

## Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023

President Craig Stadtmueller called the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 School Calendar to order at 6:02 pm on Monday, January 23, 2023. There was no public input. Stadtmueller closed the hearing at 6:03pm.

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, January 23, 2023 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, and was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Craig Stadtmueller. 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: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Absent: Brenneman. Also present were: Judy Hayen, Brian Jaeger, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Denny Folken, Robyn Ponder, Marcy Gillmore, Pete Temple, Angie Kurt-Sconsa, and several community members.

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

President Stadtmueller recognized our visitors and then invited the following visitors (*who had signed up to speak on agenda items*) to come forward for their allotted 3 minutes:

Keith Stamp – Item 5.05 – Monthly Financial Reports  
Kendall Siebels – Item 4.03 - 2023-24 High School Bell Schedule  
Darin Siebels – Item 4.03 - 2023-24 High School Bell Schedule  
Dave Melchert – Item 4.03 - 2023-24 High School Bell Schedule

Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, and Denny Folken gave their building reports. Elementary Principal Denny Folken gave an update on what the Monticello PTO does for our elementary schools. The PTO is working on keeping our libraries up to date with new books and also on an outdoor classroom for Shannon Elementary. In March and April they support our students by allowing them to attend a performance at the University of Dubuque. In Spring, they provide spring school pictures for our students and then in May they organize a walk-a-thon and an end of year ‘fun day’. The PTO is a great organization and we thank them for the support! Middle School Principal Todd Werner included in his report that winter FAST testing is almost complete for reading and our students have shown good progress. During PD time teachers have been working on Standards Targets Assessments Grading and Reporting (STAGR), proficiency scales in Infinite Campus. The 7th grade ski trip is on Friday, January 27, a fun field trip for our kids! High School Principal Nick Schauf stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is off to a great start! Teachers have been working on STAGR, proficiency scales, and assessments in Infinite Campus. Our speech teams did great at conference and districts. We have several students going on to state. The winter sports are winding down and the spring play auditions have started. Nick wanted to give a shout out to his new secretaries, Alyssa McNally and Rachel Bowser. They have jumped right in, are positive, and have done a great job. Thank you!

Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder gave her report. We are getting ready for our yearly testing, MAP Testing, and then ISASP in April. She also handed out a chart showing our FAST data over the last few years.

Superintendent Jaeger also gave his report. We have given out our first \$1,000 employee recruiting bonus. Shannon Guyer met the criteria for recommending Makenna Patterson for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science/Health Teacher. Congrats Shannon! Jaeger talked about his recent videos explaining educational savings accounts (ESA’s) and school funding. His videos had over 650 views and has had several people contact him about them, whether it was to ask questions or they had comments or suggestions about school vouchers and ESA’s. He also showed a graph on how school funding has decreased while inflation has increased and what effect that will have on schools in the future.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to accept the FY 2022 Audit from Anderson, Larkin & Co., P.C. as presented. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) High School Organization as presented. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the High School bell schedule for the 2023-24 school year as presented with moving away from block scheduling and going to an eight-period day. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Nay: Rieken. Motion carried.

It was moved by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the 2023-2024 calendar as presented. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the 2023-24 High School registration handbook as presented. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the 2023-2024 Jones Regional Center/Kirkwood Programs of Study as presented. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, and Schlarmann. Nay: None. Stadtmueller abstained. Motion carried.

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

Board Member Activity Reports: Mandy Norton mentioned with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade ski trip coming up this week, she is glad this is something that they continue to do and think it is a great field trip for the kids.

The Board wanted the public to know that we approved the 2023-24 school calendar and the new high school schedule for next year. Thanks to the high school staff and administrators for doing your homework on the schedule and think there may be some tweaks but overall we think it will be a great change.

Agenda items for future work sessions: Mark Rieken mentioned he would like to form an educational committee (other than SIAC) that is made up of about 50% of parents to review at our curriculum.

The following announcements were made:

- Next Work Session is Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30pm
- Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, February 27 at 6:00pm

The Board took a short break, then at 7:35 pm, Norton 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: Norton, aye; Rieken, aye; Schlarmann, aye; and Stadtmueller, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 8:05pm a motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to reconvene to open session. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Norton made a motion, seconded by Schlarmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm and move to the Exempt Session. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary