

Madison-Grant United School Corporation

April 23, 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 Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:00pm. in the Madison-Grant Conference Room, 11700S – E00W, Fairmount, Indiana 46928.

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

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

Absent: Mr. Stanley arrived at 8:15pm.

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 Spotlight on Education presented by Mr. Brown, Principal of Park Elementary. Mr. Brown along with Mrs. Morrison, Third grade Teacher presented four students that scored a perfect score on their IREAD testing.

The first consent item was the approval of the Regular School Board meeting minutes, Executive Session meetings held on April 8, 2024. A motion was made first by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Hanes to approve the minutes.

Accounts Payable checks 34787-34844 totaling \$102,910.56 and Vouchers 501779-501796 totalling \$608,460.44 and the payroll of April 12, 2024 totalling \$988,797.65 making a grand total of \$1,700,168.65. The vouchers were approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

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

Transfer

- Jenna Ferguson - SES - Primary Life skill to PES - Intermediate Life Skills - Anticipated start date August 1, 2024

Recommendations

- Mattison Keeler - SES - Primary Life Skills Teacher- Anticipated start date August 1, 2024

- Mackenzie Stucky - SES - 2nd Grade Teacher - Anticipated start date August 1, 2024 - Pending background check

Resignations

- Sarah Klepfer - JR/SR High 8th Grade Math - End of 23/24 contract
- Josh Steele - JR/SR High English Teacher - End of 23/24 Contract
- Rebecca Nickolson - JR/SR High - Life Skills - Effective April 12, 2024

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

- MGUSC - Mr. and Mrs. Neil Haisley - \$500.00 for negative lunch accounts
- MGUSC - Joyce Trotten - \$25.00 - Negative lunch accounts
- Union Chapel Comm. Church - \$50.00 - FCA

The following fundraisers were approved: None

The first action item on the agenda Mr. Mann, CFO is requesting approval for a revised Schedule of Benefits. This change would include 210 Exempt employees and 260 Exempt Employees. A motion was made to table this item by Mr. Hanes and seconded by Mrs. Longacre. This item will be presented again for board approval during the May 6, 2024 regular board meeting.

The second action item, Mr. Vore is recommending Robyn Stinson as the new Director of the Early Childhood Center - Anticipated start date July 1, 2024. This was approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mrs. Longacre

The third action item, Mr. Mann, CFO and Mrs. DeWitt, Principal of the Virtual Preparatory Academy of Madison-Grant, is requesting approval to add an addition to the current contract to allow for a fourth school to open under the direction of VPREP. This fourth school would be an alternative school. Mr. Hanes asked if this would require an additional man hours from our staff or administration. Mr. Vore stated that it would not require any. Mrs. DeWitt stated that she is attempting to streamline everything to make the process very smooth. Mrs. Longacre asked if Madison-Grant would be losing anything by addition. Mr. Vore stated that MGUSC would not see a negative impact. The request was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

The fourth action item on the agenda was Mr. Vore requested approval to extend school year services and compensatory services to approximately five students over the summer. These services are required as part of the student's IEP based criteria that meet special education law. This item was approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

The next action item on the agenda was Mr. Vore requested approval of the MGUSC Pre-K through 12 Handbook, SES and PES Addendum, and the MGJSHS 24/25 addendum. Mr. Retherford, Principal -JR/SR High, Mr. Plovick, Dean of Students, and Mrs. Myers, Dean of Attendance were all in attendance of the meeting to answer any questions or concerns that the board may have had. Mr. Whybrew opened the board discussion by asking if the new cell phone policy law was being reflected in all of the addendums. Mr. Plovick stated that the new law has been added to the handbooks as required. Mrs. Longacre also asked for further clarification of the phone policy and requirements and what the students / staff may expect. Mr. Plovick and Mr. Retherford provided further information. Mrs. Kelich asked Mrs. Myers for additional clarification regarding the attendance policy and dual credit attendance requirement. Mrs. Myers explained what the new policies will involve. She also stated that the dual credit attendance policy is set by the college that the course is being completed. A motion was made to table the approval of the handbooks by Mr. Hanes and seconded by Mrs. Longacre. This item will be presented again for board approval during the May 6, 2024 regular meeting.

The sixth action item was Mr. Vore recommended the following student transfer caps, by grade level, for our in-person and virtual schools. Please note that our in-person and virtual caps are different, which was recognized and supported by you and the Indiana Department of Education for the current school year. Mr. Whybrew asked why the cap levels are different for K-6 versus 7-12. Mr. Vore explained that with 7-12 there is some additional flexibility as to who we can accept if out of district. He continued by stating that the elementary levels were at an acceptable level that would not impact having to add a new section. MR. Whybrew recommended to possibly lower the cap A motion for the recommendation was made by Dr. Sneed, Mrs. Kelich seconded, Mr. Whybrew opposed. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

The next action item on the agenda was Mr. Vore recommending a deadline of September 1, 2024, for parents to request a transfer into Madison-Grant. This date was developed through collective efforts of the Madison-Grant Administrators. Mr. Whybrew asked Mr. Vore why this was the date chosen. Mr. Vore stated that this is the date prior to the ADM count that will allow better opportunity for student enrollment. Mr. Whybrew recommended that the date be moved up to the end of contract date of the current school year. Mr. Hanes asked if there was any flexibility in accepting students after the date recommended. Mr. Vore stated that there is no flexibility for out of district students. A motion for the recommendation was made by Dr. Sneed, Mrs. Kelich seconded, Mr. Whybrew opposed. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

The next action item is Mr. Plovick and Mr. Massey, Strength and Conditioning Coach are requesting approval to implement the Critical Reload Sports Nutrition program. This nutrition program would be for the student athletes involved in the Strength and Conditioning program. Mrs. Kelich inquired about the cost of the program for the athletes. Mr. Plovick stated the cost

will be roughly \$40.00 per student. He continued by stating the program was going to start out small and what interest the athletes have in it. They plan to eventually open it to more athletes. Dr. Sneed asked if there was any form of scholarship available for low income students. Mr. Plovick stated that the department had not started to research this, but it will be something that they will look into if many athletes want to participate. A motion was made for the recommendation of the Critical Reload Sports Nutrition program by Mr. Hanes and seconded by Mrs. Longacre.

The next action item was Mr. Herniak, Assistant Athletic Director is requesting approval for the Athletic Advisory Council that he presented on during the April 8, 2024 regular School Board meeting. Mrs. Longacre was still concerned about the number of student athletes represented from each team / sport. Mr. Vore stated that Mr. Herniak is going to balance the numbers out as students begin to join. A motion for the approval of the Athletic Advisory Council was made by Mr. Hanes and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The last action item on the agenda was Mr. Vore requested approval to partner with Elite Driving Academy to provide drivers education training for our senior high students. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any miscellaneous items.

- No CFO updates.

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

- Early Childhood Learning Center
 - Tour of the building and the work being completed
 - Candidates for teachers
- SB1-Literacy
 - Working through Early Literacy Endorsement for our staff K-8 that possess an Elementary Education License. Paths for completion.
- Construction News
 - Continue to work through challenging weather conditions
- Registration Portal
 - Portal is nearing opening date for 2024-25 school year
- School Board Awards
 - Board members received awards during the spring seminar

The public was invited to speak: Mr. Bryce Wilson inquired about the new bill for license requirements for Pre-K teachers. He provided the board with information regarding the bill. Mrs. Brunt stated that she and the board would review the information provided and schedule a time to meet with Mr. Wilson to discuss in further detail.

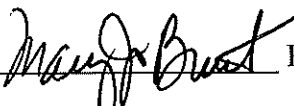
Presiden Brunt asked if there were any members board that wanted to speak:

Mrs. Longacre along with Mrs. Brunt thanked the Administration team for attending the meeting and the information provided.

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

- May 6, 2024 -7:00pm - Regular School Board Meeting at the Madison-Grant Boardroom.
- May 20, 2024- 7:00pm - Regular School Board Meeting at the Madison-Grant Boardroom

A motion to adjourn the regular School Board Meeting was made by Mrs.Longacre and seconded by Dr. Sneed. The regular school board meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.



Mary Jo Brunt President




Amanda Kelich Secretary

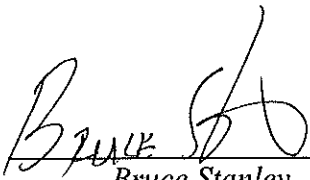


Katti Sneed Vice President

John Hanes Asst. Secretary



David Whybrew Board Member



Bruce Stanley Board Member

Wendy Longacre Board Member