

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education Special Meeting of April 12, 2023

The Board of Education held the Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 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. Board member Amanda Brenneman led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary Judy Hayen did roll call. The following directors were present: Amanda Brenneman, Mandy Norton, Mark Rieken, and Craig Stadtmueller. Absent: John Schlarmann. Superintendent Brian Jaeger, Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Angie Kurt-Sconsa, Pete Temple, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Denny Folken, Robyn Ponder, Shannon Guyer, and Barb Randall with Assured Partners were also present.

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

The following items were discussed:

- Health Insurance Change by Barb Randall, Assured Partners – The district is looking at changing our health insurance carrier from Wellmark to Health Partners. Barb did an overview of the changes and also showed the price differences. The cost for employees will decrease by switching to Health Partners and also give employees a few more options. This will be added to our April 24 agenda for approval.
- Therapy Dog by Shannon Guyer – The district would like to add a K-12 grade therapy dog program that would be fully implemented for the 2024-25 school year. This will be added to our April 24 agenda for approval.
- Risk Management Pool Insurance by Marcy Gillmore & Brian Jaeger – To help with our budget challenges, this program transfers risks of increases in natural gas costs away from the district. In addition to the budget protection, the premium may be paid from the district’s management fund rather than the general fund. Basically an insurance plan for our natural gas. An estimated cost for this would be \$83,000. A final quote will be available at our April 24 board meeting for approval.
- Board Member Presentation by Mark Rieken – Mr. Rieken stated that he has been a part of the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) as a Board member and would like to see some improvements to the action plan that was presented by SIAC. He would like to get more parent and community involvement on our curriculum and to make content available for parents to see online. He asked the Board to think about having an education committee made up of parents and community members.

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

There being no further business, Brenneman made a motion, seconded by Norton to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Ayes: Brenneman, Norton, Rieken, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary