

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023

President Craig Stadtmueller called the public hearing regarding the proposed sale/transfer of District owned real estate located in Monticello, Jones County, Iowa, locally known as the “Old Monticello Middle School”, located at 217 S. Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa, and identified as Parcel number 0227107001 to order at 6:01 pm. No public comments were received. Stadtmueller closed the public hearing at 6:02 pm.

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, April 24, 2023 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, and was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Craig Stadtmueller. Stadtmueller also led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary, Judy Hayen, did roll call. The following directors were present: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Norton arrived at 6:48pm. Absent: None. Also present were: Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Angie Kurt-Sconsa, Robyn Ponder, Nick Schauf, Denny Folken, Nick Thumma, Shannon Guyer, Troy McDonald, Brian Wolken, and Doug Herman.

Dr. Jaeger read a statement regarding the proposed sale of the Old Middle School to Theisen Real Estate, LLC.: *At the beginning of last week we received the final copy of the signed purchase proposal from Theisen's. Then at the end of last week, after Theisen's did some additional cost analysis of the proposal, they asked the school board to hold off on the final approval of the proposal at this time. They wanted additional time to work through the costing and explore additional ways to cut costs to be able to make this deal work. So at this time, I am recommending that the school board table agenda item 4.01 to allow Theisen's the time to explore costing options related to this proposal. We will continue to be in communication with Theisen's as they navigate through this process. We hope to finalize this proposal very soon.*

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to approve the agenda as presented with tabling Item 4.01- Consider Approval of “Offer to Buy Real Estate and Acceptance” Proposal of District Owned Real Estate Located in Monticello, Jones County, Iowa, Locally Known as the “Old Monticello Middle School”, Located at 217 S. Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa, to Theisen Real Estate, L, to a later date, per Theisen Real Estate LLC's request. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Visitor Troy McDonald spoke in regards to school security. In light of all the recent shootings, he wanted to know if our classrooms all had locks on their doors and that he'd like to have additional School Resource Officers, one for each of our buildings.

Congratulations were extended to: Tate Petersen on being named this month's IHSAA Student-Athlete of the Month; soloists Mia Jaeger, Lucy Maddock, Kendall Siebels, and a singing ensemble (made up of Jessica Stadtmueller, Bella Mullen, Becky Lang, Marisa Grant, Lucy Maddock, Mia Jaeger, Emma Schwendinger, and Meredith Parker) on receiving Division 1 ratings at the Solo & Ensemble Contest. This is the first time singers have participated in this event since the year before Covid; our Music Staff, Students, District, and Community for receiving for the second year in a row, Monticello has been awarded the NAMM Foundation's Best Communities for Music Education! We are one of 6 districts in Iowa to receive this award.

Principals Denny Folken, and Nick Schauf each gave their building report. Todd Werner was absent. Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder gave her report. Superintendent Jaeger also gave his report.

A motion was moved by Brenneman, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the last day of school for the 2022-23 school year as June 1, 2023 with a 1:00 pm early dismissal as presented. We had a total of 6 snow days, 2 days have already been made up by the teachers, and with having enough hours in our calendar, the Board approved to dismiss 4 of the snow days for students. Teachers last day will be June 2. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to approve the 28 E Agreement with the City of Monticello for the School Resource Officer Program for 2023-2025 as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the District Health Insurance switch to Health Partners as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brenneman, seconded by Schlarmann to approve a K-12 Therapy Dog Program to begin with 2024-25 school year as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Nays: Rieken. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to approve the K-12 Music and 5-12 Social Studies curriculum adoption as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brenneman, seconded by Norton to approve the Resolution Approving the Participation by the Monticello Community School District in a Joint Agreement Establishing Local Government Risk Pools for the 2023-24 School Year as presented. By roll call vote: Norton, aye; Rieken, aye; Schlarmann, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; and Brenneman, aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The Board wanted the public to know that we should be patient with the sale of the old Middle School. Dr. Jaeger stated he is working on the school safety grant and it should be approved in the next 2 weeks. They also thanked the administrators and hiring staff for their work in getting staff hired so quickly and also think the recruitment bonus has been helping.

Mark Rieken mentioned he would like to further discuss an education committee when the timing is right, due to recent legislature.

The following announcements were made:

- Iowa School Board Recognition Month is May
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1-5
- Support Staff Appreciation Week is May 8-12
- Next Work Session is Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00pm
- Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, May 22 at 6:00pm
- Graduation is Sunday, May 28 at 2:00pm at the Football Field

At 7:08 pm, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Norton to move to closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. By roll call vote: Rieken, aye; Schlarmann, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; Brenneman, aye; and Norton, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 7:25 pm a motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Brenneman to reconvene to open session. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Brenneman made a motion, seconded by Schlarmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, and Brenneman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary