

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Monona Grove District Office

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Robert Procter, Axley and Associates

A. Call to Order – Elizabeth Cook called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Order of Business – CHANGED ORDER

Move Action Item 4 to Action Item 2

D. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2025 and June 18, 2025
2. Staff Hirings
 - **Mya Lozoya** - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Taylor Prairie, replacing Heather McGee, effective 25-26 school year.
 - **Kimberly Cutrano** - 1.0 Grade 5 Teacher at Winnequah, replacing Alyssa Reynolds, effective 25-26 school year.
 - **Jessica Seibert** - 1.0 FTE Library Media Specialist at TP and CGS, replacing Elizabeth Wodzinski, effective 25-26 school year.
 - **Katherin Hoeksema** - 1.0 FTE Library Media Specialist at GDS, replacing Kristy Bovre, effective 25-26 school year.
 - **Alyson Evans** - 1.0 Strings/General Music Teacher at GRS, replacing Forrest Evans, effective 25-26 school year.
3. Staff Resignations/Retirements
 - Resignations**
 - **Elizabeth Wodzinski** - 1.0 FTE Library Media Specialist at CGS and TP, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 6/19/25.
 - **Tyler Johnson** - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at MGHS, effective 6/12/25. Resignation received 6/26/25.
4. Staff Contract Amendments
 - **Kristin Tuschen** – 4K Teacher at Taylor Prairie School increasing from 0.5 FTE/0.5 Building Sub to 1.0 FTE for the 2025-26 school year.
 - **Lindsey Rice** – Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at Taylor Prairie School increasing from 0.8 FTE to 1.0 FTE
5. Vouchers Payable
6. Administrator Contract
7. 2025-2026 LINC Service Agreement

Motion: Susan Manning moved to pull item D.4. – Vouchers Payable from the Consent Agenda. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

E. Celebration of Excellence

1. Dr. Fredrich recognized all of our donors—individuals, families, businesses, and community partners—who have generously supported us in the 2024-2025 school year.

F. Public Appearances

- Sue Carr

G. Discussion Items

1. Policy Updates – Finance & Operations – First Reading
Policies 6231, 6235, 6620, 7410 and 8600 went before the Board for First Reading. Policies 6231, 6620, 7410 and 8600 will move to Second Reading in August. Members of the Board shared feedback about 6235, it will go back to Committee for further review and revisions.
2. Wellness Policy Revision
The Policy Committee recommended the revised Wellness Policy (8510) go to the Board for First Reading. The policy will go to Second Reading in August.

H. Action Items

1. Student and Parent Athletic Handbooks
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the revised **Student** Athletic Handbook as presented. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Miller – aye, Haven – aye, Lehmann – aye, Stone – aye, Manning – aye, Hartz – aye, Cook – aye. The motion carried 7-0.
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the **Parent** Athletic Handbook as presented. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Miller – aye, Haven – aye, Lehmann – aye, Stone – aye, Manning – aye, Hartz – no, Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-1.
2. Petition to Vacate a Portion of Right-of-Way
Attorney Robert Proctor, shared information about the Petition to Vacate a Portion of Right-of-Way.
Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the Petition to Vacate a Portion of Right-of-Way as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Miller – aye, Haven – aye, Lehmann – aye, Stone – aye, Manning – aye, Hartz – aye, Cook – aye. The motion carried 7-0.
3. Annual Declaration and Parent Notice of District's Student Academic Standards
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Annual Declaration and Parent Notice of District's Student Academic Standards as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Use of an Expulsion Hearing Officer for 2025-2026
Motion: Susan Manning moved approval of Use of an Expulsion Hearing Officer for 2025-2026 as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Updated 2025-2026 Certified Staffing Plan with Current Enrollment
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Updated 2025-2026 Certified Staffing Plan with Current Enrollment as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Informational Items – Discussion by Exception Only

1. Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee – Rachelle Miller
Rachelle Miller shared a brief report.

2. Policy Committee – Janice Stone shared a brief report.
3. Finance & Operations Committee – Philip Haven shared a brief report.
4. Personnel Committee – Elizabeth Cook shared a brief report.
5. Monona Grove Education Foundation – Susan Manning shared a brief report.

J. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich shared a brief report with the Board.

K. Future Meeting Dates

Finance & Operations Committee – July 24, 2025 at 4:00pm, virtually

Personnel Committee – August 11, 2025 at 5:00pm at Granite Ridge School

Board of Education – August 12, 2025 Closed Session to begin at 6:00pm (if necessary),

Open Session to begin no earlier than 7:00pm – Cottage Grove Village Hall

Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee – August 19, 2025 at 4pm, virtually

L. Adjournment

Motion: Philip Haven moved to adjourn at 9:21pm. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
August 12, 2025