

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Loreen Gage, Susan Manning, Rachelle Miller, Eric Hartz Elizabeth Cook, Philip Haven, and Peter Sobol (arrived at 7:24pm)

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Olson, Mark Powell, Nicole Thibodeau, Lisa Heipp, Christa Foster, Kris Langer, Emily Foster and Danyelle Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Jaeger, USI Insurance Services

A. Call to Order – Loreen Gage called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and (f) for consideration of the following:

1. 2023-2024 Coordinator Compensation
2. Update on Status of lawsuit dated May 23, 2022

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and (f) for consideration of the following:

1. 2023-2024 Coordinator Compensation
2. Update on Status of lawsuit dated May 23, 2022

Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Eric Hartz – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye and Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Eric Hartz moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:01pm, Philip Haven seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Order of Business

F. Public Appearances

G. Consent Agenda

1. May 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Staff Hirings
 - **Kaitlyn McGillis** – Special Education Transition Teacher at MGHS, replacing Patrick Onsager, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Jessie Dostal** – Grade 2 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, replacing Alex Lang, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Elizabeth Kirby** – 0.9 FTE French/0.1 FTE Spanish Teacher at GDS, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Casey Riesch** – New 1.0 FTE Grade 5 Teacher at Winnequah School, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Rachel Tupper** – Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher at GDS, replacing Benjamin Langer, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Zachary LaFond-Hudson** – Grade 8 Science Teacher at GDS, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Carmen Munsell** – New 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Winnequah School, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Benjamin Hulbert** – New 1.0 FTE Project Based Teacher at MG21, effective 2023-24 school year.

- **Hannah Flanders** – Kindergarten Teacher at Winnequah School, replacing Layla Terrab, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Shaina Williams** – New 1.0 FTE Speech and Language Teacher, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Emily Gurkowski** – Special Education Teacher at GDS, replacing Connor Godfrey, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Helen Thao** – New 1.0 FTE EL Teacher at Taylor Prairie and Cottage Grove School, effective 2023-24 school year.
 - **Cailin Shortridge** – New 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at MGHS, effective 2023-24 school year.
3. Staff Resignations & Retirements
- **Kelsey Palmer** – FCS Teacher at GDS, effective June 9, 2023. Resignation received May 15, 2023.
 - **Tara Dahlberg** – Grade 7 Teacher at GDS, effective June 9, 2023. Resignation received May 23, 2023.
 - **Hayley Stephens** – Grade 8 Teacher at GDS, effective June 9, 2023. Resignation received May 30, 2023.
 - **Molly Rilling** – District Wide Math coach, effective June 9, 2023. Resignation received June 6, 2023.
 - **Michelle Brown** – Speech Language Pathologist at Taylor Prairie, effective August 11, 2023. Resignation received May 31, 2023.
 - **Corliss Hamilton** – Music/Orchestra Teacher at Winnequah, effective June 9, 2023. Resignation received June 8, 2023.
 - **Layla Terrab** – Kindergarten Teacher at Winnequah, effective June 9, 2023. Resignation received June 12, 2023.
4. Staff Contract Amendments
- **Michael Milinovich** – Physical Education Teacher increasing from 0.50 FTE to 1.0 FTE, effective 2023-2024 school year.
5. Vouchers Payable
6. 2023-2024 WIAA Membership Renewal for Monona Grove High School
7. 2023-2024 WIAA Membership Renewal for MG21
8. 2023-2024 Intergovernmental Agreement for School to Career Program with Dane County School Consortium – **on agenda in error**
9. 66.0301 Stoughton / Barneveld / Evansville / McFarland / Oregon / Parkview / Monona Grove / Lodi School Districts Cooperative Contract Girls Hockey for the 2023-2025 Seasons

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the consent agenda as presented, Rachelle Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Recognitions

Congratulations to the class of 2023 on their recent graduation! We are so proud of each student for their hard work, determination and accomplishments throughout their high school careers. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Thank you to all of our staff for their incredible and meaningful work this past school year. We know our students were in great hands and are already looking forward to the growth and memories that will occur next fall.

Congratulations to Monona's local radio station, WVMO, who was named Station of the Year by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, among many other awards. The high school AV Club also took home a few awards including graphic design, live sports coverage, talk show and live events. Learn more about WVMO, the AV Club and the awards won on the Herald's website.

The end of the school year is always a fun time for our students and staff, as they have especially fun, memorable events happening around the school - especially the school Field Days or Kids Choice Days where students spend quality time outside with their peers and teachers playing games and doing fun activities. You can find photos capturing the fun on our Facebook page.

Dr. Olson also congratulated Kevin Meicher, on his upcoming retirement from the District.

I. Correspondence and Announcements

J. Administrative Reports

1. Superintendent's Report – Dan Olson
Dr. Olson gave an update on the status of Maywood School and the District Strategic Plan.

K. Board Reports

1. Teaching Learning and Equity – Elizabeth Cook
TLE met on May 24, 2023 the committee discussed grade configuration of 4K-2 elementary schools.
2. MGEF – Susan Manning
There was not an MGEF meeting this month.

L. Possible Action Items

1. 2023-2024 Employee Healthcare Benefits Plan
Motion: Elizabeth Cook motioned approval of Employee Healthcare Benefits Plan as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget
Motion: Eric Hartz motioned approval of the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget as presented. Elizabeth Cook seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. Lease Agreement with Capital Financial Services
Motion: Rachelle Miller motioned approval of the Lease Agreement with Capital Financial Services as presented. Peter Sobol seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. 2023-2024 Coordinator Contracts
Motion: Elizabeth Cook motioned approval of the 2023-2024 Coordinator Contracts as presented. Susan Manning seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Revised Extra Curricular/Additive Schedule
Motion: Philip Haven motioned approval of the Revised Extra

Curricular/Additive Schedule as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. LGBTQ+ Pride Month Resolution

Motion: Elizabeth Cook motioned approval of the LGBTQ+ Pride Month Resolution as presented. Philip Haven seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

M. Discussion Items

1. Grade Configuration of 4K-2 Elementary Schools

The Board discussed the evaluation process for grade configuration of 4K-2 schools in Cottage Grove. No action was taken.

N. Future Meeting Dates

June 19, 2023 at 6:00pm- Special Meeting

June 28, 2023 at 3:00 – TLE Committee

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

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

O. Adjournment

Motion: Philip Haven moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:29pm. Elizabeth Cook seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
July 12, 2023

SIGNATURE: Loren Gase