

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018

President Bud Johnson called the Public Hearing on the 2018-19 Budget to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 26, 2018 at the District Office. It was asked if the budget was published and it was published in the March 14th issue of the Monticello Express. No other comments were received. A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Stadtmueller to close the Public Hearing. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried. President Johnson closed the hearing at 6:02 PM.

The Board of Education regular meeting was held in the Board Room at the District Office and was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Bud Johnson. Board member Norton led the Pledge of Allegiance and also read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Roll call was done by Board Secretary, Judy Hayen. The following directors were present: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Johnson, and Melchert. Melchert arrived at 6:10 PM. Absent: None.

It was moved by Stadtmueller, seconded by Norton to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Johnson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to: 3rd grader Skylar Christensen on completing all 24 lessons in Music Ace. She is the 6th student to complete this honor in the last 14 years. Music Ace is a software program that leads students through 24 progressive lessons on music theory that get increasingly more difficult as you reach the end; the Girls Basketball Team on having 15 out of the 16 girls make the Academic All-Conference Team. The team had a grade point average of 3.851!; the following girls on their awards for basketball this year: Lauren Ries – IBCA All Region 3A-3 Region Team, IGCA All District, Iowa Print Sports Writers Association All-State 2nd Team, IGCA All-State 1st Team; Taylor McDonald - IBCA All Region 3A-3 Region Team, IGCA All District, Iowa Print Sports Writers Association All-State 3rd Team, IGCA All-State 3rd Team, 3A All-Tournament Team; Jordan Kuper - IBCA All Region 3A-3 Region Team; the 6th and 7-8th grade bands for each earning a Superior rating at NEIBA Middle School Large Group festival at Dubuque Eleanor Roosevelt; Olivia Goodyear in Expository Address and Chloe Gray in Literary Program for being nominated to Individual All-State Speech. They will be performing today, Monday, March 26th at UNI; Courtney Campbell for making All-State Jazz Band.

Principals Denny Folken and Joan Young each gave their building report. Brent Meier was absent. Gretchen Kriegel gave her Curriculum report and Superintendent Jaeger also gave his report.

A motion was made by Melchert, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the 2018-19 Certified Budget with \$200,000 going to the Management Fund and 2% Instructional Support and PPEL Income Surtax for a general fund levy of \$12.28821 as presented. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Johnson, and Melchert. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Melchert to accept the bid from Nolte, Cornman, & Johnson, P.C. as our auditors for a 3 year term in the amount of \$8,800 for 2018, \$9,200 for 2019, and \$9,600 for 2020 as presented. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Johnson, and Melchert. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to accept the bid from FireFly Computers in the amount of \$83,520 for 400 Chromebooks for our 1-to-1 initiative as presented. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Johnson, and Melchert. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Melchert, seconded by Stadtmueller to approve the second and final reading of Board Policy #602.7 Global Education as presented. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Johnson, and Melchert. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the Alternative School Program for the Monticello Community School District as presented. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Johnson, and Melchert. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Melchert, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Johnson, and Melchert. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Board Members stated that they attended the Community Facility Meeting on March 21st and stated that the preliminary estimates for renovation, additions, or new buildings was a reality check as to what we can afford and what needs to be done. They felt that community support is needed for whatever plan that is approved and that we really need to do something soon. The School Facility Committee is a great representation of our community and there are a lot of different ideas. This is a work in progress. We will get there!

The Board wanted the public to know that we are doing what we can to lower taxes and for the second year in a row our property taxes have decreased and for the fiscal year 2019 our income surtax rate will decrease 1%.

There were no items suggested for future work sessions.

The following announcements were made:

- Next Work Session – Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00pm
- Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, April 23 at 6:00pm

There being no further business, Johnson made a motion, seconded by Stadtmueller to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Johnson, and Melchert. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Bud Johnson, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary