

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Loreen Gage, Susan Manning, Peter Sobol (arrived at 6:02), Eric Hartz, Elizabeth Cook, Rachelle Miller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Philip Haven

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Krishna Elwell

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Olson, Mark Powell, Christa Foster, Nicole Thibodeau, Angie Fassl, Mitch McGrath, Jesse Starr, Maggie Sanna

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Laubusch, Kevin Korn, Sean Currie, Scott Johnson, Chris Jones

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

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

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

1. Employment of Administrator
2. Bargaining Strategy for 2023-2024 MGEA Educational Assistants Base Wage Negotiations

Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(c), at 6:02pm for consideration of the following:

1. Employment of Administrator
2. Bargaining Strategy for 2023-2024 MGEA Educational Assistants Base Wage Negotiations

Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, and Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:17pm, Peter Sobol seconded. Roll call vote: Elizabeth Cook – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

E. Order of Business

F. Public Appearances

The following addressed the Board:

Robin Jones
Dawn Peterson
Laura Sollinger
Tracy Ellingson
David Witte
Arielle Brath

Lisa Sutter
Lisa Gundlach
Ryan Ramig

G. Consent Agenda

1. October 11, 2023 and October 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Staff Hirings:
3. Staff Resignations & Retirements
4. Staff Contract Amendments
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, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

H. Recognitions

1. National school psychology day and occupational therapist day. We recently celebrated occupational therapist day and are in the midst of celebrating school psychology week. We want to recognize both these groups for their amazing work they put in daily to improve the experiences of our students.
2. Thanks to the local fire departments in both our communities for visiting our elementary schools and teaching them about the importance of fire prevention and school safety. Students got to interact with local firefighters and even walk through a fire truck.
3. Taylor Prairie School has been recognized as 'One of America's Healthiest Schools'. The recognition, awarded by Alliance for a Healthier Generation, honors schools' dedication to supporting the health and well-being of students, staff, and families. TPS was recognized in four topics: Increasing Family and Community Engagement, Strengthening Social Emotional Health and Learning, Bolstering Physical Education and Activity, and Cultivating Staff Well-Being. Within each category, the work done aligns with our strategic plan and year one objectives.
4. The MGHS DECA has put together some great things for our students and community recently. In October, they organized a powderpuff football game, where nearly 100 students participated, with the freshman team coming out victorious. This past weekend, members spent time doing yard work for our senior citizen community members. We love seeing the work our clubs and organizations do to bring our students and community together.

I. Correspondence and Announcements

A Notice of Election was shared with the Board. This notifies electors of a School Board election which will be held on April 2, 2024. There are three seats up for election; each seat is for a 3-year term.

J. Administrative Reports

1. School Nutrition – Maggie Sanna
Maggie Sanna shared a report on School Nutrition and answered questions from the Board.
2. Superintendent's Report – Dan Olson
Dr. Olson did not have a prepared report to share with the Board.

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. Personnel Committee – Eric Hartz
The Personnel Committee met on October 16, 2023 and October 25, 2023. Eric Hartz gave a brief report.
3. Teaching Learning and Equity Committee – Elizabeth Cook
The Teaching Learning and Equity Committee met on October 24, 2023. Elizabeth Cook gave a brief report.
4. Policy Committee – Susan Manning
Policy Committee met on November 2, 2023. Susan Manning gave a brief report.

L. Possible Action Items

1. Professional Services Agreement between McKinstry Essention, LLC and Monona Grove School District.

Representatives from McKinstry shared a presentation and answered Board questions related to the Professional Services Agreement.

Motion: Susan Manning moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement between McKinstry Essention, LLC and Monona Grove School District as presented. Elizabeth Cook seconded. Roll call vote: Elizabeth Cook – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

2. Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes Not to Exceed \$5,000,000

Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved to approve Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes Not to Exceed \$5,000,000 as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Elizabeth Cook – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

3. New High School Course Proposals for the 2024-2025 school year

Motion: Peter Sobol moved to approve the New High School Course Proposals for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call

vote: Elizabeth Cook – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

M. Discussion Items

Policy – 1st Reading

1. po5113 – Open Enrollment

The Board discussed potential changes to po5113. po5113 will go before the Board for 2nd reading on December 13, 2023.

N. Future Meeting Dates

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – Policy Committee – 8:00 am

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 – Personnel Committee – 4:00pm

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – TLE Committee – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – 7:00 (6:00pm Closed Session, if necessary)

O. Adjournment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 pm. Peter Sobol seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
December 13, 2023