

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, August 23, 2021, in the Board Room at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Board President Craig Stadtmueller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Board member Amanda Brenneman led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary, Judy Hayen, did roll call. The following directors were present: Brenneman, Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and McDermott. Absent: None. Others present were Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Mary Jane Maher, Denny Folken, Todd Werner, Nick Schauf, Robyn Ponder, Dennis Dirks, and Keith Stamp. Raki Giannakouros with Blue Sky Solar participated via Google Meet.

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

Raki Giannakouros with Blue Sky Solar presented (via Google Meet) an update on our solar project and the results of the first of three studies to be conducted over the next few months. The results of the first study were very positive and he will continue to update the Board as he gets results.

Visitor Keith Stamp addressed the Board and suggested that academic progress and achievement be a regular part of board meetings. After reviewing agendas and minutes he noticed the three common themes presented are finance, facilities, and sports.

Congratulations were extended to the Panther Marching Band for receiving the award for Best Music Performance during the Monticello 4th of July parade!

Principals Denny Folken, Todd Werner, and Nick Schauf each gave a building report. All three Principals reported on the School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) Conference they attended, stated that it was great to see students and families at registration and open house, and that the first day went well and applauded their staff for being flexible and making the first day a great one! Robyn Ponder gave her curriculum report and included that summer school was very successful this year. In June, the HS summer school provided between 14 students to recover about 25 credits. The K-8 summer school was very well attended and we had about 91 students participate. Again the staff did an amazing job! Dr. Jaeger gave his Superintendent's report and included a brief update on the coronavirus in Jones County, the #'s has seemed to plateaued in the last week. He also reported that the beginning of the year meetings went well and thanked our administrators for their great leadership. After school programming is being discussed as part of our ESSER III funding. In September the directors will come to the work session and give updates to the Board.

It was moved by Brenneman, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the Monticello Sports invoices as presented. Ayes: Brenneman, Norton, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Nays: None. McDermott abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: Brenneman, Norton, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and McDermott. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board Member Activity Reports – Craig Stadtmueller attended the new teacher orientation day and also the employee recognition luncheon and encouraged the other Board members to attend in the future if they can. It was a great start to the year!

Board members wanted the public to know that we received positive study results on our solar project and are one step closer. We should have the results of the final study by January. They also wanted to thank our staff for all they do.

There were no suggestions for items for future work sessions.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Next Work Session is Wednesday, September 8 @ 6:00 pm
- b. Next Board Meeting is Monday, September 27 @ 6:00 pm
- c. IASB Annual Convention is November 17-18

There being no further business, McDermott made a motion, seconded by Schlarman to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Ayes: Brenneman, Norton, Schlarman, Stadtmueller, and McDermott. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary