

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

March 4, 2024– 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, March 4, 2024 at 7:00pm. in the Madison-Grant Conference Room, 11700S – E00W, Fairmount, Indiana 46928.

The Board of School Trustees met at Summitville Elementary at 5:30pm. for a building tour. The tour included updates to classrooms as well classrooms/facilities that are in need of repairs and updates. The tour also included updates to the facilities and maintenance departments. As well as work that has been completed to the overall maintenance of the building.

At 7:00 pm, the regular meeting was called to order by President Brunt

Members present were: Mr. Bruce Stanley, Mr. David Whybrew, and Mrs. Amanda Kelich. Also in attendance: Mr. Steve Vore, Superintendent, and Mr. Ben Mann, CFO.

Absent: Mr. John Hanes, Mrs. Wendy Longacre, Dr. Katti Sneed

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

The first item on the agenda was the Student Spotlight. Mr. Brown, Principal, Park Elementary presented Mrs. Morrison, 3rd Grade Teacher and several students that have been top achievers in Vimme Math. Mrs. Morrison's class has been part of the Top 8 classes in the state participation in Vimme.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation from Mrs. DeWitt, Principal of the Virtual Preparatory Academy. Mrs. DeWitt is seeking approval to submit an application on behalf of the Madison-Grant USC to open an alternative school to serve the students of Indiana. Mr. Vore asked Mrs. DeWitt if she has an anticipated opening date as well as student count. Mrs. DeWitt stated that she would like to see this school being open in August 2024. She stated that they do not want to exceed 200 students in order to provide the best opportunities and education. Mrs. Kelich asked if Mrs. DeWitt anticipated any staffing issues. Mrs. DeWitt stated that she does not feel that staffing will not be a problem at all. Mr. Vore, President Brunt, and the Board decided that opening the alternative school of the Virtual Preparatory Academy will be brought forward for vote during the next school board meeting on April 8, 2024.

The first consent item on the agenda was approval to add the addendum to open the Early Childhood Center. A motion to approve the addendum was made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich

The second consent item was the approval of the Regular School Board meeting minutes, Executive Session meetings held on February 21, 2024. A motion was made first by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich to approve the minutes.

Accounts Payable checks 34671 - 34673 totaling and Vouchers 501727-501742 totalling \$889,636.98 and the payroll of March 1, 2024 totalling \$274,586.15 making a grand total of \$1,181,280.58. The vouchers were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Whybrew.

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

#### Recommendations

- Carrie Ault -MGUSC - Transportation - Sub Bus Driver- Anticipated start date 3/5/24
- Emily Keasling - SES - 1st Grade Teacher - Anticipated start date August 1,2024 - 24/25 School Year
- Gabe Wedmore - JR/SR High - Volunteer Track 23/24 season
- Madison Rogers - PES - 5Th grade Math Teacher - Anticipated start date August 1, 2024- 24/25 School Year
- Andrew Heald - JR/SR High - JH Assistant Track Coach - 23/24 Season
- Jeff Fields - JR/SR High - JH Assistant Track Coach - 23/24 Season

#### Resignations

- Rebecca Freel - SES - 2nd Grade Teacher - Effective end of contract 23/24 school year

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

- PES - Fairmount Round Robbins- \$1500.00 to be used for 6th grade Chicago trip
- JR/SR High - Deer Creek Conservation Club - \$700.00 to help with Trap Club supplies

The following fundraisers were approved upon a motion made by Mr. Whybrew and seconded by Mr. Stanley

- JR./SR High - Mr. Retherford and Mrs. Doughty are requesting permission for the 8th graders to sell flower bulbs beginning March 11,2024 - March 20,2024. Money raised will help fund the Washington D.C. trip.

The first action item on the agenda Mr. Vore is requesting to change the school calendar for April 8,2024. This was a scheduled in person class day. He would like to make this a scheduled E-Learning day for students. April 8,2024 is the day of the solar eclipse and he has travel concerns for the afternoon bus routes. Teachers will be in the buildings on this day. Mr. Whybrew asked if support staff would also be in the building. Mr. Vore stated that they are able

to work as well if the need is there by the Administrators. Mrs. Kelich asked if sporting events would be taking place. Mr. Vore stated that Mr. Plovick has already been canceling some of the events. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The second action item, Mr. Vore is requesting approval to open an Infant and Toddler Early Childhood Center in the old Central Office building. The Early Childhood Center will open in August 2024. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any miscellaneous items.

Mr. Mann presented the following CFO updates:

- eFinance upgrade in March
- Cross-training payroll

The final Miscellaneous items discussed were the Superintendent updates provided by Mr. Vore

- Eclipse Updates
- Bus Driver sighting this weekend / This morning
- Early Childhood Learning Center
  - Work will begin to search for a director and teachers
  - Work will also start on the building and inspection by the fire marshall
- Building Tours
  - We had the last of the building tours tonight. This process was very beneficial
- SB1-Literacy
- SB 185 Wireless Communications Devices
- Ben Mann has received the Region 5 School Business Official of the Year

The public was invited to speak: There was none

Presiden Brunt asked if there were any members board that wanted to speak:

- Mr.Stanley expressed how happy he was for Mr. Mann and his recognition.
- President Brunt appreciates the work Mr. Vore has put into the Early Childhood Learning Center

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

- April 8, 2024 - 7:00pm.regular School Board Meeting at the Madison-Grant Boardroom
- April 22, 2024- 7:00pm. - Regular School Board Meeting at the Madison-Grant Boardroom. Meeting


A motion to adjourn the regular School Board Meeting and move into Executive Session meeting was made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich. The regular school board meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.


  
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