

## **Madison-Grant United School Corporation**

December 06, 2021 – Madison-Grant Conference Room– 7:00 p.m.

### **Minutes of the School Board Meeting**

The Board of School Trustees of the Madison-Grant United School Corporation met for a School Board Meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. in the Madison-Grant Conference Room, 11700S – E00W, Fairmount, Indiana 46928.

School Board Meetings are now open to the public. A virtual option to attend this meeting was also available and a call in number was provided.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mary Jo Brunt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Mrs. Mary Jo Brunt, Dr. Katti Sneed, Mrs. Amanda Kelich, Mr. John Hanes, Mr. Ronald Stewart, Mr. David Whybrew and Mr. Bruce Stanley. Also in attendance: Mr. Steve Vore, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Ben Mann, CFO.

Members absent: No members were absent

Spotlight on Education - Spotlight event A: Unified Robotics Team of Park Elementary presented their robot and explained to members of the board and public about their team and what they have done. They explained some of the challenges they've had along the way with their robot, and some of their favorite things about Robotics. Spotlight event B: High School Unified Robotics team. Mr. Cale, Mr. Ritchie and Ty Wigner brought their robot and gave a live demonstration on how it works. Ty Wigner presented on the team's off-season event, things they learned, challenges they had and what Robotics as a whole does for him. While their event's are competitions they are also collaborating with each other and helping each other out the whole competition. Members of the Robotics team have different roles, some are hands-on working with the robot while others like the marketing and designing portion (MG Robotics logo was designed by a student). Mr. Ritchie talked about the Animated Designs they are able to create from their in-house computer. Mr. Cale and Ty talked about the team structure, fundraising plans and future plans for the team.

President Brunt requested a motion to add two addendum items to the agenda. These items will be Action Items I and J. This request was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting and Executive Session on November 22, 2021 were approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stewart with a second by Mr. Hanes.

Accounts payable voucher V50198-V50207 totaling \$371,071.05, and payroll for November 24, 2021 totaling \$262,675.37 making a grand total of \$633,746.42 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The following personnel items were approved upon a motion by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Stewart:

#### Recommendations:

- McKenna Lugar - Jr High Girls Basketball Season: 2021 - 2022
- T.J. Herniak - 6th Grade Girls Basketball Season: 2021 - 2022
- Tyran Rodabuagh - JV Baseball Coach Season: 2021 - 2022

President Brunt and Mr. Vore conducted a Hearing on Second Amendment Lease. Mr. Vore explained that The School Corporation is funding this project through a lease financing, as it has done with other past construction/renovation projects. Lease financings are used by school corporations across the State of Indiana in order to borrow for renovation and construction.

The building is currently subject to a financing lease. Therefore, we are amending that Lease to extend the term and increase the lease rental due from the School Corporation. In exchange for the extension and increased lease rental, the Building Corporation will use the bond proceeds to make the needed improvements to the building. The increased lease rental (as shown as a maximum amount in the Second Amendment to Lease) will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest due to the bond holders. The public hearing was opened to the public at 7:27 p.m., on whether the lease rental contained in the Lease Agreement is "Fair and reasonable" for the construction or improvements being made. No public comments were made and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

The First Action Item, Mr. Vore is requesting Approval to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of Second Amendment to Lease. As required by the School Leasing Statute (IC 20-47-3), after a hearing, the School Board must approve the Lease Second Amendment to Lease and authorize the officers to execute such Agreement. This Lease is the agreement whereby the School Corporation will levy the required property tax to pay the lease payments. The lease payments will be paid to the Building Corporation and used to pay the bond holders. Without the Lease, bond holders will have no assurance that the Building Corporation will repay the bonds. The Lease is the mechanism by which the property tax collections can get to the bondholders. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Dr. Sneed.

The Second Action Item was Mr. Vore requesting Approval to Adopt Resolution Assigning a Portion of Construction bids and Contracts to Building Corporation (once received). The Building Corporation currently owns a portion of Summitville Elementary School. The Building Corporation will also be the issuer of the bonds. The bond proceeds will be held by the trustee bank, and will be used to pay the contractors for the work done on the building. As a result, the construction bids and contracts will need to be with the Building Corporation because the Building Corporation will hold the money to pay the contractors. The School Corporation receives the bids and/or contracts and awards the bids and/or contracts under State law but then assigns those bids and/or contracts to the Building Corporation. This was approved upon a motion by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The next Action Item was Mr. Vore requesting Approval to Adopt Resolution to Approve Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Approving Issuance of Bonds. The Securities and Exchange Commission requires that a school corporation enter into a First Amendment to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Second Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking before it issues bonds. The School Corporation has previously entered into this type of agreement. The agreement requires that the School Corporation agree to timely provide certain financial information to the SEC's EMMA database ([www.emma.msrb.org](http://www.emma.msrb.org)) and provide notice of any material events. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The Following Action Item Mr. Vore is requesting Approval to Adopt Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Post Issuance Compliance Procedures (if necessary). The School Corporation shall consider and approve the Amended and Restated Post Issuance Compliance Procedures. This was approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The Following Action Item, Mr. Vore requesting Approval of Donation from Fairmount Friends Meeting. The Fairmount Friends Meeting is providing a cash donation in the amount of \$400 to be placed in the Needy Family Fund. This was approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The next Action Item, Mr. Vore is requesting Approval of Donation from First Baptist Church. The First Baptist Church is donating funds in the amount of \$500 to be used for FCA. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The next Action Item, Mr. Vore is requesting Approval of Donation from Fairmount Masonic Lodge Breakfast Club. These funds in the amount of \$244 will be used for the daily operation of the MG Athletic Department. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

The next Action Item, Addendum Item, Mr. Vore is requesting Approval of Wild Iris Productions, LLC (PR/Marketing) Contract REnewal with MGUSC. This contract renewal with Wild Iris Productions LLC, Lindsey Barton, to continue her marketing services for Madison-Grant from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The monthly retainer of \$500 remains the same as the 2021 contract, as Wild Iris will continue to provide one on one meetings at least twice a month, but has been weekly for the last two years, as she meets with Dr. Deetz, principals, human resources, and our social media team. Additionally, the contract includes press releases, communication action plans to the media and the community. This contract not only includes access to Wild Iris on a scheduled basis, but does include real time access in "emergent situations". Wild Iris has never charged extra for their services and has only subcontracted for two services which was for out logo design and printing. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The Last Action Item, Addendum Item, is, Mr. Vore requesting Resolution to Appoint Steven Vore as Trustee for M-G on ESCRFT. A Resolution to transfer the Trusteeship to ESCRFT, our property & casualty insurance carrier, from Dr. Scott Deetz to Mr. Steven Vore. The purpose of the transfer is due to the fact that Mr. Vore has been nominated to be the co-chair for ESRFT for the 90+ school corporations throughout Indiana. He needs to be the trustee in order to hold the office. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stewart.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any miscellaneous items.

The first Miscellaneous Item was the Presentation of Cash Flow by Mr. Mann. Rainy Day Fund discussion was held on a comfortable amount balance. Previous rule of thumb was enough funds to cover two payrolls. Amounts suggested at the School Board Conference were around \$950,000.00.

The next Miscellaneous Item was School Improvement Plan for the Jr/Sr High School presented by Mr. Scott Ritchie, Building Principal. Mr. Ritchie presented on "The Good, The Work and The Plan." The Class of 2024 is doing really well in Math, all scores exceed the goal of 70%. Currently, Academic Honors are at 41% (third highest in the past 11 years) and 58% are Core 40, which is the highest in the past 11 years. The Class of 2026 (Current 8th Graders), are The Work. During E-Learning teacher's were brought together so they could see the data and where the students stand. As data was presented, discussion was around how do we get back up to our goals of 70% for Math and Reading, currently hovering around low 60's upper 50's. The Plan was discussed and will be working towards pushing the advanced and providing nurturing support to those who need it. Alignment with Elementaires, is planned for next E-Learning Day. Other parts of The Plan is: Summer school for student/s that fail 2 or more core classes. Second semester incentive activities reward those who are working, attending classes and putting forth effort. Graduation Pathways are ever changing and will be evolving. There are three "buckets" a student needs to fulfill upon graduation. Evolving Indiana GPS are looking at a student' ability to display five characteristics which best indicate a student's preparation for success after high school: Academic mastery, Career and postsecondary readiness, Communication & Collaboration, Work ethic and Civic, Financial and Digital Literacy.

The following Miscellaneous Item - Mr. Vore reminded everyone there is a High School Band Concert on December 7, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Mr. Vore also wanted to express appreciation for the collaboration and support of our community, the Association, and the local health department in making an amendment to our contact tracing procedures.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any members of the public wishing to speak.

There were no virtual attendees who wished to speak.

Public Members present at the board meeting:

Derrick Turner - Thank you for your phone call and update we (parents) received on Friday. We are thrilled and very thankful you listened and were so driven to work at allowing parents to have a voice and decision for their kids. Thank you!

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any Board members wishing to speak.

Mr. Stanley - Kudos to Dr. Deetz and all the work he has done for our kids during this situation. After attending the Grant County Health Department Meetings, surprised we were able to proceed but thankful.

Mr. Stewart - I have always appreciated Dr. Deetz and Mr. Vore and the decisions they make, they both have the best interest of our students in mind.

Mrs. Brunt - After hearing from our Principals, their School Improvement Plans and testing scores, it's evident that our students need to be in the classroom. Thank you to Dr. Deetz and all the work you put into this contact tracing modification, between the Grant County Health Department Doctor, Attorney's and all while trying to work through an Audit and you were able to get it done. Thank you. Mrs. Brunt reminded everyone that the January 10, 2022 meeting will be a reorganizational meeting. Merry Christmas to all.

Mr. Vore - Thanked Jane with Ice Miller for attending our meetings and all their help through this process.

Mr. Vore announced the upcoming meetings at Madison-Grant as follows:

1. January 10, 2022 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room - Enter via Door #4  
(Organizational)
2. January 24, 2022 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room - Enter via Door #4

A motion to adjourn the School Board Meeting was made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley and approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned to enter into the Executive Session (President Brunt stated there would be no Executive Session this evening) at 8:20p.m.

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*Mary Jo Brunt* President

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*Amanda Kelich* Secretary

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*Katti Sneed* Vice President

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*Ronald Stewart* Asst. Secretary

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*David Whybrew* Board Member

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