

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Manning, Rachelle Miller (arrived at 6:07pm), Elizabeth Cook, Philip Haven, Janice Stone, Eric Hartz, Peter Sobol

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Leena Rathgeber

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Tanya Fredrich, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Angie Fassl, Reed Foster, Kris Langer, Rebecca Fox Blair, Lisa Heipp, Mitch McGrath, Christa Foster, Kristin Sobocinski (virtually)

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Stopler, Sandy Homburg, Sue Carr, Elizabeth Wheeler (MG21 Governance Board)

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

B. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

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

- Superintendent Evaluation

Motion: Janice Stone moved to convene into Closed Session at 6:03pm, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) for consideration of the following: Superintendent Evaluation; Philip Haven seconded. Roll call vote: Susan Manning – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Peter Sobol moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:06pm. Philip Haven seconded. Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

E. Order of Business

F. Celebration of Excellence

- Recognitions
 1. Maggie Sanna, School Nutrition Director shared information about the Farm to School Program and the October Community Dinner. Students, Jack and Henry Smekal from Cottage Grove also shared feedback about the Community Dinner.
 2. Brian Jefferson and Jeremy Wallace Model UN Co-Advisors, and students Mason Konz, Trinity Kulp, Mari O'Connell and Akina Souphakdy shared presentation with the Board about MadMun and CIMUN.

G. Public Appearances

- Jamie Gennerich

H. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - November 13, 2024
 - December 2, 2024

2. Staff Hirings
 - **Tyler Lasure** – 1.0 English Teacher at GDS replacing Kate Rasmussen, effective 12/16/2024.
 - **Kristy Bovre** – 1.0 Library Media Specialist at GDS replacing Natalie Aeschliman, effective 12/16/2024.
3. Staff Retirements
 - **Lisa Heipp** – Director of Instruction, effective June 30, 2025
4. Vouchers Payable

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. 2023-2024 State Report Cards
Lisa Heipp, Director of Instruction and building principals reviewed the State of Wisconsin School Report Card results.
2. MG21 Annual Report
Rebecca Fox Blair shared the MG21 Annual Report with the Board.
3. Policy Updates – 1st Reading
The Board discussed policy updates. The policies 8500, 5113.02 and 7510 will go the Board for 2nd reading in January. **Policy 8510** will go back to the committee for further review based on Board feedback.
4. School Safety and Security Report
Asher Torbeck, Safety and Security Coordinator shared a report with the Board.

K. Action Items

1. School Safety Drills
Motion: Rachelle Miller approval of 2024 Safety Drills for the months of September, October and November as presented. Peter Sobol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
2. 2025-2026 Monona Grove High School Course Fees
Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the 2025-2026 Monona Grove High School Fees as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Policy Updates – 2nd Reading
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of policy updates as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. 2024-2025 Support Staff Handbook Revisions
Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the 2024-2025 Support Staff Handbook Revisions as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 School Calendars
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 School Calendars as presented. Peter Sobol seconded. Roll call vote: Susan Manning – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Janice Stone – aye,

Eric Hartz – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 7-0.

6. 4K-2 Cottage Grove Schools Grade Configuration

Motion: Peter Sobol moved to pause 4k-2 reconfiguration for the 2025-2026 school year. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Informational Items – Discussion by Exception Only

1. Personnel Committee
Personnel Committee met on December 2, 2024.
2. Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee
TLE met on November 19, 2024. Rachelle Miller
3. Policy Committee
Policy Committee met on December 2, 2024. No report.
4. Monona Grove Education Foundation
MGEF met on Committee met on December 10, 2024. Susan Manning provided a brief report.

M. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich updated the Board on the following:

- Planning for the 2025-2026 school year
- Collaboration on Bargaining and Meet-and-Confirm between the Personnel Committee and MGEA
- Human Growth & Development policy
- Outstanding Young Person Award for the 2024/2025 school year.
 - 9th Grade: Iridessa Woodberry, Zion Ozulamoi
 - 10th Grade: Deangelo Clay, Alexa Riley
 - 11th Grade: Sharon Kimani, Leena Rathgeber
 - 12th Grade: Anshul Kudipudi, Nancy Xiong
 - Betty Franklin-Hammonds and George Anglin Scholarship Nominees: Akina Souphakdy, Elana Meuleman

N. Future Meeting Dates

Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee – December 17th at 4:00pm

Finance & Operations Committee – December 18th at 6:00pm

Regular Board of Education – January 8th at 7:00 (6:00pm if Closed Session is necessary)

O. Adjournment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
January 8, 2025