

**Madison-Grant United School Corporation**  
August 9, 2021 – 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, August 9, 2021 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. To promote social distancing practices, there was a limit of 6 (six) members of the public permitted in the conference room. 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, Dr. Katti Sneed, Mrs. Amanda Kelich, Mr. Bruce Stanley, Mr. John Hanes, Mr. Ronald Stewart, and Mr. David Whybrew. Also in attendance: Dr. Scott Deetz, Superintendent, Mr. Steve Vore, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Ben Mann, CFO.

No Members were absent.

Board Member Dr. Katti Sneed recommended an addendum to the School Board, to table Personnel Recommendation Approval of Mr. Scott Haley - Head Varsity Baseball Coach Jr/Sr High School for Season 2021-2022. This recommendation will be moved to the August 23, 2021 meeting. Addendum was approved on a motion made by Mr. Stanley with a second by Mr. Stewart.

Minutes of the School Board Meeting on July 26, 2021 were approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley with a second by Mr. Hanes.

Accounts payable checks - No checks written since July 26, 2021 Board Meeting, vouchers V50158-V50164 totaling \$161,439.64, and payroll form August 6, 2021 totaling \$204,641.19, making a grand total of \$366,080.83 were approved upon a motion by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The following personnel items were approved upon a motion (excluding the addendum at the beginning of the meeting) by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Hanes:

Recommendations:

- Sharon Rogers - Park Elementary 6th Grade Science/Social Studies Teacher - Anticipated start date 08/04/2021
- TJ Herniak - Sr. High School Head Track Coach - Season: 2021-2022
- Alia Whitton - Summitville Elementary Pre-K Educational Assistant Argyll Adventure Academy - Anticipated start date 08/04/2021
- Jared Owens - Jr. High School Head Track Coach - Season: 2021-2022
- Jennifer McKinney - Jr./Sr. High School In School Suspension Supervisor - Anticipated start date 08/05/2021
- Jeni Tarter - Park Elementary 4th Grade Teacher - Anticipated start date: 08/04/2021 (Pending successful completion of Teacher Preparation Program)
- Jeni Tarter - Park Elementary 4th Grade Long Term Substitute - Anticipated start date: 08/04/2021
- Diane Chalfant - Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Choir Teacher - Anticipated start date: 08/04/2021
- Abbey Gunning - Park Elementary Special Education Assistant - Anticipated start date: 08/05/2021
- Dacia Smith - Summitville Elementary Special Education Assistant - Anticipated start date: 08/05/2021
- Chelsea Wallace - Summitville Elementary Special Education Assistant - Anticipated start date: 08/05/2021
- Kathleen VonBank - Park Elementary 6th Grade Social Studies/Science - Anticipated start date: 08/04/2021 (Pending Approval of Emergency License)
- Kyle Clem - Jr. High Tennis Coach - Season 2021-2022 (Pending Background Check)

- Scott Haley - Head Varsity Baseball Coach Jr./Sr. High School - Season 2021-2022
- Bethany Gibson - 6th Grade Volleyball Coach - Season 2021-2022
- McKenna Lugar - 7th Grade Volleyball Coach - Season 2021-2022
- Emela Gipson - MG Corporate Bus Aide - Anticipated start date: 08/05/2021
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Resignations:

- Brandon Bradley - Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach - Jr./Sr. High School Effective: 07/28/2021
- Angel Williams - Music/Choir Teacher - Elementary & Jr./Sr. High School Effective: 08/25/2021 (30 Day Hold Through August 25, 2021)

Reassignments:

- Nick Millspaugh - Park Elementary to Jr./Sr. High Graduation Interventionist - Effective 08/03/2021
- Sharon Rogers - Park Elementary 6th Grade SS/Science to 6th Grade Math - Effective 08/03/2021

**Approval of Form 9 Financial Report, presented by Mr. Mann.** The Form 9 Financial Report is completed at the end of June and December each year and is submitted to the Indiana Department of School Finance through the DOE Online upload program. This report is a summary of receipts, expenditures, investments, obligations and encumbrances for the 6-month period. It also includes a descriptive listing by fund and account, as well as expenditures by objects. This report is the basis for information requested by local, state, federal educators and others is used for planning the management of school finances. At this time Mr. Mann is asking for approval of the Form 9 for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The second Action Item Mr. Mann submitted for approval was the SA5 Report. IC 20-41-1-8 requires a school that has two (2) or more semesters in any one school year, shall file a copy of the treasurer's financial report of receipts and disbursement with the township trustee, board of school trustees, or board of school commissioners after each semester. 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 by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

The Annual Financial Report was the next Action Item, Mr. Mann Per IC 5-3-1-3(g), Mr. Mann is requesting approval of the Annual Financial Report. The Annual Financial Report outlines financial transactions that have already taken place and discloses factual financial information. It requires one original to be signed by the Secretary of the Board. This report will be published in both the Chronicle-Tribune and the Herald Bulletin and submitted through Gateway per IC 5-11-1-4. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Stewart.

The last Action Item is a Donation Approval Request to the MG Athletics. Donation approval request from Josh and Casey Nieman in memory of their daughter Maggie Nieman. The donation will be used to support the volleyball program in purchasing new nets and net tape. The Athletic Department would like to thank the Nieman family for their generous donation in memory of Maggie. 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 provided an update on all major cash funds.

Dr. Deetz presented on Superintendent's Updates. Wonderful first day of school on Friday, August 6, 2021, both in person and in Virtual Preparatory Academy. There was an all staff meeting held on Thursday, August 5, 2021, with a special Thank You to: Dr. Katti Sneed - School Board Vice President. Dr. Sneed delivered a short message on inspiration and using our jobs to inspire those around us. MG Food Service Team for providing breakfast for all staff. Mr. Joe Deckard, MG Marketing Class Teacher, provided

an introduction on what the Marketing Class does and shared with staff the Senior 2021 Video that the students created. Mr. Brown, Park Elementary, wrote a letter to the Editor of the News Sun to introduce himself to the community. Dr. Deetz provided a COVID-19 update and is continuing the Friday update emails that are also available on the MG website, but as of this time we are holding steady. Mr. Stewart asked about the Governor starting to mask up at schools, Dr. Deetz followed up with we will be following guidelines provided by Grant County Health Department. Mr. Stewart commended the Administration on allowing families to make the mask choice for their families. Mrs. Kelich inquired about requiring athletes to be vaccinated prior to playing. Dr. Deetz stated that the IHSAA is not requiring this and MG will follow the guidelines set forth by the IHSAA. Graduation for the Class of 2022 date has been scheduled for Friday June 3, 2022.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any members of the public wishing to speak.

Public Members present at the board meeting:

- Derrick Turner: Is grateful the mask decision is being left to the parents. Please continue to allow us parents to make these decisions for our kids and family.
- Brian Richards: Requesting justification for termination of a coach. Our baseball program needs someone who is aggressive and can get players to the next level. We need to utilize those around us and budgets available to help get our students and players to the next level, not just in sports but life.
- Mike Evans: Wanted to make sure all board members received his email. He is unaware as to why he was released from his coaching position. Having fifteen plus years of coaching experience and is trying to make the players better and prepare them for high school. Would like a reason for his demotion.
- Mason Richards: Senior and was the Varsity Baseball Captain for the 2021 season, which is a voted position by the team. Speaking on behalf of the team, most of us have played together since we were eight to ten years old and Coach Evans has always been a part of our baseball and was a part of the reason for their winning season and success.
- Lee Ross: Mr. Evans is more than a coach, players look up to him and listen to him. Provides leadership to the team and is a role model outside of the baseball field.
- Jason Shoemaker: The team had so much success this year, why change something this year.
- Josh Gillman: Coach Evans is the reason more kids are participating in baseball. He works with kids who haven't played before to make them players. It is a mistake to let him go. Why let a coach go when so many kids look up to him and respect him.
- Curt Haisley: Winning isn't always everything but we had it right this season, why change now. Mr. Evans is the one who made the wheel work.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak, there was not, she then thanked everyone for speaking and reaching out. Mrs. Brunt reminded everyone the Head Baseball Coach Recommendation had been tabled until the August 23, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any board members wishing to speak. Mrs. Brunt thanked Mr. Mann for being so thorough with the Financial Reporting and explaining everything so well.

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

1. August 23, 2021 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room
  - a. Budget Approval for Advertising and Submission to Gateway
2. September 13, 2021 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room
  - a. Budget Meeting (Budget Hearing)

A motion to adjourn the School Board Meeting was made by Mrs. Kelich and seconded by Mr. Stanley and approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46p.m.

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*Mary Jo Brunt* President

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*Katti Sneed* Vice President

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*David Whybrew* Board Member

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*John Hanes* Board Member

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*Amanda Kelich* Secretary

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*Ronald Stewart* Asst. Secretary

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*Bruce Stanley* Board Member