

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the Monona Grove District Office

Closed Session begins at 6:00pm

Open Session to begin no earlier than 7:00pm

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

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

A. Call to Order – Elizabeth Cook called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

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

1. Superintendent Evaluation
2. Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal

Before the motion was seconded, Elizabeth Cook updated the Board that Agenda Item C.2. was no longer needed, and would not be discussed in Closed Session.

Motion: Philip Haven moved to Convene into Closed Session at 6:04pm, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(e) for consideration of the following:

1. Superintendent Evaluation

Rachelle Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Janice Stone - aye, Eric Hartz - aye, Philip Haven - aye, Stephanie Lehmann - aye, Susan Manning - aye, Rachelle Miller - aye, Elizabeth Cook - aye. The motion carried 7-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Philip Haven moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:06pm. Rachelle Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Eric Hartz - aye, Philip Haven - aye, Stephanie Lehmann - aye, Susan Manning - aye, Rachelle Miller - aye, Elizabeth Cook - aye. The motion carried 6-0. Janice Stone arrived via zoom to Open Session at 7:07pm.

E. Order of Business

Agenda Item K.1. was struck from the agenda.

F. Administrative Reports

1. MGSD Financial Overview
Kristin Sobocinski reviewed the district financial goals and progress to date.
2. Facilities Update
Dr. Fredrich shared a facilities update.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes
2. Staff Hirings
Isabella Bamlett - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Granite Ridge School, replacing Tina Douglas. This is a one year contract through 6/12/26
3. Staff Resignations/Retirements
Resignations

Hannah Brown - 1.0 FTE 4th Grade Teacher at GRS, effective 6/12/2026.
Rebecca Klinke - 1.0 FTE Grade 8 ELA Teacher at GDS, effective 6/12/2026.
Kimberly Cutrano - 1.0 FTE Grade 5 Teacher at Winnequah, effective 6/12/2026.
Jenna Sersch - 1.0 FTE Kindergarten at Taylor Prairie, effective 6/12/2026.
Robin Marsden - 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor at Taylor Prairie, effective 6/12/2026.

Retirements

Dawn May - 1.0 FTE Teaching & Learning Coach at TP, effective 6/12/26.
Heidi Hanus - 1.0 FTE Art Teacher at TP and CGS, effective 6/12/26
Michelle Storms - 1.0 FTE Grade 5 Teacher at Winnequah, effective 6/12/26
Tina Wagner - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at MGHS/MG Futures, effective 6/12/26.

4. Vouchers Payable
5. School Safety Drills
6. Job Descriptions for Licensed Personnel

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Celebration of Excellence

1. Student representatives from the Feminist Empowerment League shared the club's mission with the Board.

I. Student Board Report

Elsa Beuthling, the 2025-2026 Student Representative to the Board shared a report with the Board. She and Amelia Klapperich also shared a presentation about the MGHS Model UN trip to HarvardMUN to Toronto, Canada.

J. Public Appearances

1. Meaghan Cibarich, Monona
2. Nicole Schoenbeck-Claas, Monona
3. Casey Erlandson, Cottage Grove
4. Mike Swanson, Cottage Grove
5. JP Villavicencio, Cottage Grove
6. Becky Pfaller, Monona
7. Chelsey Williams Pepper, Monona
8. Shanda Wells, Monona
9. Rachel Whaley, Monona

K. Action Items

1. ~~Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal~~
2. Monona Grove High School Model UN Trip to Toronto, Canada - HarvardMUN
Motion: Susan Manning moved approval of the Monona Grove High School Model UN 2026 trip to HarvardMUN to Toronto, Canada, as presented in the Student Board Report. Rachelle Miller seconded The motion carried unanimously.
3. AVID: Plan and Contract
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the AVID Contract, as presented. Susan Manning seconded. The morion carried unanimously.

4. IXL Contract
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the IXL Contract as presented. Susan Manning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. 2026-27 Certified Staffing Plan
Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2026-27 Certified Staffing Plan, as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
6. 403(b) & 457 Third Party Administrator TSACG
Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of TSACG as the district's Third Party Administrator and the reduction of the number of vendors as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Policy Series for Second Reading
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Policy Series for 2nd Reading as presented. Susan Manning seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Resolution in Support of Full Transparency for Tax Payers
Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Resolution in Support of Full Transparency for Tax Payers, as presented. Susan Manning seconded. Roll call vote: Stephanie Lehmann - aye, Susan Manning - aye, Janice Stone - aye, Eric Hartz - nay, Rachelle Miller - aye, Philip Haven - aye, Elizabeth Cook - aye. The motion carried 6-1.

L. Informational Items

1. Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee – No report shared.
2. Policy & Legislative Engagement Committee - Janice Stone shared a brief report.
3. Finance & Operations Committee - No report shared
4. Personnel Committee – Janice Stone shared a brief report.
5. Monona Grove Education Foundation – MGEF did not meet - no report shared.

M. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich shared a report with the Board.

N. Future Meeting Dates

- Policy & Legislative Engagement Committee - March 17, 2026 at 8:00am - District Office
- Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee - March 17, 2026 at 4:00pm, virtually
- Finance & Operations Committee - March 26, 2026 at 4:00pm, virtually
- Personnel Committee - April 6, 2026 at 5:00pm - location TBD
- Board of Education - April 14, 2026 at 7:00pm (6:00pm if Closed Session is necessary), Cottage Grove - Village Hall
- Board Reorganization Meeting - April 27, 2026 at 7:00pm - District Office

O. Adjournment

Motion: Philip Haven moved to adjourn at 10:06pm. PRachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
April 20, 2026