

**Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the
Legislative Forum and Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022**

The Legislative Forum was held in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The following directors were present: Amanda Brenneman, Craig Stadtmueller, and Mark Rieken. Others that were present: Representative Steve Bradley, Brian Jaeger, Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Pete Temple, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Denny Folken, Robyn Ponder, and Angie Kurt-Sconsa. There were also a few members of the public present.

Superintendent Brian Jaeger started with introductions and then asked Representative Steve Bradley to update us on the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Bradley will be serving on the following committees this year: Education, Workforce Development, and Health & Human Services. Some of the topics in education they plan to work on our: school choice, categorical spending, alternative teachers' program, regulations for school boards, expanding operational sharing, and school safety.

There was some good discussion on the following topics:

- Operational Sharing
- Solar Power
- School Safety
- School Funding
- Salaries vs Cost of Living
- Workforce shortage
- IPERS

Dr. Jaeger thanked Mr. Bradley for participating in the forum and he did the same and encouraged everyone to call or email him with any questions or concerns.

The forum ended at approximately 7:00pm. The Board then took a short break and moved to the regular meeting.

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, December 19, 2022, in the Board Room at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Board President Craig Stadtmueller called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Board member Mark Rieken led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary, Judy Hayen, did roll call. The following directors were present: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Rieken. Absent: Schlarmann and Norton. Others present were Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Robyn Ponder, Denny Folken, Nick Schauf, and Angie Kurt-Sconsa.

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

Nick Schauf and Denny Folken gave their building reports. Todd Werner was at the 7th and 8th grade vocal concert so he was not able to do his report. Elementary Principal Denny Folken wanted to thank the staff and students for continuing to work hard to finish out the first semester. The Carpenter concert had a great turnout and Mr. Folken thanked Nick Thumma for doing such a great job with that year after year. The Carpenter Cooks held a gingerbread house contest that the kids loved participating in. Littler Panthers Preschool will be having their Cocoa & Cookies event on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Thanks to Donna Wall for having her 7th & 8th grade students caroling at our schools this Wednesday. Folken also shared that the Iowa Steel Drum will be back this Spring for a performance. High School Principal Nick Schauf gave a quick update on what has been happening in his building. The staff participated in the 12 days before break. The Band and Vocal concerts were a hit. Last week was National AD Day and Mr. Schauf wanted to thank our AD, Tim Lambert for all he does. The HS staff are preparing for 2nd semester. The River Valley Conference Leadership team have been creating standards and will be working on videos on how to act at school events. They have also been writing thank you notes to our officials, we appreciate all they do! Illnesses have hit the high school. Thanks to the nursing staff

for doing a great job of navigating that. Thank you to our teachers and associates that have been covering where needed.

Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder gave her report. Mrs. Ponder went over a timeline of our professional learning. A lot of our time during the pandemic was spent on online and hybrid teaching. We feel like this year, we can get back to where we need to be and work on the professional development we need and start moving forward again.

Superintendent Jaeger also gave his report. He updated everyone on the freon leak that happened at the middle school on December 18. He thanked Dennis Dirks, Nate Spahr, Michelle Liptak, and the fire department for what they did to take care of the leak and getting students back in school.

A motion as made by Rieken, seconded by Brenneman to table Item 4.01-Appoint Board Member to Serve on the Jones County Conference Board until the January 11, 2023 meeting due to Norton and Schlarmann's absence. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Breneman, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brenneman, seconded by Rieken to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Breneman, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board Member Activity Reports: Craig Stadtmueller attended the high school vocal concert and he said it was fantastic! Mark Rieken mentioned the vocal and band concerts were awesome as well.

The Board thanked Representative Steve Bradley for attending our legislative forum and for listening to our concerns.

Board member Amanda Brenneman mentioned the school calendar for next year be a topic for an upcoming work session. She also asked if getting out early the day before a break or a holiday could be discussed.

The following announcements were made:

- Winter Break is from December 22 – January 3. Students return Wednesday, January 4, 2023.
- Next Work Session is Wednesday, January 11 @ 6:00pm
- Next Board Meeting is Monday, January 23 @ 6:00pm

The Board took a short break, then at 8:02pm, Brenneman made a motion, seconded by Rieken 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: Stadtmueller, aye; Brenneman, aye; and Rieken, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 8:08pm a motion was made by Breneman, seconded by Rieken to reconvene to open session. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Rieken. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Brenneman, made a motion, seconded by Rieken to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Breneman, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary