

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

November 22, 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, November 22, 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. 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. David Whybrew, Mr. Ronald Stewart, Mr. John Hanes and Mr. Bruce Stanley. Also in attendance: Dr. Scott Deetz, Superintendent, Mr. Steve Vore, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Ben Mann, CFO.

Members absent: No members were absent.

An Addendum to Agenda Action Items was requested. Request was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley with a second by Dr. Sneed.

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on November 8, 2021 were approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley with a second by Mr. Hanes.

Accounts payable checks 31536-31645 totaling \$202,852.72, Vouchers V5019-50197 totaling \$6,638.07, and payroll for November 12, 2021 totaling \$321,240.89 making a grand total of \$521,731.68 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The following personnel items were approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Hanes:

#### Recommendations:

- Jared Owens: Volunteer JH Girls Basketball Coach Season: 2021-2022
- Sam Skeens: Volunteer HS Softball Coach Season: 2021-2022
- Chuck Pitt: Assistant Boys Tennis Coach Season: 2022-2023
- Tony Pitt: Head Coach Boys Tennis Season: 2022-2023
- Curt Hull: 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Season: 2021-2022
- Carrie Pollock: Junior High Cheer Coach Season: 2021-2022
- Sharon Rogers: Math Bowl Sponsor Season: 2021-2022
- Brittany Smith: Math Bowl Sponsor Season: 2021-2022

#### Leave of Absence Request:

- Jill Baker: Summitville/Park Elementary Art Teacher Request Time Period: January 3, 2022, to March 7, 2022

The First Action Item, Dr. Deetz is requesting approval of the proposed Board policies that were brought forth for a second reading. Updates include: 1. Volume 33 No. 2, 2. Special Update - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment, 3. Special Update - Emergency and Electronic Meetings. As per School Board Policy, the Board can approve this update at the second reading. Once approved, this will bring the district up-to-date with current laws/statutes. Dr. Deetz is requesting the Board approval of the proposed adjustments. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Dr. Sneed.

The Second Action Item is Dr. Deetz requested to Adopt Resolution to enter into an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with First Security Finance, INC. This was approved upon a motion by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The next Action Item is Approval to Adopt Resolution to Increase Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay and Incentives for Days Worked in a Month. A Question was asked by the Board, if these figures are something we can change at any time, and Dr. Deetz said this can be evaluated and changed at any time. Other discussion held was evaluating the long term sub position or MG contracting subs to be on site. Mr. Mann and Dr. Deetz will look into this. This was approved upon a motion made by Dr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

The Following Action Item, Mr. Mann is requesting approval to Adopt Non-Teaching Salary and Wage Adjustments. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Stanley.

The Fifth Action Item, Dr. Deetz is requesting approval of donations from The Fairmount United Methodist Church and Bruner Dental Center. The donation of Horner's Gift Certificates in the amount of \$600 (\$20 increments), from The Fairmount United Methodist Church and Bruner Dental Center. The Gift Certificates will be used to help out any families in need for Thanksgiving Dinner. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kelich.

The Next Addendum Action Item is a Fundraiser Request. Dr. Deetz is seeking the approval for Mrs. Kayla Kelsay's class to sell homemade noodles. These noodles will be made in their classroom. Proceeds raised will be used to fund special student projects and trips for the class. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Stewart.

The Last Action Item, Addendum is a Fundraiser Request from the Madison-Grant FFA. Dr. Deetz is requesting approval for the Madison-Grant FFA to show the movie "Silo" on December 11, 2021. Tickets will be sold for \$5 each and refreshments will be available to purchase. Funds raised will be used to sponsor different trips and contests for future FFA members. This was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Hanes.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any miscellaneous items.

The First Miscellaneous Item was the School Improvement Plan for Park Elementary, presented by Mr. Andy Brown, Park Elementary Principal. Eagle Leadership: Encourages, Empowers, and Inspires. Planning for Success was broken down into four time frames during the school year. Involvement and Communication takes place during Bi-weekly grade level meetings, monthly collaboration meetings, professional development and then review and adjust. What sets Park Elementary apart from the rest: Interventions (Full time interventionist), Scheduling (LLI, OG, Math interventions) and Leadership (Leading Professional Development, planning and scheduling). ELA and Math (NWEA) grade level proficiencies and attendance numbers were reviewed. Areas of Focus: Academic (Increase reading stamina through focused intervention and Improve problem solving through targeted practice) and Non-Academic (PBIS Supports through Class Dojo and Building Leadership through in house PD/Learning). Goals: 1. Reach 70% of each grade level cohort will meet or exceed their target NWEA scores from fall to spring in reading and math. 2. 55% of each grade level will demonstrate proficiency on ILEARN in ELA and Math. 3. 98% Attendance rate. Key Action Items: Data Meetings, continue to implement and monitor our interventions, Standards Reports, Collaboration, Grade Level and Attendance Meetings. Key Contributors to this are our Title Teachers, Support Staff, Classroom Teachers, Social Worker and Principal. We are confident we can reach these goals and grateful for those who are helping along the way.

The following Miscellaneous Items - Dr. Deetz presented information to the Board about Senior Wrestler Gabe Wedmore receiving the IHSAA Sportsmanship Pin this past weekend at their wrestling meet. We have received notice of the Teacher Appreciation Grant allocations being finalized and will be disbursed to the schools. An update on the Lighting Project was given. MG will be hosting a Substitute Teacher job fair on December 8, 2021 at Park Elementary.

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

There were no virtual attendees wishing to speak.

Public Members present at the board meeting:

Mr. Chad Kelich - Everyone needs to contact their local and state officials to voice their concern over close contact quarantine, and it's nonsense. We are now forced to deal with this locally and we need to take a stand against it. Close contact quarantine has negative effects on teachers, kids and athletes, it forces kids to miss activities they will never get back. Why are we (MG) doing this, when we have schools around us who have made the choice not to mask, not to close contact quarantine (but contact parents and let them make the decision to stay home or come to school). My hero schools - where they are pretty much like we were pre COVID, no mask, no quarantine just do school as normal. Fear of school being sued: school can be sued over quarantine then school can be sued for denying nourishment to students. School isn't worried about the flu or people who have lost their life in a car accident, we shouldn't live in fear of COVID. Quarantine: need to talk common sense. Kids need a stable and consistent environment and families used to be able to depend on the school for this. People will be moving to those schools around us who are providing that more stable environment for their students. Our families, students and administrators need to be standing shoulder to shoulder not putting up with this nonsense. This needs to start at the local level and move up. Reconsider the quarantine policy.

Mr. Stewart asked Mr. Kelich, during your research, if any of the "hero" schools have seen any repercussions. Mr. Kelich stated that no repercussions to those schools had been found during his research.

Mr. Derrick Turner - Quarantine policy needs changed. Have a son and daughter who are now both out of school due to quarantine policy. We are never going to stop the transmission of COVID. Just doing this because the state mandates it, doesn't mean we should do this. Quarantine isn't about our health, it's about politics and money. Quarantine only makes Mr. Brown's job that much harder, students need consistency. Madison-Grant won't be a priority to Governor Holcomb.

Mrs. Brunt asked if there were any Board members wishing to speak.

Mr. Stanley thanked Mr. Kelich and Mr. Turner for coming to the meeting. Mr. Stanley invited them to attend the Grant County Health Department Meeting in January and voice their concerns. The last GCHD meeting Mr. Stanley attended, they talked about the "hero" schools they are on the radar.

Mrs. Brunt, attended the FFA Trivia Night, had a great time and was excited to see some many staff members in attendance and showing support. The students that put Trivia night together did a great job. During this time of Thanksgiving, I want you to know I'm thankful for our Board Members, Administration and Staff for all they do. Enjoy your Thanksgiving.

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

1. December 6, 2021 – *School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room - Enter via Door #4*
2. January 10, 2022 – *School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. held at Madison-Grant Conference Room - Enter via Door #4*

A motion to adjourn the School Board Meeting and enter the Executive Session was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Kelich and approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17p.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