

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

January 24, 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, January 24, 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, Mrs. Amanda Kelich, Mr. David Whybrew, Mr. Ronald Stewart and Mr. Bruce Stanley. Also in attendance: Dr. Scott Deetz, Superintendent, Mr. Steve Vore, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Ben Mann, CFO.

Members absent: Mr. John Hanes and Dr. Katti Sneed

#### Spotlight on Education: Special Services

Mrs. Heald and Miss Ferguson presented on Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Examples of students using No/Low Tech communication methods were given. High Tech Communication examples were provided by video demonstrations and in person student demonstrations. The student's family stated he could really see a big difference with the High Tech communication devices, it has helped them tremendously with communication at home.

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

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting and Madison-Grant Board of Finance Meeting held on Monday January 10, 2022 were approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich with a second by Mr. Stanley.

Accounts payable checks 31784 - 31830 totaling \$173,148.94, Voucher V501125 totaling \$1,308.12 and payroll for January 21, 2022 totaling \$270,092.95 making a grand total of \$444,550.01 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs Kelich.

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

- T. J. Herniak - High School Cross Country Coach Season: 2022 - 2023
- Shannon Howell - High School Assistant Cross Country Coach Season: 2022 - 2023
- Aaron Caudell - Junior High Track Assistant Coach Season: 2021 - 2022
- Brady Turner - High School Head Football Coach Season: 2022 - 2023
- Brooke Justus - High School Assistant Track Coach Season: 2021 - 2022
- Jason Ewer - High School Assistant Track Coach Season: 2021 - 2022
- Abigail Swafford - Assistant High School Cheer Coach Season: 2021 - 2022

The following Fundraising Requests were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

A. FFA would be partnering with other Grant County Ag Programs and the Meals of Hope Foundation to raise money to pack 50,000 meals. These meals would be distributed throughout Madison and Grant Counties. Fundraiser time frame would be January 17th - February 21st and Packing event on February 21st. These funds will pay for meals of hope for hosting the event for our chapter to participate in our first large community service project.

B. FFA would like approval to sell strawberry flats. The flats are 8lbs and the cost for a full flat is \$25 or half is \$15. These funds will be used for future traveling fees, contest fees, and hopefully bigger events to attend in the future to bring cost down for the members.

C. Mrs. Kelsay's High School Life Skills Classroom is looking to start "Cookie Friday" and sell Otis Spunkmeyer cookies to students and staff during A and B lunch every Friday. Monies will be used to replenish our class fund and our weekly community days trips.

The First Action Item, Mr. Mann is requesting approval to cancel checks for Summitville Elementary, Park Elementary and Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The Second Action Item Mr. Mann is requesting approval of three extra-curricular account financial reports compiled for Park Elementary, Summitville Elementary and Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The next Action Item was Mr. Vore recommending the creation of a Student Maintenance Assistants position. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The Last Action Item - Addendum - Dr. Deetz is requesting approval to change the Mileage Reimbursement Rate to the new Federal Rate of 58.5 Cents. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any miscellaneous items.

The first Miscellaneous Item was the First Reading of Proposed board Policy Updates.

i. This agenda item does not require any action on your part. I will bring this agenda item back for a second reading and approval at the February 14, 2022 School Board Meeting. All of these updates bring you, as a School Board, up to date with all new/current state laws. I have left all of the changes (deletions are in red with a strike through and insertions are in green) in these updates so you can see the difference from our current policies.

ii. The second reading on February 14, 2022 will be the clean version of these documents.

iii. You will be given an opportunity to ask questions or make comments on any School Board Policy.

The Last Miscellaneous Item was when Dr. Deetz presented Superintendent's Updates. Shout out to Mrs. Bernaix and Cafeteria Staff for all they do, rearranging schedules to make sure all three buildings are able to provide food service to our students. Dr. Deetz highlighted ASPIRE and the COVID Rapid At Home Tests that were received, these tests have been distributed to each building. Since our last board meeting Dr. Deetz highlighted a few Bills that the Indiana General Assembly has in front of them.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any members of the public wishing to speak. There were no virtual attendees who wished to speak.

Members of the Public in Attendance -

- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Turner - Had some concerns about MG Basketball Coach, Mr. Turner was reminded that during Public Expression Personnel issues are not to be discussed. Mrs. Turner stated this was not their first attempt to reach out with their concerns. They have reached out to Mr. Plovick, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Schuck and Mrs. Brunt. The Core Values that Madison-Grant stands for are not being upheld. The power of the tongue can speak life and death, we have a lot of negativity in the world already. We need to hold adults accountable for their actions, especially if you want the students to be accountable for theirs. Mrs. Brunt stated she had received the email and would like to offer setting up an appointment with herself and Dr. Deetz to discuss their concerns.

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

Mr. Stanley - Highlighted the great article about Mrs. Nicely in the News Sun.

Mr. Whybrew - Let everyone know that Mrs. Whybrew apologized for not being able to attend tonight's meeting (in person) for Spotlight on Education. Mrs. Whybrew and her department are doing a wonderful job and it shows.

Mrs. Brunt - Continued Thank You's to all staff and administration for keeping up with everything and all they do for our students.

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

1. February 14 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room - Enter via Door #4
  2. February 28, 2022 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room - Enter via Door #4
- \*\*\*\*Building Tour of Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High at 5:30 p.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 7:44 p.m.

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*Amanda Kelich* Secretary

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*Katti Sneed* Vice President

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