

**MADISON-GRANT UNITED SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
August 17, 2009 – Madison-Grant Administrative Office – 7:30 P.M.  
Minutes of the Board of School Trustees

The Board of School Trustees of the Madison-Grant United School Corporation met for its regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Madison-Grant Administrative Office, 11580 South E00W, Fairmount, Indiana.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Michael Solms who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Brobst, Chambers, Draper, Poore, Sickman, Solms, and Stanley. Also attending were: Mr. John Trout, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Bloomfield, Assistant to the Superintendent, and Mrs. Rebecca Monroe, Business Director.

The minutes of the August 3, 2009 meeting were approved upon a motion by Chambers with a second by Stanley.

School Board Vouchers #1197 through and including #1320 and PR # 16, totaling \$722,705.35, were approved upon a motion by Sickman with a second by Brobst.

Mr. Trout asked permission to amend the agenda to include a series of fall fund raisers from various buildings throughout the Corporation. This item would be placed right before the personnel recommendations. Permission to amend the agenda was given upon a motion by Stanley with a second by Draper.

Mr. Trout explained that Mr. Michael Solms' sister-in-law, Layla Solms, is a Title I Aide at Park Elementary School. State law defines official conflicts of interest for School Board members and officials when a spouse or child is employed in the school system. However, this conflict is not a problem as long as board members and other officials publicly disclose the conflict, and submit to the governing body a statement, disclosing the conflict. The Board needs to approve the disclosure statement, which will be filed with the Clerk of the Grant County Court and also with the State Board of Accounts. Mr. Trout explained that even though this is not a spouse or child situation, just to be ultra-safe we were going to file a conflict of interest since it is a close relative. The disclosure statement was approved upon a motion by Draper with a second by Chambers and with Solms abstaining.

Mr. Trout presented the updated Latch Key Handbook (see copy) for the 2009-2010 school year for approval. Mr. Trout stated that Mrs. Shonk, Mrs. Wert, and Mrs. Barr have all given their input and approval of the handbook. This recommendation was approved upon a motion by Sickman with a second by Poore.

Mrs. Monroe presented an amendment and resolution as updates to the current 403(b) Plan Documents (see copy). Mrs. Monroe explained that changes were necessary to keep the 403(b) tax sheltered plan in good legal standing. The changes were needed because of recently bargained benefits approved in the Master Contract. The amendment and resolution were approved upon a motion by Stanley with a second by Brobst.

Mr. Trout explained that the First Christian Church of Summitville had donated \$608.00 to the fifth grade classes at Summitville Elementary (see copy of letter). Mr. Trout recommended approval of this donation. This donation was gratefully approved by the Board upon a motion by Chambers with a second by Poore.

Mr. Trout recommended approval for a mini cheer camp. The details are as follows:

- \* Promote cheerleading and skills to girls in grades Pre K-8 (also open to surrounding schools)
- \* Practice times are to be determined
- \* Tentative date to cheer at MGHS Football Game is September 11<sup>th</sup>

\* Cost per girl is \$30.00 (includes t-shirt to wear at the game). If more than one girl from a

family participates, the total would be \$50.00 for two, and adjustments would be made if a family would have three girls.

This recommendation was approved upon a motion by Brobst and a second by Draper.

Mrs. Monroe explained that Madison-Grant High School personnel discovered that they have a dormant unnamed savings account at the Fairmount State Bank in the amount of \$302.43 (see copy of bank letter). Mrs. Randol checked with the State Board of Accounts, and if you give approval, Mr. Nikirk is asking permission to transfer this money to the Madison-Grant High School Student Activities Account. This request was approved upon a motion by Sickman with a second by Draper.

The following fundraisers were approved upon a motion by Brobst and second by Chambers after Board discussion concerning the volume of fundraisers held throughout the Corporation. There was a concern that some of the fundraisers might not be worth the effort for the amount of profit that was realized. In the future, Mr. Trout stated that he was planning to put all the fundraisers together in one document so that the Board could see the full volume of fundraisers throughout the school year.

Park Elementary	Gordon Food Service
MG High School Girls' Basketball	Selling Apparel
MG High School Choirs	Brochure Sales
MG High School Show Choirs	Sponsorship Ads for Programs
MG High School Show Choirs	Point Pizza Sales
MG High School Show Choirs	Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards
MG High School Extreme Dance	Potted Fall Mums
MG High School Volleyball	Rally for Cancer Shirts and Signs

The following personnel recommendations were approved upon a motion by Brobst and a second by Stanley:

#### Recommendations

1. Mallory Thompson- Title I Aide at Summitville
2. Pam Soultz- Special Education Aide at Park Elementary
3. Jennie Brooks- Special Education Aide at Park Elementary
4. Sara Starkey- Title I Aide at Park Elementary
5. Brittney Dilley- Title I Aide at Park Elementary
6. Sheryl Myers- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science - Temporary Contract for Stephanie Webster
7. Kristin Caudill- Band Director 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
8. Ryan Plovick- Junior High Athletic Director
9. Jill Tomaszewski- Summitville & Liberty Art Teacher - Temporary Contract for Heather Roth

#### Coaching Recommendations

1. Dawn Small- Volunteer Cheer Coach
2. Brennan Ricks- Volunteer Cheer Coach
3. Rebecca Hegelein- Cross Country Assistant
4. Rebecca Hegelein- Girls Track Coach
5. Adam Long- Boys Track Coach

Mrs. Monroe reviewed the 2010 Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Budget (see copy). Mrs. Monroe reviewed the CPF budget that is broken down by each individual school including the administration portion (see copy). She reviewed the summary page of the CPF Plan which was a compilation of all the individual building plans. Mrs. Monroe explained that, once the budget is set, we cannot transfer appropriation from one site to another, but we can transfer between accounts within a particular site. Mrs. Monroe then reviewed the 2010 Budget

Form 3 (see copy) as well as the 2010 Bus Replacement Plan (see copy). Mrs. Monroe explained that she used a lower assessed valuation figure, than what the actual assessed valuation is expected to be, when figuring the budget. Mrs. Monroe stated that this must be done in order to protect the corporation in terms of collection of taxes. Mrs. Monroe explained that the formal Budget Hearing will take place at the September 8, 2009 meeting (hearing for the entire budget). After the Hearing, the 2010 CPF and Bus Replacement Budgets will be brought to the Board for adoption, also at the September 8 meeting. The rest of the budget will be adopted, as approved by the Board, at the September 21, 2009 meeting. She stated that this timeline was in accordance with State Budget Guidelines. Mrs. Monroe then asked permission to advertise the 2010 Budget Form 3 which includes both the 2010 CPF Budget and the 2010 Bus Replacement Plan. She explained that Form 3 would be advertised on both August 19, 2009 and August 26, 2009 in both the Marion Chronicle Tribune and the Anderson Herald Bulletin. Permission to advertise Budget Form 3 which includes the CPF Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan was granted upon a motion by Sickman with a second by Chambers.

Mrs. Monroe explained that a Tax Neutrality Resolution would be required to reduce the levy in one or more funds in 2010 by an amount equal to the levy for debt service on its Taxable General Obligation Pension Bonds of 2006. She explained that a neutrality resolution is required each year by the Department of Local Government Finance for our Pension Bonds. Mrs. Monroe stated that, for the 2010 budget year, it is planned to neutralize in both the Capital Projects Fund and the Bus Replacement Fund. However, she explained that all available funds would be listed just in case a problem would present itself. This neutrality resolution will be presented at the September 21, 2009 Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Trout stated that the initial enrollment count suggests that the Corporation is down in enrollment by seventy-nine students. He stated that the seventy-nine students were spread throughout the district buildings. Mr. Trout said that this much of a drop in enrollment was not expected and he believed that the state of the economy was catching up in this district. Mr. Trout stated that the good news was that he was extremely pleased with the start of the school year. He was proud to say that most buses were running on time or even a little early. He stated that both Mr. Bloomfield and Mrs. Lemon had done a great job in the transportation area and using the software Transfinder to route our buses.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Stanley, seconded by Poore, and approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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