

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Loreen Gage, Susan Manning, Eric Hartz, Rachelle Miller, Elizabeth Cook

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Sobol, Philip Haven

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Krishna Elwell

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Olson (virtually), Mark Powell, Christa Foster, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Lisa Heipp, Rebecca Fox Blair

A. Call to Order – Loreen Gage called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Order of Business

D. Public Appearances

E. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes
 - a. January 24, 2024
2. Staff Hirings

Alexandra Beemsterboer – Special Education Teacher at MGHS, replacing Theron Bauman, effective January 29, 2024, for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. This is a one-year contract through the end of the 2023-24 school year.
3. Staff Resignations & Retirements

Retirements:
Gregory Gehrig – Math Teacher at MGHS, effective June 7, 2024.
4. Staff Contract Amendments
5. Vouchers Payable
6. Donations

Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook, Rachelle Miller – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.

F. Recognitions

1. Congratulations to Chelsey Bennett, food service staff at the high school, who was named by the Chef Ann Foundation as one of 24 food visionaries in the U.S. and will participate in a 13 month fellowship with the Foundation.
2. Model UN recently traveled to Washington D.C. and made club history by winning the biggest award as 2nd Place Outstanding Delegation at AMERIMUNC. The group competed against primarily East Coast Prep Schools and International Schools, with over 1,100 students at the conference.
3. It's Career & Technical Education Month and we are highlighting our secondary level students who have taken on apprenticeships during their schooling. Learn more about our CTE program on our website.

4. Congratulations to Rylee K., a student on the Alpine Race Co-op Ski Team. The team consists of girls from MG, Lake Mills, Poynette, LaFollette and Abundant Life, and they qualified as one of the top four teams in their conference and are headed for the state meet this weekend.

G. Correspondence and Announcements

H. Administrative Reports

1. 2024-2025 Budget Update
Mark Powell shared an update on the 2024-2025 Budget.
2. Superintendent's Report – Dan Olson
Dr. Olson shared an update on Act20 Reading Legislation with the Board.

I. Board Reports

1. Student Board Representative Report – Krishna Elwell
Krishna Elwell gave a brief report to the Board about student activities at the high school.
2. Monona Grove Education Foundation
The Monona Grove Education Foundation did not meet in February, the next meeting is scheduled on March 12, 2024.
3. Teaching, Learning and Equity - Elizabeth Cook
The Teaching, Learning and Equity Committee met on January 30, 2024. Elizabeth Cook shared a report with the Board.

J. Possible Action Items

1. Ad Hoc School Boundaries Committee Charge
Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved approval of the creation of the Ad Hoc School Boundaries Committee Charge as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.
2. MG21 Charter Renewal
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the MG21 Charter Renewal as presented. Susan Manning seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Elizabeth Cook, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.
3. Middleton-Cross Plains Area and Monona Grove School Districts Cooperative Contract – Safety and Security Services Wisconsin Statute 66.0301
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area and Monona Grove School Districts Cooperative Contract – Safety and Security Services Wisconsin Statute 66.0301 as presented. Elizabeth Cook seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.

K. Discussion Items

1. 2024-2025 Preliminary Certified Staffing Plan

The Board discussed the 2024-2025 Preliminary Certified Staffing Plan. No action was taken.

L. Future Meeting Dates

M. Adjournment

Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 pm. Rachelle Miller seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
March 13, 2024