

**MINUTES:** Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00pm (Closed Session) at the Monona Grove District Office

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janice Stone, Stephanie Lehmann, Philip Haven, Rachelle Miller, Susan Manning, Elizabeth Cook (virtually - left meeting at 8:55pm)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Eric Hartz

**ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT:** Tanya Fredrich, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Kristin Sobocinski, Rebecca Fox-Blair, Joe Schneider

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Elsa Buethling

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jake Lenell, CLA

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

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.82(1),19.85(c), 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Performance Concerns of an Employee
2. District Reorganization
3. Administrator Contracts

**Motion:** Philip Haven moved to convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.82(1),19.85(c), 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Performance Concerns of an Employee
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Susan Manning seconded. Roll call vote: Rachelle Miller – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Stephanie Lehmann – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

**Motion:** Philip Haven moved to reconvene into Open Session. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Stephanie Lehmann – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

E. Order of Business

**Motion:** Philip Haven moved to table Agenda Item J.2. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rachelle Miller proceeded to run the Open Session portion of the meeting.

F. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2025 Meeting
2. Staff Resignations/Retirements  
Resignations

- **Jessica Buchmeier** - 0.65 FTE French Teacher at GDS, effective 11/13/25. Resignation received 12/19/25.

3. Contract Amendments

- **Shelby Steel Shelby Steel** - Change from 1.0 FTE Administrator (Assistant Director of Student Services and Equity) to 1.0 FTE Special Education Coordinator. Change is effective July 1, 2026.

4. School Safety Drills
5. Revised Job Descriptions for Licensed Personnel

**Motion:** Philip Haven moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### G. Celebration of Excellence

1. Service and Stewardship at MG21  
Student Representatives from MG21 shared a presentation with the Board about MG21's Service and Stewardship projects.

#### H. Student Board Report

Elsa Beuthling, the 2025-2026 Student Representative to the Board, shared a brief report with the Board.

#### I. Public Appearances

The following community members addressed the Board.

- Meaghan Cibarich
- Casey Erlandson
- Mike Basarich
- Kristen Fricke
- Chelsey Pepper
- Rachel Whaley
- Megan Jenkins Morales
- Don Kieler
- Caitlin Roa
- Patrick Fessenbecker
- Kathy Carew
- Erin Kollenbroich
- Marc Claas

#### J. Action Items

1. 2024-2025 Audit Report

Jake Lenell from CLA reviewed the 2024-2025 Audit

**Motion:** Philip Haven moved approval of the acceptance of the 2024-2025 Audit Report, as presented. Stephanie Lehmann seconded. Roll call vote: Stephanie Lehmann – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

2. 2026-2028 Administrative Contracts

This item was tabled.

3. 2025-2026 10 Year Capital Project Plan

**Motion:** Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-2026 10 Year Capital Project Plan as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Roll call

vote: Stephanie Lehmann – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Resolution to Authorize Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund  
**Motion:** Philip Haven moved approval of the Resolution to Authorize Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund, as presented. Stephanie Lehmann seconded. A Roll call vote: Stephanie Lehmann – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Janice Stone – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Rachelle Miller – aye. The motion carried 5-0.

5. 2026-2027 Open Enrollment Recommendations  
 Open Enrollment Recommendations for 2026-2027 are:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SEATS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SEATS</u>
PK	0	7th	0
4K	<b>2</b>	8th	0
KG	0	9th	0
1st	0	10th	0
2nd	0	11th	0
3rd	0	12th	0
4th	0		
5th	0		
6th	<b>1</b>	Total:	<b>3</b>

**IEP DRIVEN SERVICES**

**SPACES AVAILABLE**

Early Childhood and 4K Cross-Categorical:	0
Elementary Cross-Categorical (Grades K-5):	0
Middle School Cross-Categorical (Grades 6-8):	0
High School Cross-Categorical & 18-21 Year Old Transition/Post-Graduate (Grades 9-12):	0
Speech and Language - Early Childhood/4K:	0
Speech and Language - Grades K – 5:	0
Speech and Language - Grades 6 – 8:	0
Speech and Language - Grades 9-12:	0
Occupational Therapy:	0
Physical Therapy:	0
1:1 Assistant Support:	0
Vision Services, Orientation and Mobility & Braille Instruction:	0
Audiology:	0
Deaf & Hard of Hearing:	0
Educational Interpreter:	0

TOTAL: **0**

**Motion:** Philip Haven moved approval of the 2026-2027 Open Enrollment Recommendations as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Discussion Items

1. MG21 Accountability Report

Rebecca Fox-Blair shared the Annual MG21 Accountability Report with the Board.

2. 2024-2025 Athletic and Activity Participation

Joe Schneider shared the 2024-2025 Athletic and Activity Participation report with the Board.

3. 2026 Proposed WASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions

The 2026 Proposed WASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions were shared with the Board. Janice Stone requested feedback before the WASB Delegate Assembly on January 21, 2026.

4. Benchmark Districts

Dr. Fredrich shared Benchmark District 2026 Performance Comparison.

L. Informational Items – Discussion by Exception Only

1. Finance & Operations Committee - no report shared, committee information was shared in the meeting.

2. Personnel Committee – no report shared, committee information was shared in the meeting.

3. Monona Grove Education Foundation – Susan Manning shared a brief report.

M. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich shared a brief report with the Board.

N. Future Meeting Dates

- Policy & Legislative Engagement Committee - January 20, 2026 at 8:00am - District Office
- Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee - January 20, 2026 at 4:00pm, virtually
- Finance & Operations Committee - January 22, 2026 at 4:00pm, virtually
- Personnel Committee - February 2, 2026 at 5:00pm - location TBD
- Board of Education - February 10, 2026 at 7:00pm (6:00pm if Closed Session is necessary), Cottage Grove - Village Hall

O. Adjournment

**Motion:** Phillip Haven moved to adjourn at 10:39pm. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education  
February 10, 2026