

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Manning, Eric Hartz, Janice Stone, Janice Stone, Peter Sobol, Rachelle Miller (arrived at 7:00)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Philip Haven

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Tanya Fredrich, Kristin Sobocinski, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Lisa Heipp, Emily Koch, Tyler Zaspel

A. Call to Order – Elizabeth Cook 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 120.13(1)(c) for consideration of the following:

1. Approval of Closed Session Minutes
2. Employment Contract for Glacial Drumlin Associate Principal
3. Employee Separation Agreement and Release

Motion: Janice Stone moved to convene into Closed Session at 6:02pm, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.82(1), 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(e) and 120.13(1)(c) for consideration of the following:

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Peter Sobol seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 5-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

1. Action Regarding Closed Session Business as Appropriate

Motion: Peter Sobol moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:00pm. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Peter Sobol – aye Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval moved approval of the amended Employment Contract for Glacial Drumlin Associate Principal and the Employee Separation Agreement and Release as presented. Susan Manning seconded. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

E. Order of Business

F. Public Appearances

G. Consent Agenda

1. School Board Meeting Minutes
 - June 12, 2024
2. Staff Hirings – **Eric Hartz requested this agenda item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**

3. Staff Resignations & Retirements

Resignations

- **Beth Schieferdecker** – Grade 4 Teacher at GRS, effective June 7, 2024. Resignation received June 13, 2024.
- **Allison Wojta** – TOSA at Taylor Prairie, effective June 7, 2024. Resignation received June 24, 2024.
- **Kristine Wollermann** – Spanish Teacher at GDS, effective June 7, 2024. Resignation received June 25, 2024.
- **Jordan Arneson** – Mathematics Teacher at MGHS, effective June 7, 2024. Resignation received July 9, 2024

4. Staff Contract Amendments – n/a

5. Vouchers Payable

Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the consent agenda items 1, 3 4 & 5 as presented. Susan Manning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff Hirings

- **Dylan Schuster** – 1.0 FTE Math Teacher at MGHS, replacing Greg Gehrig, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Eric Hoffman** – 1.0 FTE Grade 8 Math Teacher at GDS, replacing Ryan Pearce, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Maia Harris** – 1.0 FTE Upper Campus Teacher at MG21, replacing Gene Delcourt and Rebecca Fox-Blair, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Jillian Brown** – 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at MG21, replacing Chloe Malmgren, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Louis Menchaca** – 0.7 FTE Music Teacher and Band Director at Winnequah and MGHS, replacing Kyle Granville, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Mara Matovich** – NEW 1.0 FTE Grade 7 English and Social Studies Teacher at GDS, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Allison Gesteland** – 1.0 FTE Grade 2 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, replacing Brittany Jacklin, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Shelli Kayser** – 1.0 FTE FCE Teacher at MGHS, replacing Emily Moses, effective 24-25 school year. This is a one-year contract.
- **Audra Smith** – 1.0 FTE Social Studies Teacher at MGHS, replacing Emma Tuthill, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Lilly McKissick** – 1.0 FTE 4th Grade Teacher at Granite Ridge, replacing Beth Schieferdecker, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Abigail Roberts** – 1.0 FTE 4th Grade Teacher at Granite Ridge, replacing Tiffany Haas, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Holly Hartz** – 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Winnequah, replacing Tricia Endres, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Lindsay Campbell** – 1.0 FTE 7th Grade Math and Social Studies at GDS, replacing Caden Nelson, effective 24-25 school year.
- **Nicole Nelson** – NEW 1.0 FTE District Wide Occupational Therapist, effective 24-25 school year.

Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of Staff Hirings as presented. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Eric Hartz – abstained from voting. The motion carried.

H. Recognitions

1. I am happy to share with you that as part of tonight's action taken regarding closed session, Tyler Zaspel has been approved as the new Associate Principal at Glacial Drumlin School beginning July 22. Tyler has been at GDS since 2021 as a teacher, having joined the leadership team as a coordinator in 2022. Prior to joining GDS he was a teacher in Holmen. He has a bachelor of science degree from UW-LaCrosse and a Master of Science in Education degree from UW-River Falls. As most of you know, Tyler also successfully served as a long term substitute AP for us last fall. Tyler earned this position after a rigorous interview process against several competitive candidates.

I know Tyler is excited about this opportunity, and I know we are all looking forward to Tyler's enthusiasm, hard work, and creativity being put to good use to continue to do what is best for students. Please join me in congratulating Tyler on his new role!

2. As summer school comes to a close this week, we'd like to say a special thanks to our summer school staff for all their hard work and creativity to bring additional enrichment and fun to our students over the summer. Whether they are whipping up treats in Kids in the Kitchen, taking chances and getting messy in Magic School Bus Science, practicing and improving student understanding with mathematical concepts and skills in Prove It, or putting their problem solving and programming skills to the test in STEM Engineering, our students and staff made this year's summer school another great success.
3. Monona Grove High School student Trinity Kulp (from the class of 2025) has been awarded an Honorable Mention "Aspirations in Computing: High School Award" by the Wisconsin affiliate of the National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT). Trinity recently designed and coded (in Python) a chat bot designed to help her with one of her biggest inconveniences: never knowing where to eat. The bot depends on factors such as number of people, food type, wait time, and more. Trinity hopes to find a career where she can apply and grow her coding skills and her knowledge of all things outer space. Trinity plans to go to college for a degree in Aerospace or Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering.

NCWIT is the farthest-reaching network for change leaders focused on advancing innovations by correcting underrepresentation in computing.

I. Correspondence and Announcements

J. Administrative Reports

1. Superintendent's Report – Tanya Fredrich
Dr. Fredrich shared an update about her 100-day plan.
2. DPI July 1 State Aid Estimate – Kristin Sobocinski

Kristin Sobocinski, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Operations and Human Resources, shared the DPI July State Aid Estimate with the Board

K. Board Reports

1. Personnel Committee – Philip Haven
Personnel Committee met on June 17, 2024. Peter Sobol shared a brief report.
2. Monona Grove Education Foundation
The Monona Grove Education Foundation met on July 9, 2024. Susan Manning shared a brief report.

L. Possible Action Items

1. Annual Declaration and Parent Notice of District's Academic Standards
Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the Annual Declaration and Parent Notice of District's Academic Standards, as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Expulsion Hearing Officer for 2024-2025
Motion: Susan Manning moved approval of the Expulsion Hearing Officer for 2024-2025, as presented. Peter Sobol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. 2024-2025 Lease Agreement with American Capital Financial Services, Inc.
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of 2024-2025 Lease Agreement with American Capital Financial Services, Inc., as presented. Susan Manning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Discussion Items

N. Future Meeting Dates

- Personnel Committee – Monday, July 29, 2024 at 6:00pm
- Board of Education – Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00pm (6:00pm if Closed Session is necessary)

O. Adjournment

Motion: Peter Sobol moved to adjourn at 7:43pm. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Peter Sobol – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
August 14, 2024