fund Levy in the amount of \$18,078,544.43, which includes a General Fund Tax Levy of \$18,059,952.00, and Prior Year Property Tax Charge Backs of \$18,592.43, and a Debt Service Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$5,001,368.75, which includes Long Term Debt Obligation of \$4,741,368.75 (Fund 39) and Non-Referendum Debt Obligations of \$260,000.00 (Fund 38), and a Community Services Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$77,403.59. Kathy Bultman, 521 Nightingale Way, Cottage Grove seconded and the motion carried.

- XIII. Authorization of Salaries for School Board Members

Mary Possin, 4509 Midmoor Road, Monona, moved that salaries remain at \$3,000 per member for the 2008-2009 school year. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried with Board members abstaining from the vote.

- XIV. Reimbursement of School Board Member Related Expenditures

Kristi Williams, 3768 Bohnsack Lane, Cottage Grove, moved approval of School Board member related expenditures. John Weinberger seconded and the motion carried with Board members abstaining from the vote.

- XV. Authorization to Sell Tangible Personal Property at a Per Item Price of Not to Exceed \$2,500

John Weinberger moved approval of authorization for the Board to sell tangible properties (under \$2500). Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

- XVI. Authorization to Provide Bussing for Students

Kristi Williams moved approval of providing bussing for students of the Monona Grove School District. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

XVII. Authorize the School Board to Establish the Date, Time, and Place of the 2009 Annual Meeting

Tim Handel moved approval of authorizing the Board of Education to establish the date, time, and place of the 2009 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. Kathy Bultman seconded and the motion carried.

XVIII. Other Business

Tim Handel asked for clarification of maximum capacity of the building and gymnasium shower facilities at Glacial Drumlin School.

XIX. Adjournment

John Weinberger moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kristi Williams seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.