

Madison-Grant United School Corporation

February 14, 2022 – 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, February 14, 2022 at 7:00 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. David Whybrew, Mr. Ronald Stewart, Mr. John Hanes and Mr. Bruce Stanley. Also in attendance: Dr. Scott Deetz, Superintendent, and Mr. Ben Mann, CFO.

Members absent: No Members were absent.

Dr. Deetz requested approval to add an Addendum to the Action Items. Addendum was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting and Madison-Grant Executive Session held on Monday January 24, 2022 were approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich with a second by Mr. Hanes.

Accounts payable checks 31831 - 31907 totaling \$185,896.89, Voucher V501126 - V501140 totaling \$1,022,777.42 and payroll for February 04, 2022 totaling \$270,472.57 making a grand total of \$1,479,146.88 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Dr. Sneed.

The following personnel items were approved upon a motion by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley:

Recommendation:

- Sara Williams Summitville PreK Educational Assistant Anticipated Start Date: 02-01-2022
- Susan Klee Park After School Tutoring Anticipated Start Date: 02-01-2022
- Brittany Smith Park After School Tutoring Anticipated Start Date: 02-01-2022
- Kris Dishman Park After School Tutoring Anticipated Start Date: 02-01-2022
- Tara Eastburn Park After School Tutoring Anticipated Start Date: 02-01-2022
- Kathleen Vonbank Park After School Tutoring Anticipated Start Date: 02-01-2022
- David Pyle Park After School Tutoring Anticipated Start Date: 02-01-2022
- Amy Witt Park After School Tutoring Anticipated Start Date: 02-01-2022
- Dustin Williams Jr/Sr High Custodian Anticipated Start Date: 02-21-2022
- Josh Hull Volunteer JH Wrestling Coach Season: 2021 - 2022
- Mark Asbury Jr High Softball Coach Season: 2021 - 2022
- Erik Johnsen Sr. High Robotics Volunteer Asst. Coach Season: 2021-2022

Leave of Absence

- Erin Huston (Medical Leave) Park Elementary Title I Aide Effective: 02-01-2022
(through end of school year)
- Emily Karcher (Medical Leave) Park Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher Effective: 03-02-2022

Resignations:

- Darby Nicely Jr/Sr High School Effective: 01-31-2022
- Darby Nicely Jr/Sr High Head Varsity Wrestling Coach Effective: 01-31-2022
- Darby Nicely Jr. High Assistant Wrestling Coach Effective: 01-31-2022
- Kayla Denney Jr/Sr High Cafeteria Effective: 02-01-2022
- Abbey Gunning Park Special Education Aide Effective: 03-04-2022

The following Donation Requests were approved upon a motion by Mr. Hanes and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

A. Donation from Armes-Hunt Funeral Home in the amount of \$300 to be used for 6th Grade Field Trip this year

B. Donation from Devoe Chevrolet, Inc in the amount of \$500 to be used for Therapy dogs at Summitville Elementary

C. Donation from Owens Funeral Home - Memorial for Mr. Tim Herniak - in the amount of \$1383.00, funds will be going to F.C.A.

The First Action Item, Dr. Deetz is requesting approval of updates to Board Policies. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The Second Action Item Dr. Deetz is requesting approval for Mr. Bob Monroe to be our Area Planning Commission Representative. Mr. Monroe is a retired Superintendent, who will also be representing all five (5) county public schools. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

The following Action Item was Approval of a Resolution for a Multiple District Litigation Against JUUL. Dr. Deetz is recommending a resolution to join a nationwide Multiple District Litigation against JUUL, the electronic cigarette company. This legal action is taking a stand against JUUL's marketing practices that have targeted children for years. Madison-Grant has dealt with electronic cigarettes since 2013 as students have illegally possessed, used, and distributed these items in the classroom, buses, hallways, and bathrooms. These incidents have resulted in many out of school suspensions for as young as sixth grade. The resolution and letter of engagement has been reviewed and approved by our attorney. This was approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The Last Action Item is Addendum which Dr. Deetz is requesting approval of two course additions to our Course Descriptions Book 2022-2023. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any miscellaneous items.

The first Miscellaneous Item was Madison-Grant Virtual Prep Academy Update. Mrs. Melissa DeWitt and Mrs. Nadina McFann provided up to date information on the Virtual Prep Academy. Current enrollment numbers were provided, along with information on location across Indiana (currently 507 students with 76 Indiana counties represented). Information on withdrawals, rates and reasons were provided. Teacher Engagement Practice examples were given: Weekly teacher newsletters, Office Hours, Virtual Coffee Chat, Phone calls and Meetings (in person or virtually), Assignment management lists and Day in the Life Sessions and how to videos. Build a school Rooted in Strong Relationships, Driven by Accurate Data and Executed with Sound Instruction, this is our goal and we repeat this often. We are one of the highest performing ACCEL academies with an 87% Satisfaction Score (survey information provided by parents with students enrolled). Goals for next year: Expanding Pathways, High Ability, CTE Programming Development and Dual Credit.

Next Miscellaneous Item was the first reading of Board Policy 0167.3. This item will be back for a second reading and approval at the February 28, 2022 School Board Meeting.

The Third Miscellaneous Item was Mr. Mann (CFO) presenting Cash Flow. Mrs. Brunt commented that she liked the new spreadsheets and the color coding. Mr. Stewart commented on the amount of detail provided but still easily readable.

The Last Miscellaneous Item was Dr. Deetz presented Superintendent's Updates. The Junior/Senior High paid tribute to Mr. Kyle Guenther last week, ending the week with white T-Shirts (Guenther Nation) and Flannel shirts in his honor. Dr. Deetz talked about the partnership that Madison-Grant has and that continues to evolve with Indiana University Kokomo.

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

There were no virtual attendees who wished to speak.

There were no attendees present who wished to speak.

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

Mr. Stanley - Congratulations to Mrs. DeWitt and her team, they are doing a great job.

Mr. Whybrew - Asked Mrs. DeWitt a question about some of the data provided in their presentation. Mrs. DeWitt explained how the data was collected and that students had to have information in both windows. If data was missing from either window then that student's information was not used, this was so if a student was no longer in the program the data would not be skewed. Mr. Whybrew highlighted the Virtual Prep commercial he watched during one of the AFC or NFC Championship Football games.

Mrs. Brunt - Thanked Mrs. DeWitt and Mrs. McFann for all their hard work. Mrs. DeWitt thanked the School Board for their support and said while this is challenging it's very exciting.

Dr. Deetz announced the upcoming meetings at Madison-Grant as follows:

A. February 28, 2022 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room

******Building Tour of Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School at 5:30p.m. Public Welcome******

B. March 14, 2022 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room

******Building Tour of Summitville Elementary at 5:30p.m Public Welcome******

A motion to adjourn the School Board Meeting and enter into the Madison-Grant School Board Executive Session was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Stanley and approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned to enter into the Madison-Grant School Board Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Mary Jo Brunt President

Amanda Kelich Secretary

Katti Sneed Vice President

John Hanes Asst. Secretary

David Whybrew Board Member

Bruce Stanley Board Member

Ronald Stewart Board Member