MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Monona Grove School District Office – Monona
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Loreen Gage, Elizabeth Cook, Eric Hartz, Susan Fox, Peter Sobol
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Daniel Olson

A. Call to Order – President Loreen Gage called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Interview of School Board Candidates
Tonight's meeting is to interview the twelve candidates to fill a School Board vacancy that occurred as the result of Board Member Andrew McKinney's resignation. The Board will appoint a member to serve until April 2024, to fill the remainder of Mr. McKinney's seat. Board members had the opportunity to review all applications prior to tonight's meeting. Each candidate has been given a 15-minute interview slot.

The candidates being interviewed are: Thomas Smith, Philip Haven, Sharon Beyer, Jessica Karns Bingham, Scott McConnell, Britany Bollhorst, Melissa Reithmeyer, Eric Neal, Rene Staskal, Scott DuBenske. Kacey Kronenfeld and David Gronski.

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Appointment of School Board member to fill the Open School Board Seat through April 2024.

In the first vote, Board members voted for their top three candidates. The result of the first nomination vote was as follows Thomas Smith. Philip Haven, Sharon Beyer, Scott McConnell, Britany Bollhorst, Melissa Reithmeyer, Rene Staskal, Scott DuBenske, Kacey Kronenfeld and David Gronski. After some additional discussion the Board took a second nomination vote. Board members chose their top three candidates. The result of the second nomination vote was as follows: Philip Haven, Scott McConnell, Britany Bollhorst, Melissa Reithmeyer, Rene Staskal and Kacey Kronenfeld. The Board discussed further and had a third nomination vote. The result of the third nomination vote was as follows: Philip Haven, Britany Bollhorst, Melissa Reithmeyer and Kacey Kronenfeld. The Board chose to end the nomination process and begin the voting process.

The result of the first vote was as follows: Philip Haven with 3 votes, Britany Bollhorst with 1 vote and Kacey Kronenfeld with 2 votes. The Board discussed the candidates further and proceeded to and chose to move vote again with the candidates that received the most votes (Philip Haven and Kacey Kronenfeld).

A second vote was taken and Philip Haven received the majority of the votes.

Motion: Peter Sobol moved that the Board appoint Philip Haven to fill the open School Board seat through April 2024. Elizabeth Cook seconded and the motion carried.

The Board thanked all the candidates and welcomed Philip Haven to this position.

E. Possible Action Items
1. 2022-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with MGEA – Educational Assistants

Motion: Susan Fox moved to approve the 2022-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with MGEA – Educational Assistants, as presented. Eric Hartz seconded and the motion carried.

2. 2022-2023 Educational Assistants Supplemental Pay
Motion: Susan Fox moved to approve the 2022-2023 Educational Assistants Supplemental Pay, as presented. Eric Hartz seconded and the motion carried.

F. Future Meeting Dates

G. Adjournment
Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41pm. Eric Hartz seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
January 25, 2023

SIGNATURE: Lauren Gase