

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Monona Grove School District Board of Education Worksession

MONONA GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION

GRANITE RIDGE SCHOOL

4500 Buss Road, Cottage Grove

5th Grade Flex Cafe (1st Floor)

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

The Worksession will begin at the conclusion of the Special Meeting

A. Call to Order

B. Declaration of Public Notice

C. Discussion Items

Subject :	1. Property and Capacity Study Update
Meeting :	Oct 28, 2025 - Monona Grove School District Board of Education Worksession
Category :	C. Discussion Items
Type :	Discussion

Public Content

Presentation: Tanya L. Fredrich, PhD Superintendent and Kristin Sobocinski, Assistant Superintendent

Background

On October 11, 2023, the Monona Grove School District Board of Education approved the Teaching, Learning, and Equity Committee and Administrations recommendation to implement the 4K2 Grade Configuration Proposal for Cottage Grove School and Taylor Prairie School, beginning in the 20252026 school year.

However, at the December 11, 2024 Board meeting, the Board unanimously voted to pause the implementation due to emerging factors, including budget constraints and updated enrollment projections. It is important to note that this pause does not diminish the educational value of reducing transitions for students, which remains a priority for the district. The decision was driven solely by financial and enrollment considerations. At this time the Board directed administration to to review enrollment projections and capacity and recommend a plan. Cottage Grove and Taylor Prairie schools are operating below capacity, resulting in duplicated positions and services that reduce overall efficiency. Updated building capacity data and five-year enrollment projections confirm that all Taylor Prairie and Cottage Grove students can be accommodated within the Cottage Grove School building for the next five years at minimum. One historical barrier to consolidation has been traffic; in response, a traffic reduction analysis has been completed, and the findings indicate that traffic concerns can be addressed effectively.

In conclusion, the administrative recommendation is for the Board to approve the consolidation of Cottage Grove School and Taylor Prairie School to one 4k-2 school to be located at Cottage Grove for the 26-27 SY.

Furthermore, the district is currently facing multiple facilities and capacity challenges that require strategic planning. Over the next ten years, the district anticipates approximately \$30 million in capital projects (see attached for each sites), yet a long-range facilities budget has not been established.

Two sites to be considered for disposal are Maywood and District Office/MG21. Maywood School is underutilized, partially leased to the City, and requires significant capital investment that exceeds its remaining useful life as a school building. The District Office/MG21 site also requires roughly \$3 million in capital

improvements, though it occupies a prime location that could be leveraged strategically for both operational and financial benefit.

Therefore, administration recommends engaging a licensed real estate broker to gather information on the fair market value and potential sale of the Maywood and District Office properties, and to bring findings and recommendations to the Board for review per DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY [po 7300](#). In addition, it is recommended that details related to the financial and operational planning necessary to relocate District Office staff and the MG21 Charter School to the Taylor Prairie shall be considered for the future. This would retain the Taylor Prairie site for the long term to protect the district in the anticipation of expanded enrollment in the future. (Note background expanded on Monday Oct 27th at 10:55 am)

Note: A supporting slide deck will be added on Monday, October 27, 2025.

Recommendations

To address these challenges, administration recommends the following discussion at November 11, 2025 board meeting and action at the December 9, 2025 board meeting:

- Move to approve the relocation of Taylor Prairie students to Cottage Grove School under a 4K2 grade configuration model beginning in the 2026/2027 school year, including a traffic reduction solution to support this transition.
- Move to authorize administration to engage a licensed real estate broker to gather information on the fair market value and potential sale of the Maywood and District Office properties, and to bring findings and recommendations to the Board for review per DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY [po 7300](#)
- Move to authorize the financial and operational planning necessary to evaluate relocating District Office staff and the MG21 Charter School to the Taylor Prairie and to bring findings and recommendations to the Board for review.

These recommendations aim to optimize facility utilization, align resources with projected enrollment trends, and ensure sustainability while maintaining flexibility for future growth.

ATTACHED: MGSD 2025 Updated Capacity Study, Property Plat Maps, Enrollment vs Capacity Projections, Natural Resources Conservancy Zoning; Traffic Reduction Opts for Cottage Grove School

UPDATE: Oct 27, 2025. Assessment of capital planning by site attached.

File Attachments

[MGSD 2025 Capacity Study_Final Updated 2025_1007.pdf \(3.252 KB\)](#)

[MGHS.jpg \(466 KB\)](#)

[Glacial Drumlin.jpg \(421 KB\)](#)

[Winnequah.jpg \(454 KB\)](#)

[Granite Ridge.jpg \(385 KB\)](#)

[Taylor Prairie.jpg \(473 KB\)](#)

[District Office MG21.jpg \(458 KB\)](#)

[Maywood.jpg \(527 KB\)](#)

[NR-C \(1\).pdf \(144 KB\)](#)

[2025_1023 Cottage Grove site traffic_reduced.pdf \(4.332 KB\)](#)

[Taylor Prairie 10-Year Outlook - capitalPlanning.assetList \(2\).pdf \(62 KB\)](#)

[D.O. MG21 10-Year Outlook - capitalPlanning.assetList \(1\).pdf \(66 KB\)](#)

[Athletics & Activities Capital Projects.pdf \(68 KB\)](#)

[CGS Capital Projects.pdf \(72 KB\)](#)

[GDS Capital Projects.pdf \(80 KB\)](#)

[GRS Capital Projects.pdf \(72 KB\)](#)

[Winn Capital Projects.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

[MGHS Capital Projects.pdf \(74 KB\)](#)

[2025_1027 Cottage Grove site traffic - updated current state calculations.pdf \(858 KB\)](#)

[October 28 Board Workshop Slides.pdf \(1,065 KB\)](#)

[Capacity Vs. Enrollment Projections - Enrollment Projections & Capacity UPDATED 10-1-25 \(4\).pdf \(80 KB\)](#)

[Cottage Grove \(1\).jpg \(307 KB\)](#)

D. Adjournment
