

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Monday, April 20, 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, Philip Haven, Elizabeth Cook (6:09pm), Rachelle Miller, Susan Manning

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Lehmann, Eric Hartz

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Eldredge and Gregory Anderson - Colliers, William Nelson - Monona Community Member

A. Call to Order – Rachelle Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

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

1. Bargaining Strategies
2. Preliminary Consideration of Personnel Matter and Transition Planning

Motion: Philip Haven moved to Convene into Closed Session at 6:02pm Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.82(1), 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Bargaining Strategies
2. Preliminary Consideration of Personnel Matter and Transition Planning

Susan Manning seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Janice Stone - aye, Philip Haven - aye, Susan Manning - aye, Rachelle Miller - aye. The motion carried 4-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Philip Haven moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:11pm. Janice Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Philip Haven - aye, Susan Manning - aye, Rachelle Miller - aye, Elizabeth Cook - aye. The motion carried 5-0.

E. Action Regarding Closed Session as Appropriate

1. No action taken.

F. Order of Business

Agenda Item I.1. was moved before Agenda Item G. The minutes reflect the reordered Agenda.

G. Celebration of Excellence

1. Students and Staff from Granite Ridge School shared a presentation about the GRS Crane Club.

H. Administrative Reports

1. Broker Opinion of Value - Information

Joe Eldridge and Gregory Anderson from Colliers shared the Broker Opinion of Value with the Board. No action was taken.

2. Cottage Grove School Traffic Loop

Dr. Fredrich shared the Cottage Grove School Traffic Loop Site plan with the Board. The site plan was approved by the Village of Cottage Grove 6-0.

I. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes

2. Staff Hirings

Anna Gurgos - 1.0 FTE 3rd grade Teacher at Granite Ridge School, replacing Lisa Emmons. For the 26-27 school year.

Sydney Straw - 1.0 FTE 4th grade Teacher at Granite Ridge School, new position for the 26-27 school year.

Erin Hoeft - 1.0 FTE 5th grade Teacher at Granite Ridge School, replacing Courtney Van Hoof for the 26-27 school year.

Melinda Boyd - 1.0 FTE Teaching & Learning Coach at Cottage Grove School, replacing Kate Brown. For the 26-27 school year.

Mya Lozoya - 2nd grade Teacher at Winnequah School, replacing Melinda Boyd. For the 26-27 school year.

Kayla Repinski - New 1.0 FTE New Teacher Mentor - Dual Certified, effective 26-27 school year.

Milena Wiesman - New 1.0 FTE Art Teacher at Cottage Grove School / Winnequah, effective 26-27 school year.

Trinity Delaney - New 1.0 FTE 8th grade ELA Teacher at Glacial Drumlin, effective 26-27 school year.

3. Staff Resignations/Retirements

Resignations

Taylor Cota - 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher at WINN, effective 4/17/2026. Resignation received 4/6/2026.

Anne Hudkins - 1.0 FTE 1st grade Teacher at CGS, effective 6/12/2026. Resignation received 4/6/2026.

Zoe Kurth - 1.0 FTE PE Teacher at MGHS, effective 6/12/2026. Resignation received 4/10/2026.

Retirements

Margaret Riley - 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher at Taylor Prairie, effective 6/12/26.

4. Vouchers Payable

5. School Safety Drills

6. Fall Early College Credit and Start College Now Requests

7. Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative Agreement

8. Revised Job Descriptions for Licensed Personnel

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

J. Student Board Report

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

K. Public Appearances

1. Kirsten Fricke
2. Sue Carr - Not in attendance Public Comment was read on Ms. Carr's behalf.
3. Kathy Carew
4. Becky Pfaller
5. Jami Erickson Bunker
6. Chelsey Williams Pepper
7. Deborah Muskat - did not address the Board.

L. Action Items

1. Community Member Fence Replacement Proposal
William Nelson - Monona Community Member requested permission to replace the fence at 5400 Schluter Road.
Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the request to replace fencing along the property line adjacent to the Maywood School for the lot located with mailing address 5400 Schluter Road with no monetary contribution or performance from the School District, as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Discussion Items

1. Policy Updates - First Read - Finance & Operations Committee
The Board discussed the Policy updates brought forward. These policies will go to the Board for second reading at the May meeting.

N. Informational Items

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

O. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich shared a report with the Board.

P. Future Meeting Dates

Policy and Legislative Engagement Committee - April 21, 2026 at 8:00am - Monona Grove District Office

Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee - April 21, 2026 at 4:00pm - Virtually, via Zoom

Finance & Operations Committee - April 23, 2026 at 4:00pm - Virtually, via Zoom

Board Reorganization Meeting - Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00pm - Monona Grove District Office

Board Work Session - Monday, April 27, 2026 at the conclusion of the Board Reorganization Meeting

Q. Adjournment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to adjourn at 9:47pm. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education

May 12, 2026

