

**Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the  
Regular Meeting of September 27, 2021**

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, September 27, 2021, in the Board Room at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Board President Craig Stadtmueller called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Board member John Schlarmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary, Judy Hayen, did roll call. The following directors were present: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, McDermott, and Norton. Absent: None. Others present were Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Mary Jane Maher, Denny Folken, Todd Werner, Nick Schauf, Mike Wink, and other visitors from the community.

It was moved by Norton, seconded by McDermott to approve the agenda with the following changes: removal of Item #3.04 – Curriculum Director’s Report and removal of Item #4.05 – Consider Approval of Bid for Smart TV Purchase for Shannon Elementary as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, McDermott, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to Mythi Diamond on being selected as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholar Program and to Monticello Community School District on receiving The Dubuque Racing Association (DRA) Grant. The DRA awarded \$5,000 for the purchase of literacy materials for the elementary and middle school, and social-emotional learning resources and materials for the high school. Thank you, DRA! Also, congratulations to Robyn Ponder, Curriculum Director, on her hard work on making this happen.

President Craig Stadtmueller then offered those visitors that signed in to speak in regards to the Return to Learn Plan/Masks. Troy McDonald, Mark Rieken, Dan & Donna Sauser, and Christine Rieken each spoke to the Board.

Principals Denny Folken, Todd Werner, and Nick Schauf each gave a building report. Dr. Jaeger gave his Superintendent’s report and stated that the last couple of years we have been lacking substitute in all positions and it is also happening this year. He then reported on the 2021-22 Facility Projects Five Year Plan.

Item #4.01 - Consider Approval of Updates to the Return to Learn Plan died due to a lack of a motion. No changes were made and no voting took place on Item #4.01.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to accept the bid from School Bus Sales in the amount of \$97,919 as presented for new 65-passenger school bus. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, McDermott, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenneman, seconded by McDermott to approve the addition of a medical associate position (which will be paid for with ESSER funds) at the middle school and high school as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, McDermott, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brenneman, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the special education allowable growth request in the amount of \$23,500.67 as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, McDermott, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the color guard position be added to schedule B in the District Teacher handbook for a stipend of \$400 as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, McDermott, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Board Member Activity Reports: John Schlarmann stated he has received two phone calls praising the Board for their work on looking into the solar projects.

Board members wanted the public to know that they were happy to see visitors at this meeting in regards to the Return to Learn Plan and that it was great to receive 450 responses from the community on the mask survey that was sent out. They think they landed in a good spot with the plan and appreciate everyone's feedback.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Next Work Session is Wednesday, October 13 @ 6:00 pm
- b. Next Board Meeting is Monday, October 25 @ 6:00 pm
- c. IASB Delegate Assembly is November 17, due November 10
- d. IASB Annual Convention is November 17-18

At 7:19pm, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Norton to move to closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5(1)c to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters presently in litigation, or where litigation is imminent, if disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the board. By roll call vote: Schlarmann, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; Brenneman, aye; McDermott, aye; and Norton, aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to reconvene to open session at 8:35 pm. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, McDermott, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Norton to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, McDermott, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary