

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Village Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hartz, Janice Stone, Stephanie Lehmann, Philip Haven, Elizabeth Cook (virtually), Rachelle Miller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Manning

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Leena Rathgeber (Open Session Only)

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Erickson – March McLennan Agency

A. Call to Order – Elizabeth Cook called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

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

1. Superintendent Evaluation
2. Employee Separation Agreement and Release

Motion: Philip Haven moved to convene into Closed Session at 6:05pm, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for consideration of the following:

1. Superintendent Evaluation
2. Employee Separation Agreement and Release

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

The Board discussed the Closed Session agenda items. No action was taken.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Philip Haven moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:09pm. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Stephanie Lehmann – aye Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

NOTE: Rachelle Miller assumed administration of the meeting when the meeting reconvened into Open Session.

Action Regarding Closed Session Business, as Appropriate

Motion: Philip Haven move approval of the resignation of Kristy Volkman as submitted. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Elizabeth Cook, – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Stephanie Lehmann – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

E. Order of Business

F. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2025
2. Staff Hirings
Meghan Green - 1.0 FTE 4th Grade Teacher at Winnequah, replacing Amber Heffernan, effective 25-26 school year.

Sophie Quelle - 1.0 FTE School Psychologist at Winnequah, replacing Rene Staskal, effective 25-26 school year.

Gracie Moker - 1.0 FTE 1st Grade Teacher at CGS, replacing Renee Rutter, effective 25-26 school year.

Erin Ball - 1.0 5th Grade Teacher at Winnequah, replacing Matt Fiedler, effective 25-26 school year.

Beth Crook de Valdez - 1.0 FTE Art Teacher at MGHS, replacing Ida Sobotik, effective 25-26 school year.

Riley Garibay - 1.0 Special Education Teacher at GRS, replacing Emily Nelson (transfer to GDS), effective 25-26 school year.

Alexander Nitz - 1.0 Physical Education Teacher at GRS, replacing Benjamin Martinson, effective 25-26 school year.

Hannah Brown - 1.0 4th grade Teacher at GRS, replacing Liz Hoppenjan, effective 25-26 school year

Kathryn Tanner - 1.0 Speech and Language Pathologist at CGS, replacing Katrina Linzmeyer, effective 25-26 school year

3. Staff Resignations/Retirements

Resignations

Jillian Brown - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at MG21, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 5/19/25.

Alexandra Beemsterboer - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at MGHS, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 6/3/25.

Alyssa Reynolds - 1.0 FTE Grade 5 Teacher at Winnequah, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 5/28/25.

4. Vouchers Payable
5. School Safety Drills
6. 2025-2026 WIAA Membership Renewal for Monona Grove High School
7. 2025-2026 WIAA Membership Renewal for MG21
8. WIAA Award of Excellence Application

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

G. Celebration of Excellence

1. The MG Math Team shared information about the program. Which is for 5th - 8th grade and is designed to promote interest in math and recognize exceptional mathematical talent through competitions with students from surrounding school districts, at both regional and "Mega" competitions held at UW Madison and Madison College.
2. The Model UN shared a presentation about a proposed trip to Toronto, Canada.

H. Student Board Report

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

I. Public Appearances

- Carl Davick

J. Action Items

1. Monona Grove High School Model UN Trip to Toronto, Canada

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of Monona Grove High School Model UN Trip

to Toronto, Canada, as presented. Janice Stone seconded. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Stephanie Lehmann – aye, Janice Stone- aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

2. 2025-2026 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal

Jim Erickson – March McLennan Agency shared information about the 25-26 P&C Insurance Renewal.

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of 2025-2026 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal, as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 2025-2026 MGEA Building Services Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-2026 MGEA Building Services Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. 2025-2026 MGEA Building Services Compensation Plan

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-2026 MGEA Building Services Collective Compensation Plan as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 2025-2026 MGEA Paras & Assistants Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-2026 MGEA Paras & Assistants Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. 2025-2026 MGEA Paras & Assistants Compensation Plan

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-2026 MGEA Paras & Assistants Compensation Plan as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. 2025-2026 Support Staff Compensation

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-2026 Support Staff Compensation Plan as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. 2025-2026 Coordinator Compensation and Contracts

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-2026 Coordinator Compensation and Contracts as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. 2025-2026 Administrator Compensation

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of 2025-2026 Administrator Compensation as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Facility Rental Fees & Agreements

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of Facility Rental Fees & Agreements as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Informational Items – Discussion by Exception Only

1. Current Enrollment Update – Tanya Fredrich

Dr. Fredrich shared an update on current enrollment.

2. Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee – Rachelle Miller

3. Personnel Committee – Elizabeth Cook - No report shared.

4. Monona Grove Education Foundation – Susan Manning – No report shared

L. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich shared a brief report with the Board.

M. Future Meeting Dates

- Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee - June 17, 2025 at 4:00pm, virtually
- Policy Committee - June 24, 2025 at 8:00am - District Office
- Finance & Operations Committee - June 26, 2025 at 4:00pm, virtually
- Personnel Committee - **Tentatively** - July 7, 2025 at 4:00pm (location TBD)
- Board of Education - July 8, 2025 7:00pm (6:00pm if Closed Session is necessary), District Office

N. Adjournment

Motion: Philip Haven moved to adjourn at 8:54pm. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
July 8, 2025