

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Loreen Gage, Susan Manning, Peter Sobol, Rachelle Miller, Eric Hartz Elizabeth Cook, Philip Haven

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE : Krishna Elwell

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Olson, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Mark Powell, Joe Schneider, Nicole Thibodeau, Lisa Heipp and Angie Fassel

A. Call to Order – Loreen Gage called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Order of Business

D. Public Appearances

E. Consent Agenda

1. April 12, 2023 and April 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

2. Staff Hirings

Mary Ladd – Physical Therapist, District Wide, replacing Lori Herkert effective 2023-24 school year.

Isabel Haynes – MG21 Upper Campus Teacher, replacing Joel Jarosky, effective 2023-24 school year.

Cassandra Keller – Grade 5 Teacher at Granite Ridge School, replacing Alyssa Dohmen, effective 2023-24 school year.

Mai Ya Her – New FTE Grade 1 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, effective 2023-24 school year.

Steve Welch – Physical Education Teacher at Cottage Grove School, replacing Tanner Stephens, effective 2023-24 school year.

Kasara Sinkula – Band Teacher at Glacial Drumlin School, replacing Janice Stone, effective 2023-24 school year.

Courtney Van Hoof – Grade 5 Teacher at Granite Ridge School, replacing Brooke Goldsworthy, effective 2023-24 school year.

Cory Miller – Grade 2 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, replacing Emily Endres, effective 2023-24 school year.

Grace Grissman – Grade 2 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, replacing Heather Kroll, effective 2023-24 school year.

Sarah Busalacchi – PE/Health Teacher at GDS, replacing Richard Sonn, effective 2023-24 school year.

3. Staff Resignations & Retirements

Resignations:

Connor Godfrey – Special Education Teacher at GDS, effective June 9, 2023. Resignation received May 4, 2023.

4. Staff Contract Amendments

Amy Falkner – Speech and Language increasing from 0.90 FTE to 1.0 FTE, effective 2023-2024 school year.

Sarah Bagstad – Physical Education and Health Teacher increasing from 0.80 FTE to 1.0 FTE, effective 2023-2024 school year.

Jennifer Rauch – Occupational Therapist increasing from 0.50 FTE to 0.70 FTE, effective 2023-2024 school year.

5. Vouchers Payable

Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the consent agenda as presented, Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

F. Recognitions

1. This week the district is celebrating staff appreciation week. We are so grateful to each member of our staff whose ultimate goal is to support our students and school community.
2. Congratulations to the SkillsUSA team who recently competed at the State Conference. Students competed in their respective fields against the top competitors in the State. Special congrats to these 3 individuals for beating the odds and earning a spot on the podium: Holden Truman for 3rd place in the State for Technical Math; John Rathgeber for 2nd place in the State for Technical Math; Ben Jacobson for 1st place in the State for CO2 Rocket Car contest.
3. 4th graders at Winnequah and Granite Ridge all took some time to learn how to plant a tree and even helped plant some to celebrate Arbor Day. We are very fortunate to have partnerships with the Monona and Cottage Grove Parks and Recreation department to provide this opportunity to students.
4. One GDS student who participates in Sizzling Strings sent a letter to Maestro Kyle Knox, the Assistant Conductor of the Madison Symphony Orchestra, inviting him to visit a rehearsal. He did end up visiting the orchestra to listen to their work and even conduct a few pieces.
5. We are in the midst of the Spring sports season and have a lot to celebrate. Congratulations to the boys varsity track team who finished 1st place and the girls varsity track team who finished second place at the Badger South Quad. Great job to the boys tennis team for their recent victories against Fort Atkinson, Elkhorn and McFarland. The girls soccer team ended their game last Friday with an impressive 7-0 win against Beaver Dam. Boys golf finished in 9th place at the MACC Fund Invitational last weekend after competing against 28 teams. The softball team also pulled out a win at their recent game in the Portage Tournament. We continue to root for our MGSD athletes and look forward to what's still to come this season.

G. Correspondence and Announcements

1. Graduations: Monona Grove High School and MG21
The Monona Grove High School Class of 2023 commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The MG21 Class of 2023 commencement ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 7:00pm.

H. Administrative Reports

1. Superintendent's Report – Dan Olson
Dr. Olson updated the Board on Open Enrollment Status. MGSD received 288 Open Enrollment applications, there are 123 total seats available in the district.

I. Board Reports

Personnel Committee – Eric Hartz

The Personnel Committee met on April 28, 2023 and May 4, 2023 for further negotiations with MGEA.

J. Possible Action Items

1. 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement with MGEA – Teachers
Motion: Eric Hartz motioned approval of 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement with MGEA - Teachers – as presented. Elizabeth Cook seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. 2023-2024 Teacher Supplemental Pay
Motion: Eric Hartz motioned approval of the 2023-2024 Teacher Supplemental Pay as presented. Peter Sobol seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. 2023-2024 Calendar Revision
Motion: Peter Sobol motioned approval of the 2023-2024 Calendar Revision as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Use of Granite Ridge School as a Village of Cottage Grove Polling Location
Motion: Philip haven motioned approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Use of Granite Ridge School as a Village of Cottage Grove Polling Location as presented. Elizabeth Cook seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Proposal to add High School Boys and Girls Lacrosse Programs for 2023-2024
Motion: Eric Hartz motioned approval of Proposal to add High School Boys and Girls Lacrosse Programs for 2023-2024 as presented. Susan Manning seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

K. Discussion Items

L. Future Meeting Dates

June 14, 2023 at 7:00pm (6:00pm Closed Session if necessary)

July 12, 2023 at 7:00pm (6:00pm Closed Session if necessary)

August 9, 2023 at 7:00pm (6:00pm Closed Session if necessary)

M. Adjournment

Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 pm. Rachelle Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education

June 14, 2023

SIGNATURE: _____

Loren Hase