

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District Board of Education, held Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 5:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Virtually): Loreen Gage, Susan Manning, Peter Sobol, Susan Fox, Eric Hartz, Philip Haven and Elizabeth Cook (Closed Session Only)

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE (Virtually): Krishna Elwell (Open Session Only)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT (Virtually): Daniel Olson

ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF PRESENT (Virtually): Christa Foster, Lisa Heipp, Nicole Thibodeau, Katy Byrnes Kaiser, Mark Powell

A. Call to Order – Loreen Gage called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

B. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

C. Convene into Closed Session

Motion: Susan Fox moved to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) 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, for the following: Individual Administrative Contract and Superintendent's Evaluation

Susan Manning seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Susan Manning – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Fox – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Elizabeth Cook – aye, Philip Haven – aye, and Loreen Gage – aye and the motion carried 7-0.

D. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Peter Sobol moved that the meeting reconvene into open session at 7:00pm. Susan Fox seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken: Peter Sobol – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Susan Manning – aye and Susan Fox – aye and Loreen Gage - aye. The motion carried 6-0.

E. Order of Business

F. Public Appearances - none

G. Consent Agenda

1. January 25, 2023 & February 1, 2023 School Board Meeting Minutes
2. Staff Hirings

Alexander Mory – 1.0 FTE EL Teacher at GDS replacing Amy Kohl, effective February 2, 2023

3. Staff Resignations & Retirements

Resignations:

Joel Jarosky – MG21 Upper Campus Teacher, effective 6/9/2023. Resignation received 02/04/2023

Alyssa Dohmen – Grade 5 Teacher at Granite Ridge, effective 3/3/23. Resignation received 2/17/23

Retirements:

Patrick Onsager – Special Education at MGHS, effective 6/9/23

Brian Storms – Physical Education Teacher at MGHS, effective 6/9/23.

4. Staff Contract Amendments
5. Vouchers Payable

Motion: Peter Sobol moved approval of the consent agenda as presented, Philip Haven seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Susan Manning – aye, Peter Haven – aye, Eric Hartz, Susan Fox – aye, Peter Sobol – aye and Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

H. Recognitions

1. Congratulations to the Glacial Drumlin School SCU, who collected nearly 2,000 books from students, staff and the community to be donated to the Madison Reading Project. Two members of the Madison Reading Project stopped by the school to connect with the SCU students about the program and they helped gather all the donations for them.
2. A couple of our Cottage Grove schools enjoyed a performance from the Stoughton High School Norwegian dancers, thanks to a donation from the Cottage Grove PTO. This was also the first all-school assembly that Taylor Prairie has had in a few years, so it was a special treat for them especially!
3. Our students have been celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of February and have worked on a variety of activities, including creating a bulletin board of information they learned about different Black figures in history and creating art pieces or musical instruments based on the figures they learn about, among other things.
4. The high school orchestras recently held a concert where they performed music from a variety of movies. Their “Dinner and a movie” concert also consisted of a pasta dinner before the show.
5. In February we celebrated SRO appreciation day, national school counselor week and school bus driver appreciation day. Thank you to our SROs, Luke Wunsch and Jessica Helgeland, for the resources they provide to our district. A huge thank you to the school counselor team – we are lucky to have each of them serve our students. And thank you to all of the bus drivers who transport our students safely to and from school.

I. Correspondence and Announcements

The Board congratulated Dan Olson on being named the Wisconsin Superintendent of the year. Dr. Olson was presented the 2023 Wisconsin Superintendent of the Year award at the state education Convention in January and was acknowledged again last week at the National Conference on Education held by AASA, the School Superintendents Association.

This award is widely acknowledged as the most prestigious honor a Wisconsin school system leader can receive. We are so grateful for his 10 years of service to Monona Grove and his continuous, compassionate, and empathetic leadership in our district. Thank you, Dan, for always putting the education and well-being of the MGSD community first!

J. Administrative Reports

1. Superintendent's Report – Dan Olson
Dr. Olson shared information about how the decision to close schools due to inclement weather are made.

Dr. Olson also welcomed new Board member Philip Haven and Student Representative Krishna Elwell to the Board.

K. Board Reports

1. Monona Grove Education Foundation – Susan Manning
MGEF met on February 14, 2023. She shared that Kathy Thomas resigned from the MGEF Board. MGEF also discussed grant requests and approved Committee assignments.

L. Possible Action Items

1. WIAA New 2023-2024 Cooperative Team Sponsorship - Girls Wrestling

Motion: Susan Fox motion to Move approval of a 2-year girls wrestling cooperative agreement with McFarland High School for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years as presented, Peter Sobol seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Philip Haven – aye, Susan Fox – aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Susan Manning – aye and Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

M. Discussion Items

1. 2023-2024 Certified Staffing Plan
The Board discussed the 2023-2024 Certified Staffing Plan. No action was taken.

N. Future Meeting Dates

March 8 - Regular Board Meeting 7:00 pm (6:00 pm Closed Session, if necessary)
March 22 - Regular Board Meeting 7:00 pm (6:00 pm Closed Session, if necessary)
April 12 - Regular Board Meeting 7:00 pm (6:00 pm Closed Session, if necessary)

P. Adjournment

Motion: Susan Fox moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 pm. Eric Hartz seconded, a roll call vote was taken. Susan Manning -aye, Peter Sobol – aye, Susan Fox - aye, Eric Hartz – aye, Philip Haven – aye, Loreen Gage – aye. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVED: MGSD Board of Education
March 8, 2023

SIGNATURE: Loreen Gage