

Madison-Grant United School Corporation

January 22, 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, January 22, 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 Mary Jo Brunt

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

Absent: None

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

The first item on the agenda was a presentation given by Mrs. Kim Whybrew, Special Education Director. Mrs. Whybrew presented the findings of the SPED audit that was conducted in November - December 2023. She was able to address concerns that were found as well as highlight the positives that the program has. She provided goals that she would like to accomplish for the students and the teachers. Dr. Sneed asked if the Percentage of Students who are Identified trend upswing is normal. Mrs. Whybrew stated that at this time this is normal. She has collaborated with the Co-Op as well as other school districts in the area, and they too are seeing the percentage of students increasing. Mrs. Whybrew stated that this is also partially due to the move-in rate for the district. Mrs. Longacre asked if the move-in increase was a result of the strength of the program. Mrs. Whybrew stated that she believes that it is. Dr. Sneed inquired as to what our current percentage is. Mrs. Whybrew stated that we are currently in the top tier (tier 3) of 21% of students needing intensive, individualized intervention instruction.

Dr. Sneed asked if extra funding is available to accommodate the student increase? Mr. Mann explained the funding process and that it is divided between the districts and programs.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation given by Mr. Brian Richards, Director of Maintenance. Mr. Richards provided information on areas of improvement to grounds and equipment. He also provided updates on his current custodial staffing. He discussed the areas of concern throughout the district with the building equipment and updates that need to be completed. He provided information concerning findings from the recent inspection completed by the Fire Marshall. Mr. Richards will be conducting building tours in the future with the board to be able to show more areas of improvement as well as areas that need improvement.

The next item was the approval of the Regular School Board meeting minutes, Executive Session, and Board of Finance meetings held on January 8, 2024. A motion was made first by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Hanes to approve the minutes.

Accounts Payable checks 34507-34571 totaling \$380,229.00 and Vouchers 501684-501698 totalling \$897,597.62, and the payrolls of January 5,2024 and January 19, 2024 totalling \$524,597.37 making a grand total of \$1,802,423.99 The vouchers were approved upon a motion by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The following personnel items were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Dr. Sneed

Recommendations

- Nicholas Quednow - JR/SR High - HS Asst Robotics Coach - 23/24sy
- Sara Caudell - JR/SR High - Volunteer HS Track Coach - 23/24 season
- Reilly Vore - JR/SR High - Volunteer HS Track Coach - 23/24 season
- Aaron Caudell - JR/SR High - HS Assistant Track Coach - 23/24 season
- Jason Ewer - JR/SR High - HS Assistant Track Coach - 23/24 season
- Ted Bruch - JR/SR High - HS Assistant Track Coach - 23/24 season
- Sam Skeens - JR/SR High - HS Assistant Softball Coach - 23/24 season
- Ryan Wood - JR/SR High - Volunteer Softball Coach - 23/24 season
- Bobby Mills - JR/SR High- Volunteer JH Softball Coach - 23/24 season
- Tony Pitt - JR/SR High - HS Girls Head Tennis Coach - 23/24 season
- Chuck Pitt- JR/SR High - HS Girls Assistant Coach - 23/24 season
- James Wilson- JR/SRH High - JH Assistant Wrestling Coach- 23/24 season
- Jeremy Havens - JR/SR High - HS Assistant Softball Coach - 23/24 season
- Sarah Pyle - JR/SR High - EL Interventionist - Anticipated start date January 23,2024

Resignations

- Abbey Gunning - PES - Aide - Effective January 23,2024

Leave of Absence

- Allison McGuire - Corp- Requesting maternity leave beginning April 22,2024 thru June 24,2024

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

- Joyce Trotten - \$25.00 - to help with negative lunch accounts

The final consent item on the agenda a fundraiser request from Mr. Herniak and Mrs. Stiner for the Student Council to sponsor a Winter Homecoming/Guenther Week from February 5, 2024 - February 10,2024. During the week there will be a penny wars in homerooms. Monies raised will go toward the Kyle Guenther Scholarship. They are also seeking permission to hold a free will donation at the basketball games on February 9th and 10th. These monies will also go

towards the scholarship fund. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Longacre and seconded by Mr. Stanley

The first action item was Mr. Vore seeking approval of the lowest bidder for the renovations to Madison-Grant Jr/SR High. The lowest bidder was W.R. Dunkin and Abel Family of Business of Anderson IN. There were a total of 4 bidders. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich

The next action item, Mr. Mann is requesting approval of the Form 9 Report This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley

The third action item. Mr. Mann is asking for approval of three (3) extra-curricular account financial reports compiled for Park Elementary School, Summitville Elementary School and Madison-Grant Jr./Sr. High School. This was approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Hanes

The next action item Mr. Mann, CFO is requesting approval to void the listed check(s) pursuant to IC 5-11-10.5. Which states "all checks outstanding for a period of two years as of December 31 of each year are void" This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

The next action item was Mr. Vore is requesting approval of the mileage rate increased for 2024 to .67 cents/mile, up 1.5 cents from the last 6 months of 2023. The new rate went into effect with the IRS on January 1, 2024. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley

The final action item was Melissa DeWitt, Principal, Virtual Preparatory of Indiana at Madison-Grant is seeking approval for the 2024-2025 School Calendar. This was approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any miscellaneous items.

Mr. Vore provided the date and time for the 2024 Graduation: June 2, 2024 @ 4:00p.m.

Mr. Mann presented the following CFO updates:

- Purchasing Policy update

Mr. Hanes asked if the verbage could be changed in the policy to reflect non-emergent expenses. Mr. Vore explained that the policy provided is from NEOLA and he would need to check with them to see if any other verbage was available.

- Audit Update
- Transportation and Maintenance Director

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

- School Board Appreciation Month
- Past weeks weather - Weather guidelines for inclement weather added to the Website

- Early Childhood Learning Center - Grant delayed
 - Visit to Lewis Cass
 - Working with Grant County Early Childhood Coalition
 - Policies
- Mrs. Kim Whybrew - Thank you
- Maintenance Crew- Brian Richards - Thank you
 - Snow removal
 - Staffing
 - Building Maintenance

The public was invited to speak: There was none

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any members board that wanted to speak

- Mr. Stanley expressed his appreciation to Mr. Richards. He stated that a presentation like that has never been done before. Mrs. Brunt followed up by stating she appreciated Mr. Richards' enthusiasm in wanting to make the district better.
- Mr. Hanes stated that he can now see the benefit of the early retirement incentive being offered to teachers. He stated that he can now see how being able to get teachers hired now versus waiting until the start of the school year is a great benefit to the district and administration.
- Mrs. Longacre discussed going to the girls basketball game and the drama play.

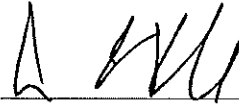
Mr. Vore announced the upcoming Board Meeting at Madison- Grant as follows:

- February 5, 2024 - 7:00pm.regular School Board Meeting at the Madison-Grant Boardroom
 - Building tour (HS/JR High) starting at 5:30pm.
- February 21, 2024- 7:00pm. - Regular School Board Meeting at the Madison-Grant Boardroom. Meeting will be held on Wednesday to accommodate President's Day
 - Building tour (Park Elementary) starting at 5:30pm.

A motion to adjourn the regular School Board Meeting and move into Executive Session meeting was made by Mr. Hanes and seconded by Mrs. Longacre and approved by the Board. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

_____ President

Mary Jo Brunt



_____ Secretary

Amanda Kelich



Vice President

Katti Sneed



Asst. Secretary

John Hanes



Board Member

David Whybrew



Board Member

Bruce Stanley



Board Member

Wendy Longacre