

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Manning, Eric Hartz, Janice Stone, Stephanie Lehmann, Philip Haven, Elizabeth Cook, Rachelle Miller (arrived at 6:05pm)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Leena Rathgeber (Open Session Only)

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Tanya Fredrich, Kristin Sobocinski, Bill Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Jaeger, USI

A. Call to Order – Elizabeth Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), and 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Employment Contract for Granite Ridge School Associate Principal
2. Employment Contract for Winnequah School Associate Principal

Motion: Philip Haven moved to convene into Closed Session at 6:02pm, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

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2. Employment Contract for Winnequah School Associate Principal

Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone, Philip Haven – aye, Stephanie Lehmann – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

The Board discussed the employment contracts for the Granite Ridge School and Winnequah School Associate Principals. No action was taken.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

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

E. Order of Business

F. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes
 - April 16, 2025
 - April 28, 2025
 - April 30, 2025
2. Staff Hirings
 - **Ilein Taipe** – 1.0 New FTE Business Education Teacher at GDS, effective 25-26 school year.
 - **Roger Lynch** – 1.0 FTE Science Teacher at MGHS, replacing John Willauer, effective 25-26 school year.
 - **Anna Kendall** – 1.0 FTE 6th Grade Science Teacher at GDS, replacing Greg Sonsalla, effective 25-26 school year.

- **Emily Venteicher** - 1.0 FTE Special Education Cross-Categorical Teacher at GRS, effective 25-26 school year.
- 3. Staff Resignations/Retirements
 - Resignations**
 - **Benjamin Martinson** - 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Granite Ridge, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 5/8/25.
 - Retirements**
 - **Tara Adams** – 1.0 FTE Speech Language Teacher at Winnequah School, effective 6/12/2025.
 - **Carl Davick** - 1.0 FTE Orchestra Director at GDS and MGHS, effective 6/12/2025.
- 4. Vouchers Payable
- 5. School Safety Drills
- 6. 2025-2026 Certified Staff Contracts
- 7. Revised Job Descriptions for Licensed Personnel
- 8. Dane County New Teacher Project Shared Services Agreement

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Janice Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Celebration of Excellence

1. Members of the Science Olympiad Team, Gavin Miller, Tristan Johnson and Emily Beyer shared information about the teams at GDS and MGHS.

H. Student Board Report

1. Student Board Representative, Leena Rathgeber shared a report with the Board.

I. Public Appearances - none

J. Discussion Items

1. 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget
Kristin Sobocinski shared the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget with the Board.

K. Action Items

1. Employment Contract for Granite Ridge School Associate Principal
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Employment Contract for Granite Ridge School Associate Principal, as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Employment Contract for Winnequah School Associate Principal
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Employment Contract for Winnequah School Associate Principal, as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. 2026 Health and Dental Insurance Renewal
Al Jaeger from USI joined Kristin Sobocinski to share information about the MGSD 2026 Health and Dental Insurance Renewal.
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2026 Health and Dental Insurance Renewal as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. 2025-2026 Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2025-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 2025-2026 Certified Staff Compensation Plan
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2025-2026 Certified Staff Compensation Plan as presented. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Rachelle Miller – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Eric Hartz – abstain, Janice Stone – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Stephanie Lehmann – aye. The motion carried 6 ayes - 1 abstain.
6. 2025-2026 School Nutrition Fees
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2025-2026 School Nutrition Fees as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Variable Air Valve Project at High School
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Variable Air Valve Project at Monona Grove High School as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Policy Update po1055 – Committees
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of amended policy po0155 – Committees as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Policy Updates - 2nd Reading
Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the Policy Updates – 2nd Reading as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Informational Items – Discussion by Exception Only

1. Current Enrollment Update – Tanya Fredrich
Dr. Fredrich shared an update on current enrollment.
2. Finance & Operations Committee – Philip Haven
No report shared.
3. Personnel Committee – Elizabeth Cook
No report shared.
4. Monona Grove Education Foundation – Susan Manning
Susan Manning shared a brief report.

M. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich shared information about MGHS and MG21 Graduation and the Buy A Bus Seat Program.

N. Future Meeting Dates

- Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee - May 20, 2025 at 4pm, virtually
- Personnel Committee - June 2, 2025 at 3:30pm at Granite Ridge School
- Board of Education - June 10, 2025 Closed Session to begin at 6:00pm, Open Session to begin no earlier than 7:00pm - Cottage Grove Village Hall
- Finance & Operations Committee - June 26, 2025 at 4:00pm, virtually

O. Adjournment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to adjourn at 9:04pm. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
June 10, 2025