

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday March 12, 2025 Closed Session at 6:00pm, Open Session to begin no earlier than 7:00pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Manning, Rachelle Miller, Elizabeth Cook, Peter Sobol, Janice Stone, Eric Hartz, Philip Haven

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Leena Rathgeber

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Tanya Fredrich, Kristin Sobocinski, Katy Byrnes Kaiser

A. Call to Order – Elizabeth Cook called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Consider convening into Closed Session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Notice of Nonrenewal/Employee Separation Agreements and Release
2. Membership and Dissolution of Interagency Agreement (Dane County School Consortium)

Motion: At 6:03pm Philip Haven moved to convene into Closed Session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Notice of Nonrenewal/Employee Separation Agreements and Release
2. Membership and Dissolution of Interagency Agreement (Dane County School Consortium)

Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll Call vote: Susan Manning - aye, Rachelle Miller - aye, Elizabeth Cook -aye, Peter Sobol - aye, Janice Stone - aye, Eric Hartz - aye, Philip Haven – aye. The motion carried 7-0. The Board discussed agenda items C.1 and C.2 in Closed Session. No action was taken.

Members of the student Orchestra members performed a song before the beginning of Open Session.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Philip Haven moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:01pm.

E. Order of Business

Elizabeth Cook proposed changing the Order of Business to Item H. Celebration of Excellence to Item E.

F. Celebration of Excellence

- Recognitions

The MGSD Strings Team (Carl Davick, Janet Heinenmann, Forrest Evans and Naomi Hasan) shared a presentation about strings Festival and the program. Student representatives will also attended and answered questions from the Board.

G. Public Appearances

- Tim Gollup
- Miranda Fields

- Kevin Mickelbank
- Katey Moureau

H. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - 2.19.25 & 2.26.25
2. Staff Hirings - none
3. Staff Resignations/Retirements

Resignations

- Shelby Seth – 1.0 FTE Grade 1 Teacher at CGS, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 2/12/25.
- Casey Riesch – 1.0 FTE Grade 4 Teacher at Winnequah, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 3/4/25.
- Amber Heffernan – 1.0 FTE Grade 4 Teacher at Winnequah, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 2/26/25.
- Carmen Johnson – 1.0 Special Education Teacher at Winnequah, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 2/28/25.
- Seren Shoushounova – 1.0 FTE Grade 2 Teacher at CGS, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 3/6/25.
- Aaron Braund – 1.0 FTE Health Teacher at MGHS, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 3/10/25.
- Tadhg Barrett – 1.0 FTE Technology Education at GDS, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 3/11/2025.

Retirements

- Scott Amera – 1.0 FTE Grade 6 Teacher at GDS, effective 6/12/25.

4. School Safety Drills

Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented, Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Student Board Report

Leena Rathgeber shared a report with the Board.

J. Discussion Items

1. Policy Updates – 1st Reading
po6325 Procurement was reviewed by the F&O Committee and upon the Committee recommendation was brought to the Board for 1st Reading. The Policy will go before the Board for 2nd Reading on April 16, 2025.

K. Action Items

1. 2025-2026 Certified Staffing Plan
The Certified Staffing plan was reviewed and discussed by the Personnel Committee on March 12, 2025. The Committee
Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the 2025-2026 Certified Staffing Plan as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Rachelle Miller – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Susan Manning – Eric Hartz – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 7-0.
2. Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal/Separation Agreement and Release
No action necessary on this agenda item.

3. Title IX Policy
Motion: Rachelle Miller rescind po2266 and revise po2264 as presented. Susan Manning. The motion carried unanimously.
4. 2024-2025 Revised Board of Education Meeting Schedule
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to approve the 2024-2025 Revised Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Membership and Dissolution of Interagency Agreement: Dane County Schools Consortium
Rachelle Miller moved to authorize the Superintendent to withdraw from the Dane County Schools Consortium effective July 1, 2025, if no fiscal agent is identified by April 1, 2025. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
Rachelle Miller moved to authorize the Superintendent to vote affirmatively to dissolve the Dane County School Consortium if such a vote occurs. Peter Sobol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Informational Items - Discussion by Exception Only

1. WASB Delegate Assembly – Philip Haven
Philip Haven was not able to attend the WASB Delegate Assembly due to inclement weather. He shared a brief report on the outcome of the Assembly.
2. Finance & Operations Committee
Finance & Operations Committee met on February 26, 2025. Peter Sobol shared a brief report.
3. Personnel Committee
Personnel Committee met on March 12, 2025. Eric Hartz shared a brief report.
4. Monona Grove Education Foundation
MGEF was scheduled to meet on March 11, 2025. The meeting was cancelled.

M. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich shared a brief report with the Board.

N. Future Meeting Dates

Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee - March 18, 2025 at 4:00pm
Finance & Operations Committee - March 19, 2025 at 5:00pm
Policy Committee - March 21, 2025 at 10:30am
Board of Education - Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7:00 (6:00 if closed session is necessary)
Board of Education Reorganization Meeting - April 28, 2025 at 6:00pm

O. Adjournment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
April 16, 2025