

Madison-Grant United School Corporation

September 11, 2023 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 September 11, 2023 in the Madison-Grant Conference Room, 11700S – E00W, Fairmount, Indiana 46928.

At 7:00 pm, the regular meeting was called to order by President Mary Jo Brunt, Mr. Vore offered prayer, then the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Brunt

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

Absent: Bruce Stanley

Mr. Vore presented the Mission and Vision statements of Madison-Grant United School Corporation.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any members of the public wishing to speak. There were none

The first item on the agenda was Spotlight on Education. Mrs. Kim Whybrew introduced a student from Park Elementary that uses the CCTV machine to assist with his daily learning. Along with Mrs. Whybrew was Carla Garbo (MadisonCounty Co-Op Blind Low Vision Teacher).

The next item on the agenda was a second Spotlight on Education presented by the FFA. Two members of the FFA presented a proposal to the school board members to host a Tractor / Vendor Show on school grounds. The money raised would help to support the activities of the FFA as well as make the community aware of the FFA Chapter at MG.

The next item on the agenda was the approval to add an addendum to discuss the FFA tractor show. The addendum was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Dr. Sneed.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the school board meeting held on August 21, 2023. The minutes were approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

Accounts Payable checks 34056-34109 totaling \$275,372.05 and Vouchers V501545-501557 totaling \$339,457.30 and the payroll of September 1, 2023 totaling \$270,962.02. The claims were approved upon a motion by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Hanes

The next action item was the approval of Mrs. Jessica Buster to transfer from SPED Assistant to SPED Professional. Transfer date is September 12, 2023. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Longacre and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The following personnel items were approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and Seconded by Mrs. Hanes.

Resignation

- Jakob Wilson - JR/SR High - resigning from Champions Together ECA
- Amber Dillon - PES - 5th Grade Math - Effective October 2, 2023

Recommendations

- Jared Owens - Jr/Sr High - HS Head Track Coach - 23/24 season
- Donna Shinnock - SES - Title I Aide - August 28, 2023
- Rebecca Nicholson - JR/SR High - Educational Assistant/ Life Skills - Anticipated Start date 8/28/23
- John Walters - JR/SR High - Head Baseball Coach - 23/24 season
- Marcia Fox - SES - PreK3 Aide - Anticipated start date 9/6/23

Leave of Absence

- Megan Rogers - SES - Maternity Leave beginning December 4, 2023 thru April 2, 2024

The following donations were approved upon a motion made by Mr. Hanes and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

- PES - Chuck's Sewer and Drain donated \$1000.00 to be used for school supplies
- JR/SR High - S&T Heavy Equipment Repair donated a John Deere 4010 diesel motor valued at \$1000.00 to assist students learning about diesel engines
- Corp Food Service Account - Joyce Trotten donated \$25.00 for the negative lunch accounts fund
- JR/SR High - Central Indiana Ethanol donated \$1000.00 to the Athletic Department to assist with updates/equipment
- JR/SR High - Kyle & Stephanie Martin - \$68.00 in donations received at the Volleyball game on August 29, 2023 - Money raised will go to Khloe Martin Memorial Scholarship
- JR/SR High - Town of Fairmount - \$500.00 - Money to be used for Athletic Department to assist with updates/equipment
- JR/SR High - Union Chapel Church - \$50.00 - Money to be used to help with FCA activities

The following fundraiser request were approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Longacre and seconded by Mr. Hanes

- Lori Rogers - JR/SR High Drama Club - Requesting permission to offer local businesses advertising space on this year's play program. The fundraiser will run until December 4, 2023.
- Meylissa Stanley - JR/SR High Student Services - Requesting permission to hold a community meal on September 30, 2023. Money raised will help to support the Needy Family Fund
- Eric Cale & Annika Reiskytl - JR/SR High National Honors Society - Requesting permission to sell Christmas wreaths beginning September 15 - October 24, 2023. Money raised will be used for NHS events / fees

The next item on the agenda was the formal budget hearing for the 2024 budget. (this includes the Education Fund, Debt Service Fund, Pension Bond Fund, Operations Fund, and the Rainy Day Fund). Mr. Ben Mann, CFO will give a presentation over the 2024 budget process and changes, the budget calendar, the budget forms, the Capital Projects Fund Plan, the Bus Replacement Plan and a comparison between the 2023 and 2024 budget.

President Brunt invited the public to speak - There was none

The first item on the agenda was Mr. Mann requested a resolution authorizing the execution of the lease. As required by the School Leasing Statute (IC 20-47-3), after a hearing, the School Board must approve the Lease and authorize the officers to execute such agreement. The lease payments will be paid to the Building Corporation and used to pay the bond holders. This was approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

President Brunt invited the public to speak regarding the additional appropriations - There was none

Mrs. Longacre asked Mr. Mann if the Capital Project Fund plan was consistent with the years past. Mr. Mann explained that Operations has been protected in past years by bids coming in lower than planned which has allowed for some of the differences in funds.

Mr. Hanes asked Mr. Mann if the transfer of funds from the education fund to the operations fund was consistent with other corporations, and why other corporations seem to have higher transfer amounts. Mr. Mann explained that as CFO he pursues the bonds as well as requests the max tax levy. These are a few reasons as to why Madison-Grant is different from other corporations.

Mr. Hanes asked Mr. Mann why the solar field is filed under the operations fund versus the debt service fund. Mr. Vorre answered by stating that when the solar field project first started, the debt service fund was not an option. Mr. Mann stated that he is looking into ways of potentially moving the funds at a later date.

The next action item was Mr. Mann requested approval of SBOA Financial Reports. The annual Financial report outlines financial transactions that have already taken place and discloses factual financial information. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Dr. Sneed.

The next item on the agenda was Mr. Mann, CFO is requesting approval of the Additional Appropriation Resolution. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

The next item on the agenda was Mr. Vore requested approval of the 2024 School Board Meeting Calendar. Mr. Whybrew requested that the February 19th meeting date be moved to February 21, 2024. This is due the 19th being Presidents Day and Administrators are not required to work. The school board is scheduled to take a tour of Park Elementary on this day and they do not want request that Mr. Brown is available on a day he is off. The calendar including the date change was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Kelich and seconded by Dr. Sneed

The next action item on the agenda was Mr. Vore seeking approval of the Resolution for the Teacher Appreciation Grant for the 2023-2024 school year. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Kelich and seconded by Dr. Sneed.

The next action item was Mr. Vore requested approval for the 2023-2024 Staff Evaluation Plan for MGUSC and the Virtual Preparatory Academy. This was request was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mrs. Longacre.

The next action item was the approval of fuel bids for the 2023-2024 school year. The only bid received was from Co-Alliance. The price quote is a floating cost. Mr. Hanes asked how big our tanks are. Mr. Vore stated that he was unsure as to the capacity size. He did explain though that we only have 2 or 3 buses that still run on fuel. The bid was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Hanes and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The next action item was the addendum for the 2023 FFA Tractor Show. - Mr. Gowin and the FFA are requesting permission to host a tractor / vendor show in October 2023. The cost for the vendors will be \$20.00 per spot and tractors will be charged \$10.00 per spot. Money raised will help to support the FFA. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Longacre and seconded by Mr. Hanes

The next action item with Mr. Plovick, Athletic Director and Coach Hendrixson are requesting approval to hold a basketball camp for grades 3-6. The camp will be on Monday, October 9, 2023 and Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 7:00pm -8:30pm in the high school gym. The cost per participant is \$20.00. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Longacre and seconded by Dr. Sneed

The final action item was Mr. Plovick, Athletic Director and Coach Martin are requesting approval to host a girl basketball clinic during fall break. The clinic will run from October 17-19, 2023; 4:30pm- 5:30pm. It will be open for grade levels K-6. The Varsity girls basketball players will be leading the clinic. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mrs. Longacre

President Brunt asked if there were any miscellaneous items

- Mr. Mann, CFO presented the cash flow report for August 2023
- Mr. Vore presented the 1st reading of the Special Policy updates from NEOLA
- Mr. Vore presented the transportation route review that was provided by Mrs. Drewitz, Transportation Director.

Mr. Vore presented the following Superintendents Updates

- Homecoming - Large crowd for the winning game

- Veteran's Day event is in the planning stages
- Building tours - Alumni have requested to tour the Jr/Sr High as part of their reunion. Mrs. Pulley has been conducting these tours
- James Dean Festival - No school
- ISBA Fall Conference reminder - September 25,2023 -26, 2023
- Reminder that the second board meeting in September will be Wednesday the 27th instead of the regular Monday meeting.

President Brunt asked if any of the board members wanted to speak

- Mrs. Kelich reminded all of them to complete Mr. Horton's self assessment report.
- Mrs.Longacre commented on the job well done by Mr. Herniak during homecoming.
- Mr. Hanes also commented on the job that Mr. Herniak is doing and he is very pleased
- Mrs. Kelich stated that the card / cash option that is available at the entry gates is a huge success
- Dr. Sneed stated that there are 30 kids signed up for the Trap Club
- Mrs. Brunt mentioned that the boys tennis is team is 14-0 and having a wonderful season
- Mrs. Brunt also stated how much she appreciates the leadership from Administration.
- Mrs. Brunt acknowledged that Mr. Brown, Park Principal was selected for the Level up Leadership
- Mrs. Longacre stated that Dannika Horn is 4th in the county for girls golf

Mr. Vore presented the following upcoming events

- September 27,2023- 7:00pm. Regular School Board Meeting to be held at the The Madison-Grant Boardroom
- October 9, 2023-7:00pm. Regular School Board Meeting to be held at the The Madison-Grant Boardroom

A motion to adjourn the regular School Board Meeting at 9:05pm. was made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mrs. Longacre. The Board then moved into Executive Session

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