

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday August 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm (Closed Session) in the Monona Grove School District Office – Monona

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Cook, Susan Manning, Loreen Gage, Susan Fox (arrived at 6:12pm), Peter Sobol

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Olson, Mark Powell, Christa Foster Lisa Heipp, Katy Byrnes Kaiser

A. Call to Order – President Loreen Gage called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

C. Convene into Closed Session

Elizabeth Cook moved to convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and (f), which allows a governmental body to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and allows consideration of financial, medical, social, or personal histories of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, for consideration of the following:

1. Update on District response to lawsuit dated May 23, 2022 and timeline/next steps

Peter Sobol seconded. A roll call vote was taken Susan Manning - aye, Peter Sobol - aye and Loreen Gage - aye. The motion carried 4-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Susan Fox moved that the meeting reconvene into open session at 7:00 pm. Elizabeth Cook seconded. A roll call vote was taken Susan Manning - aye, Susan Fox - aye, Elizabeth Cook - aye, Peter Sobol - aye, Loreen Gage - aye. The motion carried 5-0.

E. Order of Business

F. Public Appearances

G. Consent Agenda

1. July 13, 2022 and August 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes
2. Staff Hirings
 - Aleah Blada – District Wide Speech and Language Pathologist for elementary schools, replacing Kate Wedig, effective 2022-23 school year.
 - Lexi Ellestad – Special Education Teacher at CGS, replacing Heather McGee, effective 2022-23 school year.
 - Amanda Argue – 0.8 FTE District Wide English Language Learner Teacher, replacing Kristen Barnes, effective 2022-23 school year.
 - Jodi Anderson – Special Education Teacher at MG21, replacing Paul Marx, effective 2022-23 school year.
 - Chloe Malmgren – New FTE Special Education Teacher, split between MGHS and MG21, effective 2022-23 school year.
 - David Watson – Special Education Teacher at GDS, replacing Treyton Powers, effective 2022-23 school year.

- Emily Endres – Grade 2 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, replacing Peggy Riley, effective 2022-23 school year.
- Brooke Butkowski – 0.67 FACE Teacher at MGHS, replacing Vicki McCarthy, effective 2022-23 school year.
- Bethany Konz – Computer Science Teacher at MGHS, replacing Brian Willem, effective 2022-23 school year.
- Greta Drane – Grade 2 Teacher at CGS, replacing Sherry Melde, effective 2022-23 school year.
- Shelby Reinkober – Grade 1 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, replacing Kelly Ferris, effective 2022-23 school year.
- Steven Zartman – Grade 7 Math and Social Studies Teacher, replacing Tara Peotter, effective 2022-23 school year.
- Laura Schram – Music Teacher at Cottage Grove School, replacing Paul Backstrom, effective 2022-23 school year.

3. Staff Resignations & Retirements

- Grace Storms – Grade 3 Teacher at Winnequah School, resignation received July 19, 2022.
- Kelly Ferris – Grade 1 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, resignation received August 1, 2022.
- Nicole Sorenson – Business Education Teacher at MGHS, resignation received August 2, 2022.
- Stephanie Lemery – Grade 1 Teacher at Cottage Grove School, resignation received August 5, 2022.
- Amanda Koshollek – School Counselor at Taylor Prairie, resignation received August 7, 2022.

4. Staff Contract Amendments

5. Vouchers Payable

Motion: Susan Fox moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Peter Sobol – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Susan Fox – aye and Loreen Gage – aye motion carried 5-0.

H. Recognitions

1. We are thrilled to begin welcoming back staff and students to the 2022-2023 school year! Our new teachers will receive orientation and training beginning August 24 and all faculty and staff will return on Monday, August 29. The first day of school for students is September 1st.
2. Congratulations to Monona Grove High School, as they've been named a recipient of the 2021-22 Award of Excellence by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, which recognizes their efforts and achievements in the areas of sportsmanship, ethics, integrity, leadership and character.
3. We are thrilled that the solar panels at MGHS have been powered on and are now providing environmental, educational, and fiscal benefits for our district and communities.

I. Correspondence and Announcements

J. Administrative Reports

1. 2022 Summer School Report – Lisa Heipp
Lisa Heipp shared a summary report about 2022 Summer School.
2. Superintendent's Report – Dan Olson
Dr. Olson updated the Board on the status of the 2022-2023 Operating Plan.

K. Board Reports

1. Personnel Committee – Susan Fox
The Personnel Committee met on August 2, 2022. The committee discussed Staff and Teacher Handbook updates, Additive Schedule updates and Administrator position descriptions.
2. Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee – Peter Sobol
The Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee was scheduled to meet on July 21, 2022, but did not as there was not a quorum.

L. Possible Action Items

1. 2022-2023 Revised School Nutrition Fees
Motion: Susan Fox moved to approve the 2022-2023 Revised School Nutrition Fees, as presented, Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Elizabeth Cook – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Susan Fox – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.
2. 2022-2023 Revised Open Enrollment Recommendations
Motion: Elizabeth Cook moved to approve the 2022-2023 Revised Open Enrollment Recommendations (7 additional seats in both 2nd and 5th grade), as presented, Susan Manning seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Susan Fox – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.
3. 2022-2023 Substitute Teacher Pay Rates
Motion: Susan Fox moved to approve the 2022-2023 Substitute Teacher Pay Rates, as presented, Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Susan Fox – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.
4. Alma Advisory Group Staffing Audit
Motion: Susan Manning moved to approve the Alma Advisory Group Staffing Audit, as presented Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Susan Fox – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.
5. 2022-2023 Technology Coordinator Contract
Motion: Peter Sobol moved to approve the 2022-2023 Technology Coordinator Contract, as presented Susan Fox seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Peter Sobol – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Susan Fox – aye, Susan Manning – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.
6. Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee Recommendations
No action was taken.

M. Discussion Items

N. Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm (6:00 pm Closed Session, if necessary)

Monday, September 12, 2022 - Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

O. Adjournment

Motion: Peter Sobol moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 pm. Elizabeth Cook seconded, a roll call vote was taken. Susan Fox – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Susan Manning – aye, and Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
August 24, 2022

SIGNATURE: Loreen Gage