

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education Special Meeting of October 12, 2022

The Board of Education held the Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 in the Board Room at the High School at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board President Craig Stadtmueller. President Stadtmueller led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary Judy Hayen did roll call. The following directors were present: Craig Stadtmueller, Amanda Brenneman, Mandy Norton, Mark Rieken, and John Schlarmann,. Absent: None. Superintendent Brian Jaeger, Judy Hayen, Angie Kurt-Sconsa, Pete Temple, Tim Lambert, Dennis Dirks, Pat Kelly, Curt Tauke, Mike Wink and a few visitors were also present.

The following items were discussed:

- Department Updates
 - Activities/Athletics by Tim Lambert
 - The number of athletes we have out is very good. Some districts are struggling.
 - Filling coaching positions is sometimes hard. We are lucky to have the coaches we do. If you see a coach out and about please thank them as they put in a lot of time.
 - Last year we had 10 teams make it to state: football, boys' basketball, wrestling, girls' & boys' cross country, girls' & boys' bowling, girls' and boys' track, and girls' golf. We had 17 students make it to state for individual speech and 10 students make it for group speech.
 - This year we just held the River Valley Conference Vocal Concert. The Band received a Division 1 rating at the Iowa High School Music Association State Marching Festival. Our girls' cross country team is ranked #1 in the state, and the boys are ranked 7th. Our football team is leading our district. The volleyball team is conference champs for 3 years in a row.
 - Lower level games have been a struggle to get scheduled as teams in the conference don't always have enough athletes for a JV or middle school game. We are trying to be creative to get some more of those games in.
 - The State has now added girls' wrestling as a sanctioned sport. We had a sign up and had a few girls interested. We would like to do a shared program with Anamosa and North Cedar. The team will be called the Anamosa Raiders and the girls will be considered full members of the team. This will be added to the Board meeting on October 24 for approval.
 - Buildings & Grounds by Dennis Dirks
 - The company that provides our heating & cooling systems and support has had some employee changes and we are working with them on getting our systems running correctly and efficiently.
 - We continue to work on our solar project and hope to have something confirmed by the end of this year.
 - Concrete was placed in the back of the middle school by the parent drop off. A top rail was added to the bleachers at the football field. Grates from the old middle school were used.
 - Upcoming projects include new carpeting at Shannon & Carpenter, putting up the new scoreboard at the baseball field, demo work at the old middle school, painting at the high school, and a new motor for lawn mower.

- Food Service by Pat Kelly
 - I am starting my review of Food Service with the Summer Program. We qualified at Shannon with a Census Block Grant and we had to decide one of two ways that we could do this. The first being grab and go, which we could only serve through the end of June. The second was dine in, which means all students had to eat in the building and this would run for all summer. We chose the dine in so we could feed all summer. We had 5 staff working on the schedule which worked really well and allowed for them to get some time off.
 - Its two months into the school year and we are fully staffed for the first time in several years and I am excited with our staff. They all seem to be placed in the schools that fit them the best.
 - We are starting to experience some food and paper shortages already this year but the purchasing coop is doing a good job to stay ahead of it. Food costs are starting to increase rapidly as well.
 - I am looking at starting a farm-to-school program where we purchase local products when available. Perhaps a cow or pig and then have them processed and used in our menus.
 - The MS & HS kitchens have provided over 500 sack lunches for our away games.
- Technology by Curt Tauke
 - Curt presented a slide show and stated that the Technology Department takes care of more than just devices. Some of those include: Infrastructure, Phone System, District-wide Printing, Security Cameras, Infinite Campus (SIS), and District Projects.
 - He thanked the Technology team of Michael Robertson, Morgan Murray, Heather Hansen and Kim Carlson.
 - He talked about the Teacher/Staff Replacement Device Rotation, presented information on our new district-wide phone system, district-wide printing, security systems, and the transition to our new student information system Infinite Campus.
 - Some projects that are on the horizon for technology include: major overhaul to the High School Auditorium audio video system, audio upgrade to High School Commons, installation of Smart TV's @ Carpenter, a marquee project, and possibly adding security cameras at the football field and at the softball/baseball complex.
- Transportation by Mike Wink
 - A new bus was ordered last year and we are hoping it arrives by November/December of this year. Another new bus was just ordered this year and we hope to have that by November 2023. With the long ETA on buses, we may need to start ordering June so we have them by July/August for the following school year.
 - Costs continue to increase for buses, gas, and diesel.
 - We currently have 16 buses and 10 cars/vans. We have 3 routes for cars/vans and 9 routes for buses. We currently have 16 drivers.
 - So far this school year we have had over 50 activities and traveled 3,500 miles.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the personnel items as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, Norton, Rieken, and Schlarmann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Brenneman made a motion, seconded by Norton to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, Norton, Rieken, and Schlarmann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary