

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at Cottage Grove Village Hall

Open Session to begin no earlier than 6:00pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Janice Stone, Philip Haven, Rachelle Miller, Susan Manning, Stephanie Lehmann, Eric Hartz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Cook

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Tanya Fredrich, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Kristin Sobocinski, Angie Fassl, Rob Meyer, Allison Friberg, Joe Schneider

A. Call to Order – Philip Haven called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Order of Business

D. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes

Staff Hirings

Larissa Mikelbank - 1.0 FTE Math Teacher at Monona Grove High School, replacing Dylan Esser. For the 26-27 school year.

Edward Byrne - 1.0 FTE Special Ed Cross-Categorical Teacher at Monona Grove High School, replacing Joel Jarosky. For the 26-27 school year.

Nathaniel Smith-Tyge - 0.5 FTE School Counselor at WINN, replacing Elise Rucker. For the 26-27 school year.

Ashley Zuege - 0.8 FTE School Psychologist at GRS, replacing Emily McKee. For the 26-27 school year

Emilio Rodriguez - 1.0 FTE 7th grade Science Teacher at GDS, replacing Steve Zartman. For the 26-27 school year.

2. Staff Resignations/Retirements

Resignations

Jessica Schiltz - 1.0 FTE School Psychologist at Glacial Drumlin, effective 6/30/26. Resignation received 6/11/26.

Dylan Esser - 1.0 FTE Math Teacher at MG29HS, effective 6/12/26. Resignation received 5/29/26.

Ian Theissen - 1.0 FTE Social Studies Teacher at GDS, effective 6/12/26. End of assignment.

Ibrahima Doumbya - 1.0 FTE French Teacher at GDS, effective 6/12/26. End of assignment.

Madeline Duernberger - 1.0 FTE Speech & Language at MGHS & GDS, effective 6/12/26. Resignation received 6/30/26.

Kevin Crevcoure - 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher at GRS, effective 6/12/26. Resignation received 6/29/26.

Retirements

Steven Zartman - 1.0 FTE Science Teacher at GDS, effective 6/12/26. Resignation received 6/12/26.

3. Vouchers Payable

4. School Safety Drills

E. Celebration of Excellence

Students from Granite Ridge and Winnequah shared summer school highlights.

F. Informational Items

1. Sarah Kemp from Applied Population Lab shared an enrollment projection report.

G. Public Appearances

- Liz Cavell
- Nicole Schoenbeck Claas

H. Action Items

1. 2026-2027 Revised Open Enrollment Recommendation

Motion: Eric Hartz moved approval of the 2026-2027 Revised Open Enrollment Recommendation, as presented. Susan Manning seconded.

Roll call vote: Miller - aye, Haven - aye, Hartz - aye, Stone - aye, Manning - aye, Lehmann - aye. The motion carried 6-0.

2. 2026-2027 Athletics and Activity Code Updates

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2026-2027 Athletics and Activity Code Updates, as presented. Janice Stone seconded.

Roll call vote: Miller - aye, Haven - aye, Hartz - aye, Stone - aye, Manning - aye, Lehmann - aye. The motion carried 6-0.

3. Annual Declaration and Parent Notice of District's Student Academic Standards

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Annual Declaration and Parent Notice of District's student academic standards that will be in effect for the 2026-2027 school year, pursuant to section 120.12(13) and section 118.30(1g)(a) of the state statutes as presented. Janice Stone seconded.

Roll call vote: Miller - aye, Haven - aye, Hartz - aye, Stone - aye, Manning - aye, Lehmann - aye. The motion carried 6-0.

4. Use of an Expulsion Hearing Officer for 2026-2027

Motion: Susan Manning moved approval of the Use of an Expulsion Hearing Officer for 2026-2027, as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll call vote: Miller - aye, Haven - aye, Hartz - aye, Stone - aye, Manning - aye, Lehmann - aye. The motion carried 6-0.

5. 2026-2027 School Calendar Adjustment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the 2026-2027 School Calendar Adjustment, as presented. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Discussion Items

1. Policy - 1st Read - Policy & Legislative Engagement Committee

The Board discussed updated policies based on WI Acts 57 & 89. The policies will go to the Board for second reading at the August meeting.

J. Informational Items

1. Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee – Rachelle Miller shared a brief report.
2. Policy & Legislative Engagement Committee – Janice Stone shared a brief report.
3. Monona Grove Education Foundation – Susan Manning shared a brief report.

K. Superintendent Report

Dr. Fredrich shared a report with the Board.

L. Future **Meeting Dates**

Finance & Operations Committee - July 23, 2026 at 4:00pm - virtually, via Zoom

Personnel Committee - August 4, 2026 at 4:00pm, virtually via Zoom

Board of Education - August 11, 2026 at 6:00pm - Monona Grove District Office

M. Adjournment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to adjourn at 7:46pm. Janice Stone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
August 11, 2026