MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday April 16 2025 Closed Session at 6:00pm, Open Session to begin no earlier than 7:00pm
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Manning, Rachelle Miller, Elizabeth Cook, Janice Stone, Eric Hartz, Philip Haven
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Sobol
STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Leena Rathgeber
ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Tanya Fredrich, Kristin Sobocinski

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A. Call to Order – Elizabeth Cook called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

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. Employment of Director of Primary Teaching & Learning
2. Employment of Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning
3. Administrator Assignment
4. Individual Administrator Compensation

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:

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Janice Stone seconded. Roll Call vote: Susan Manning - aye, Rachelle Miller - aye, Elizabeth Cook -aye, Stone - aye, Eric Hartz - aye, Philip Haven – aye. The motion carried 6-0. The Board discussed the agenda items in Closed Session. No action was taken.

D. Reconvene into Open Session
Motion: Philip Haven moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:01pm. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Order of Business

F. Consent Agenda
1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
   - 3.12.25
2. Staff Hirings
   - **Alexis Cerrato** – 1.0 FTE School Psychologist at MGHS, replacing Melissa Smith, effective 8/26/25
   - **Margaret McKeown Jakubczak** – 1.0 FTE Library Media Specialist at Granite Ridge School, replacing Mary Todd, effective 8/26/25
3. Staff Resignations/Retirements

Resignations

- **Jeffrey Knutson** – 1.0 FTE 4th Grade Teacher at GRS, effective 3/13/25. Resignation received 3/13/25.
- **Amanda Zielinski** – 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher at Winnequah School, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 3/24/25.
- **Ben Gumz** – 1.0 FTE Math Teacher at MGHS, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 4/7/25.
- **Emily Kintzer** – 1.0 FTE Associate Principal at Winnequah, effective 6/12/25.
- **Ida Sobotik** – 1.0 FTE Art Teacher at MGHS, effective 5/2/25. Resignation received 4/14/25.
- **Matt Fiedler** – 1.0 FTE 5th Grade Teacher at Winnequah, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 4/14/25

4. Vouchers Payable
5. School Safety Drills
6. Early College Credit and Start College Now Requests
7. Wisconsin School Nutrition Cooperative Agreement
8. Dane County New Teacher Project Shared Services Agreement – NOT AVAIBLE FOR MEETING

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

G. Celebration of Excellence

- Recognitions

Taylor Prairie staff and students shared information and events at the school related to Month of the Young Child.

Monona Grove School District has been selected to receive the 2025 Energy Efficiency Excellence Award from Focus on Energy.

H. Public Appearances

- Elsa Buethling
- Nate Vack
- Heather Hayward
- Ida Sobotik
- Jennifer Krug

I. Student Board Report

Leena Rathgeber shared a report with the Board.

J. Discussion Items

1. District Benchmark Comparable
   Dr. Fredrich shared District Benchmark Comparable and the rationale for the selection of districts chosen.
2. 2023-2024 Audit Summary
   Kristin Sobocinski shared the 2024-2024 Audit Summary.
3. Policy Updates – 1st Reading
   Neola Update 34.1 and po5411 went before the Board for 1st Reading. They will be presented for 2nd Reading at the May Board Meeting.

K. Action Items

1. Employment of Director of Primary Teaching & Learning
   Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Employment of Director of Primary Teaching & Learning as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Employment of Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning
   Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Employment of Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Administrator Assignment
   Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Administrator Assignment as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Individual Administrator Compensation
   Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Individual Administrator Compensation as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Policy Updates – 2nd Reading
   Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the revisions to po6325 as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
6. 2025-2026 Fee Schedule
   Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2025-2026 Fee Schedule as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
7. 2025-2026 WIAA Cooperative Team Sponsorships of Boys and Girls LaCrosse
   Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2025-2026 WIAA Cooperative Team Sponsorships of Boys and Girls LaCrosse as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Informational Items - Discussion by Exception Only

1. Enrollment Report - Dr. Fredrich shared an updated Enrollment Report.
2. Teaching Learning & Equity - Rachelle Miller shared a brief report with the Board.
3. Finance and Operations - No report shared.
4. Personnel Committee – Eric Hartz shared a brief report.
5. Policy Committee – No report shared.

M. Superintendent Report

No report shared.

N. Future Meeting Dates

Board of Education Reorganization Meeting - April 28, 2025 at 6:00pm
Board Workshop – April 30, 2025 at 6:00pm

O. Adjournment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
May 13, 2025