

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Loreen Gage, Susan Manning, Eric Hartz, Rachelle Miller, Elizabeth Cook (virtually), Peter Sobol (arrived at 6:04), Philip Haven

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Krishna Elwell

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Olson, Mark Powell, Christa Foster, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Lisa Heipp, Reed Foster, Angie Fassl, John Hagen, Emily Foster

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Richie – Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates

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 19.82(1), 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Employment Contracts for Winnequah School Associate Principal & MG21 School Director
2. Bargaining Strategy for 2024-2025 MGEA Teacher and Educational Assistants Base Wage Negotiations

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to convene into Closed Session at 6:01PM, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.82(1), 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Employment Contracts for Winnequah School Associate Principal & MG21 School Director
2. Bargaining Strategy for 2024-2025 MGEA Teacher and Educational Assistants Base Wage Negotiations

Susan Manning seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook, Rachelle Miller – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Peter Sobol – aye Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Peter Sobol moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:02PM. Philip seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook, Rachelle Miller – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Peter Sobol – aye Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

E. Order of Business

F. Public Appearances

G. Consent Agenda

1. February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Staff Hirings
3. Staff Resignations & Retirements

RESIGNATIONS:

Elisabeth Ripple – Kindergarten Teacher at Taylor Prairie, effective June 7, 2024. Resignation received February 22, 2024.

Matthew Hayden – District Wide Math Coach, effective April 1, 2024. Resignation received February 29, 2024.

Alexandra Mentele – Teacher at MG21 Middle Campus, effective June 7, 2024. Resignation received February 29, 2024.

RETIREMENTS:

Jeffrey Kasperek – Band Director at GDS, effective June 7, 2024. Retirement notice received February 28, 2024.

Lea Spaay – French Teacher at MGHS, effective June 7, 2024. Retirement notice received February 29, 2024.

4. Staff Contract Amendments
5. Vouchers Payable

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

H. Recognitions

1. We have a lot to celebrate in the month of March. March is Women’s History Month and students will have the opportunity to learn about the achievements and contributions of women. We also celebrated International Women’s Day where we recognized all of the hardworking women in our district. Additionally, we celebrated maintenance workers appreciation day and school social work week - both groups of people are vital to the success of our district and students.
2. Congratulations to three MGHS students who qualify for the HOSA state competition. These three students are working to spread knowledge and understanding of Alzheimer’s and preventative strategies that young people can implement in their daily lives. They’ve done this through the use of social media, flyers and participating in community service events.
3. March is music in our schools month and there have been many concerts showcasing the musicality our students have. Thank you to our families and community who have attended these concerts and a special thanks and appreciation to our music educators who have supported our students in their music journeys.
4. Project Unify, a GDS club, and their members spent the recent Inclusion Week signing a pledge to be more inclusive to people of all abilities and created various colorful murals that are on display at Glacial Drumlin School with messages like “You Belong Here” “Be Kind” and “Peace Out Bullying”. It’s so great to see our students spreading positive messages toward an inclusive environment for all!
5. Congratulations to the DECA participants who qualify for the national competition from their various business and marketing projects. 10 students total qualify and will head to nationals in Anaheim, California in April. We wish you the best of luck!

I. Correspondence and Announcements

J. Administrative Reports

1. Superintendent's Report – Dan Olson
Dr. Olson updated the Board about the 2024-2025 Staffing Plan. He also shared that he and Loreen Gage attended a planning meeting for the Greater Dane County School Board and Superintendent Collaborative Group.

K. Board Reports

1. Teaching, Learning and Equity - Elizabeth Cook
The Teaching, Learning and Equity Committee met on February 28, 2024. Elizabeth Cook shared a report with the Board.
2. Policy Committee – Susan Manning
Policy Committee met on February 26, 2024. Susan Manning shared a report with the Board.
3. Monona Grove Education Foundation
The Monona Grove Education Foundation met on March 12, 2024. Susan Manning shared a report with the Board.
4. Student Board Representative Report – Krishna Elwell
Krishna Elwell gave a brief report to the Board about student activities at the high school.

L. Possible Action Items

1. Employment Contracts for School Administrators
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of Employment Contracts for School Administrators as presented. Peter Sobol seconded. Roll call vote: Peter Sobol – aye, Philip Haven, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.
2. 2024-2025 Capital Projects Budget
Motion: Eric Hartz moved approval of the 2024-2025 Capital Projects Budget as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Elizabeth Cook, Philip Haven – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.
3. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,400,000 Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2024 Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes
Motion: Eric Hartz moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,400,000 Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2024 Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Peter Sobol – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

M. Discussion Items

1. Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates District Leadership Profile

Mike Richie from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates shared the District Leadership Profile

N. Future Meeting Dates

O. Reconvene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(c), and 19.85(1)(f), for consideration of the following:

1. Presentation and Discussion of Superintendent Candidate Slate by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates

Motion: Peter Sobol moved to convene into Closed Session at 7:59PM, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Presentation and Discussion of Superintendent Candidate Slate by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates

Erica Hartz seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook, Rachelle Miller – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

P. Adjournment

The given no further business meeting was adjourned at 10:09PM in closed session.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
April 10, 2024