

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at Monona Grove District Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Cook, Philip Haven, Rachelle Miller, Susan Manning, Stephanie Lehmann

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Janice Stone (left meeting at 6:30pm)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Hartz

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Tanya Fredrich, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Kristin Sobocinski (virtually)

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

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Order of Business

Agenda Item H.4. 2025-26 Fund Balance Designation was moved to H.2. The minutes reflect the change in order.

D. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes

2. Staff Hirings

Megan Blankenheim-Villarreal - 1.0 FTE Special Education Coordinator, replacing Shelby Steel. For the 26-27 school year.

Chelsea Fait - 0.6 FTE EL Teacher at CGS, replacing Helen Thao. For the 26-27 school year.

Marcus Noeldner - 1.0 FTE PE Teacher at GRS , replacing Kevin Crevcoure. For the 26-27 school year.

Becky Swance - 0.8 FTE School Psychologist at GDS, replacing Rene Staskal. For the 26-27 school year.

Amanda Dobberstein - 1.0 FTE Speech & Language Pathologist at GDS & MGHS, replacing Madeline Duernberger I. For the 26-27 school year.

3. Vouchers Payable

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Consent Agenda, as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Celebration of Excellence

Dr. Fredrich recognized all of our donors—individuals, families, businesses, and community partners—who have generously supported us in the 2025-2026 school year.

F. Informational Items

1. Informational Update Regarding Maywood School Property and Receipt of Letter of Intent from the City of Monona

Dr. Fredrich shared an update on the status of the Letter of Intent from the City of Monona. No action was taken.

G. Public Appearances

- No appearances

H. Action Items

1. 2026-2027 Extra Curricular/Additive Schedule

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2026-2027 Extra Curricular/Additive Schedule, as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. 2025-26 Fund Balance Designation

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the 2025-26 Fund Balance Designation as presented. Stephanie Lehmann seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Policy - 2nd Read - Policy & Legislative Engagement Committee

Motion: Philip Haven moved approval of the Policy recommendations, as presented. Rachelle Miller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Revised Job Descriptions for Licensed Personnel

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved approval of the Revised Job Descriptions for Licensed Personnel as presented. Philip Haven seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Village of Cottage Grove Polling Place

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to authorize the District Superintendent to deliver formal written notice of termination to the Village of Cottage Grove pursuant to Section C.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of Granite Ridge School as a polling location, establishing a termination date 12 months from the date of notice. Susan Manning seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

I. Discussion Items

1. 2025-2026 Act 12 Reporting

Dr. Fredrich shared the Act 12 Report with the Board.

J. Committee Updates

1. Finance & Operations Committee – Stephanie Lehmann shared a brief report.
2. Personnel 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

- Teaching, Learning & Equity Committee - 4:00pm on August 18, 2026 - virtually, via Zoom
- Policy & Legislative Engagement Committee - 9:45am on August 20, 2026 - District Office
- Finance & Operations Committee - 4:00pm on August 27, 2026 - virtually, via Zoom
- Personnel Committee - 4:00pm on September 1, 2026 - virtually, via Zoom
- Board of Education - 6:00pm, September 8, 2026 - District Office
- Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing - 6:00pm on MONDAY, September 14, 2026 - District Office

- M. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:
1. Conduct of an Employee

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to Convene into Closed Session at 7:01pm Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(f) for consideration of the following:

1. Conduct of an Employee

Philip Haven seconded. Roll call vote: Rachelle Miller - aye, Philip Haven - aye, Susan Manning - aye, Stephanie Lehmann - aye, Elizabeth Cook - aye. The motion was approved 5-0.

- N. Adjournment

Motion: Rachelle Miller moved to adjourn at 7:23pm from Closed Session. Philip Haven seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Monona Grove Board of Education
September 8, 2026