

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Personnel & Policy Committee, held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, in the Nichols School – District Office Board Room starting at 6:00pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike DuPlayee, Susan Manning, Phil McDade

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Miller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jill List

ADMINISTRATOR PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Ed O'Connor, Connie Haessly

I. Opening of Meeting – Mike DuPlayee opened the meeting at 6:05p.m.

John Kitslaar appointed Phil McDade to the committee for tonight's meeting to make a quorum.

II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged.

III. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2008

Phil McDade moved approval of the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2008. Susan Manning seconded and the motion carried. The minutes were approved as distributed.

VI. Public Appearances -

Susan Fox, 4637 Tonywatha Trail, Monona

V. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 421 – Entrance Age

Discussion began with Gary Schumacher's address to the public appearance concern of the entrance age policy proposal. Connie Haessly explained the current screening procedure that is done upon parent's requests that takes 8 hours and many staff members. Looking at the policy, we need to agree that Early Entrance and Accelerated Entry are different. Studies are showing that IQ does not predict achievement before the age of seven.

Discussion was held regarding policy flexibility. Ed O'Connor would like to suggest a far more defensible process to allow smoother work with families. Gary Schumacher has gone to other administrators for feedback.

Gary Schumacher asks if there is consensus on no early entrance to 4K. He will rework the policy draft held in the discussion and bring it back at a future meeting.

Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 421 – Entrance Age was tabled.

VI. Discussion and Possible Approval of New Board Policy 361 – Selection of Instructional Materials

Phil McDade moves approval of New Board Policy 361. Susan Manning seconded.

Gary Schumacher explained that he went back to the file to find that we did not have anything that explained the selection of instructional materials. This would be a new policy.

Motion carries.

VII. Discussion and Possible Approval of New Board Policy 183 – Voting Method

Phil McDade moves approval of New Board Policy 183 – Voting Method, Susan Manning seconded.

Gary Schumacher wrote this policy using other policies he's seen and that revisions would be okay by him. Discussion was held regarding abstentions. Gary Schumacher will research into the definition of abstaining.

Motion carries.

VIII. Discussion of Board Policy Versus Board Rule – Committee Review of Future Board Rules

Gary Schumacher wanted to bring this to the committee to make it clear about policy versus rule. Discussion was held what committee members consider policy versus administrative rule. Gary Schumacher suggested that only substantial changes come to the board.

IX. Establish Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Personnel & Policy meeting will be June 18, 2008, 6:00p.m. at Cottage Grove School Distance Learning Center.

X. Adjournment

Susan Manning moved that the meeting be adjourned. Phil McDade seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50p.m.