

Official Minutes of the Board of Education for the Monticello Community School District Annual Meeting of November 28, 2022

President Craig Stadtmueller called the Public Hearing on the Instructional Support Program Levy to order at 6:00pm on Monday, November 28, 2022. There being no public input, Stadtmueller closed the Public Hearing at 6:01pm.

The Board of Education annual meeting was held on Monday, November 28, 2022 in the Board Room at the High School and was called to order at 6:02pm by President Craig Stadtmueller. Board member Mark Rieken led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the mission statement. Roll call was done by Board Secretary, Judy Hayen. The following directors were present: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Absent: None. Others present were Dr. Brian Jaeger, Marcy Gillmore, Judy Hayen, Pete Temple, Angie Kurt-Sonsa, Robyn Ponder, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Denny Folken, Dennis Dirks, Phil Owen, and Gerald Reztlaff.

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

Written nominations were received for the office of President of the Monticello School Board. Craig Stadtmueller and Mark Rieken were nominated for office of President of the Monticello School Board. The Board cast a 4 to 1 written ballot for Craig Stadtmueller as President of the Monticello School Board for the 2022-23 school year.

Secretary, Judy Hayen administered the Oath of Office to President Craig Stadtmueller.

Superintendent Jaeger asked for written nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Monticello Community School District. Mandy Norton was nominated by written ballot for the office of Vice-President. The Board cast a 5 to 0 written ballot for Mandy Norton as Vice-President of the Monticello School Board for the 2022-23 school year.

President Stadtmueller administered the Oath of Office to Vice-President, Mandy Norton.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Brenneman to appoint Judy Hayen as Secretary of the Monticello Board of Education for the 2022-23 school year. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to appoint Marcy Gillmore as Treasurer of the Monticello Board of Education for the 2022-23 school year. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Stadtmueller administered the Oath of Office to Board Secretary, Judy Hayen and Board Treasurer, Marcy Gillmore.

Congratulations were extended to: the following students who had an excellent performance with the River Valley Conference honor band: Madison Butterworth, Karli Schwendinger, Nora Sperfslage, Miranda Rieken, Lydia Ahlrichs, Brendan Pasker, Ian Temple, Leah Koehler, Alex Oswald, and Lauren Koehler; Brendan Pasker for making the Iowa All-State band on the Baritone Saxophone; the following students on their selection to the NEIBA District Honor Band: Nora Sperfslage, Ian Temple, Lydia Ahlrichs, and Alex Oswald; Mia Jaeger and Jayden Kuper for making the All-District team for volleyball; Jayden Kuper for making Honorable Mention All-State for volleyball; and the Cast & Crew of *The Little Mermaid* on a fantastic performance!

Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, and Denny Folken each gave their building reports. Each principal reported on parent teacher conferences. At the elementary and middle school they are very well attended but then it drops

off quite a bit at the high school. Veterans Day was a success at each building, several veterans attended the presentation at the high school. Principal Folken gave a shout out to his staff for working through the new English Language Arts curriculum. They are all working hard with our students in this transition. Thank you teachers! Principal Werner is part of the School Administrators of Iowa Council and two important items that they want to take to the legislators are to increase school funding and to ensure that public funding stays with the public schools, not towards private schools. Principal Schauf reported on the River Valley Conference Student Leadership Day that was held at Camp Courageous. This is something new to the RVC this year and students are represented from each school in our conference. One area they want to focus on is good sportsmanship. They will meet a few more times this year.

Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder gave her report. She also commended the elementary teachers on their work with the new ELA curriculum. Robyn will have her first School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting on November 30, 2022. They will look at our test scores and dive a little deeper into them. She stated our average ACT score from last year was 23.7. The average score for the State of Iowa was 21.4. Mrs. Ponder also reported on all of the professional learning that is coming up. Those include additional Infinite Campus training at the elementary, instructional strategies: tenants of transformative classrooms with GWAEA at the middle school, and collaboration time and proficiency scale work at the high school.

Superintendent Jaeger also gave his report which included an updated on our Strategic Operating Plan. For the Communication area, after looking at some of the survey responses, parents are enjoying the Superintendent videos on Fridays and also the Friday bulletins that are sent out by each Principal. He presented the Board with a draft of the five year facility projects plan. One other area of the plan was to better our student-to-student relationships this year. The River Valley Conference Student Leadership Day and also some work that Shannon Guyer has been doing with restorative practices has been a positive for the district and students.

A motion was made by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the finance reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to set the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the High School Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa as the time, date, and place for the regular school board meetings and a work session on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Board Room. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenneman, seconded by Norton to approve the Resolution of Depositories to designate the following banks as the official school depositories for the 2022-23 school year, each with a limit as identified: Ohnward Bank, & Trust Monticello, Iowa (\$800,000), Citizens State Bank, Monticello, Iowa (\$10,000,000) Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT), Des Moines, Iowa (\$10,000), Fidelity Bank & Trust, Monticello, Iowa (4,000,000), and UMB Bank, Kansas City, MO (1,250,000), above as our depositories. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to retain the firms of Strittmatter Law Firm, Ahlers & Cooney P.C., and Lynch Dallas P.C. Law Firm to represent the district for personnel issues and on a case-by-case basis for the Board. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Norton, seconded by Brenneman to designate *The Monticello Express* as our official publication for the 2022-23 school year. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to accept the appointments of the following board members to each of the committees listed for the 2022-23 school year: Negotiations/Labor Relations – Mandy Norton; Grounds/Transportation – John Schlarmann; Education – Mark Rieken; and Finance – Amanda Brenneman.

The Board President will serve on all committee areas. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenneman, seconded by Schlarmann to not approve the solar plan for the District as presented. The Board wanted to thank Raki Giannakouros with Blue Sky Solar for his time and commitment to the project. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brenneman, seconded by Norton, to approve the Instructional Support Program Levy Resolution of Participation for two years as presented. By roll call vote: Rieken, aye; Schlarmann, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; Brenneman, aye; and Norton, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the application to the SBRC for Increased Enrollment in the amount of \$85,990.80 as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to approve the application to the SBRC for Open Enrollment Out in the amount of \$20,235.60 as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to approve the application to the SBRC for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Instruction Beyond 5 Years in the amount of \$3,484.11 as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the members of the 2022-23 School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the second and final reading of the following Board policies as presented: 403.0 Reporting Child Abuse, 603.1 Curriculum Development, 603.3 Curriculum Implementation, 603.4 Curriculum Evaluation, 604.1 Selection of Instructional Materials, 604.1R1 Selection of Instructional Materials Regulations, 604.2 Inspection of Instructional and Library Materials, 604.3 Objection to and Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials, 604.3E1 Objection to and Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Request Form, 604.3R1 Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Regulations, 604.6 School Library, and 605.4 Technology and Instructional Materials. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

There were no Board member activity reports and no agenda items for future work sessions.

The Board wanted the public to know that they learned a lot about solar in the last year and that now is just not the right time to move forward with the project.

The following announcements was made:

- a. A legislative forum and the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:00pm.

The Board took a short break, then at 7:28 pm, Brenneman made a motion, seconded by Schlarmann to move to closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(l)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate, but only when premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the board would have to pay for the property, or in case of a sale reduce the price the board could receive for the property. By roll call vote: Rieken, aye; Schlarmann, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; and Brenneman, aye; and Norton, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 7:40 pm a motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to reconvene to open session. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Brenneman made a motion, seconded by Norton to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board then moved to Exempt Session per Iowa Code 20.17(3).

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary