



# Monticello Community School District School Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2017

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authentic, personalized  
learning, utilizing the local  
and global community.*

The School Facilities Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, in the Board Room at the District Office at 6:00pm. Those present were: Aimee Hospodarsky, Angie McDonough, Brent Meier, Charlie Becker, Dan Dailey, Deb Keating, Dom Hogan, Jayme Freye, Jeff Hinrichs, Jolene Kramer, Kayla Sperflage, LJ Takes, Lisa Stadtmueller, Mary Melchert, Megan Brunscheen, Nick Miller, Phil Owen, Renee Adams, Ron Welter, John Schlarmann, Judy Hayen, and Brian Jaeger. Those absent were: Audrey Savage, Pam Goodyear, Scott Brighton, Tim Lambert, and Sheila Tjaden.

Dr. Jaeger started the meeting by asking everyone 2 questions:

1. What has not left your mind since the last meeting?
2. What themes came out of the last meeting?

The group had some great discussion on both of these questions.

The new video provided by Jones County Economic Development that showcases our community was shown to the group. Dr. Jaeger pointed out that we did not have one Monticello School picture in that video. Why?

The group then did some discussion in their small groups about their homework assignment that was given to them at the last meeting which was:

- Before the next meeting interview 10 people and get their current perspectives on our school facilities.

Each group presented a few responses to the committee and held additional discussion.

Dr. Jaeger then presented the group with a question he wanted them to think about: What is one good fact that we want our committee to know? Here were a few of the responses:

- What are the costs to upgrade our buildings?
- We need to be honest, and present honest facts.
- That the 1 cent sales tax could not cover what it would cost to bring our buildings up to code.

Additional facts that were presented throughout the meeting:

- The facilities study that was done in 2012 showed the cost to bring all 4 of our buildings up to code would cost \$20.3 million.
- The last bond issue that failed in 2015 was for \$22 million.
- A bond has to pass with a 60% majority +1.
- The best month to pass a bond issue is February.
- Our bonding capacity is \$21.6 million.
- The High School Bond Issue that passed in 1996 was for \$8.85 million.
- Jones Regional Education Center was built with a \$6.5 million bond that passed in 2008.

This was a Facilities Committee Meeting no action or voting took place. The meeting concluded at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:00pm.