

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Loreen Gage, Susan Manning, Philip Haven, Peter Sobol, Eric Hartz, Elizabeth Cook, Rachelle Miller (arrived at 6:39pm)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Krishna Elwell

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Olson, Christa Foster, Nicole Thibodeau, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Emily Foster, Lea Spaay, Joe Schneider

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

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

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

1. Employment of Administrator
2. Addendum to Curriculum Coordinator Contract

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

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Elizabeth Cook seconded. Roll call vote: Susan Manning – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, and Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:01pm, Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Elizabeth Cook – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

1. Action Regarding Closed Session Business as Appropriate

Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of Addendum to Curriculum Coordinator Contract for Emily Kintzer as presented. Elizabeth Cook seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

E. Order of Business

F. Public Appearances

G. Consent Agenda

1. September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Staff Hirings:
3. Staff Resignations & Retirements
Resignations:

- **Kaitlyn McGillis** – Special Education Teacher at MGHS effective October 6, 2023. Resignation received September 21, 2023.
 - **Monique DeCoster** – Grade 8 (Math) Teacher at GDS effective October 10, 2023. Resignation received October 9, 2023.
4. Staff Contract Amendments
 - **Cierra Rolli** – From 1.0 FTE Teacher at Winnequah (0.5 FTE 4K + 0.5 Building Substitute) to 0.5 FTE 4K Teacher, effective November 20, 2023.
 5. Vouchers Payable

Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the consent agenda as presented, Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Elizabeth Cook – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

H. Recognitions

1. Last week we celebrated Wisconsin School Board Week! Thank you to each board member for everything you do for our students and school community. Without your dedication, our district would not be what it is today.
2. Last month we came together to remember Charlie Pyng, high school art teacher and tennis coach on the first anniversary of his passing. On September 15, high school students continued the tradition they began last year by wearing pink in his memory. The girls tennis team also wore pink at their home match as a tribute to their coach. We're incredibly proud of our students for the way they honored the memory of Mr. Pyng.
3. We'd like to recognize Janice Stone who was inaugurated into the UW Madison Marching Band Hall of Fame in September. Janice served the district for 30 years as a band director and retired last year. She is now back as a long term sub. In her time as a student at UW Madison, she was the first female Sousa player in the UW Marching Band. Congratulations to Janice!
4. September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Latine Heritage Month. Our students participated in a variety of lessons and activities to learn more about the achievements, culture and heritage of Hispanic and Latinx Americans. One big project was done by our middle school students, who each colored a flag that will be part of a large mural.
5. Last week we celebrated Walk and Bike to School Day. Many students and families joined in participation. As students arrived, they were welcomed with exciting outdoor activities, including small crafts, a morning snack and a warm greeting from local first responders. It was an engaging start to the day, fostering a strong sense of community and healthy habits among our students. Thanks to our staff and community who helped make this happen.+

I. Correspondence and Announcements

J. Administrative Reports

1. 2022-2023 Athletic and Activity Participation – Joe Schneider
Joe Schneider a report on 2022-2023 Athletic and Activity Participation and answered questions from the Board.
2. Superintendent's Report – Dan Olson
Dr. Olson updated the Board on 3rd Friday Enrollment Count.

K. Board Reports

1. Student Board Representative Report – Krishna Elwell
Krishna Elwell gave brief report to the Board about student activities at the high school.
2. Monona Grove Education Foundation – Susan Manning
Monona Grove Education Foundation met on October 10, 2023. Susan Manning gave a brief report.
3. Personnel Committee – Eric Hartz
The Personnel Committee met on October 4, 2023 and October 9, 2023. Eric Hartz gave a brief report.

L. Possible Action Items

1. Monona Grove High School French Club Trip to France in June 2024
Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved to approve the Monona Grove High School French Club Trip to France in June 2024 as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. 2023-2024 Revised Extra Curricular/Additive Schedule
Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved to approve the 2023-2024 Revised Extra Curricular/Additive Schedule as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. CTE Coordinator Contract
Motion: Eric Hartz moved to approve the CTE Coordinator Contract as presented. Elizabeth Cook seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. 4K-2 Grade Configuration for Cottage Grove School and Taylor Prairie School
Main Motion: Eric Hartz moved approval to implement a 4K-2 grade configuration for both Cottage Grove School and Taylor Prairie School at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Elizabeth Cook seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Discussion Items

N. Future Meeting Dates

Thursday, October 12, 2023 - Fall WASB Regional Meeting - Sun Prairie West High School - 6:00 pm
Monday, October 16, 2023 - Personnel Committee - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - Board Workshop - Facilities Planning 6:00 pm
Thursday, October 19, 2023 - Policy Committee - 11:00 am
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - Teaching Learning and Equity Committee – 3:00pm
Wednesday, October 25, 2023 - Special Board Meeting 6:00 pm

O. Adjournment

Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:59pm. Peter Sobol seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
November 8, 2023

SIGNATURE: Loren Hase