

## **Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of July 31, 2023**

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, July 31, 2023 in the Board Room at the High School at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Board President Craig Stadtmueller called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Absent: None. Others present were Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Tim Lambert, Denny Folken, Todd Werner, Nick Schauf, and Robyn Ponder.

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

Looking forward to the start of another school year! New teachers report on August 17, all other teachers report on August 18, and Open House is August 21.

Principals Denny Folken, Todd Werner, and Nick Schauf each gave a building report. Robyn Ponder gave her curriculum report. All of them went over their handbook changes for this year. Tim Lambert went over the Activities Department handbook changes as well Superintendent Brian Jaeger also gave his report which included: legislative changes; our Administrative Team will be attending the School Administrators of Iowa Conference this week; and he's heard lots of positive comments in regards to the sale of the old middle school and the purchase of the Fraser land.

It was moved Norton, by seconded by Brenneman to approve the following 2023-24 handbooks as presented: Elementary Student & Parent Handbook, Elementary Faculty Handbook, Middle School Student & Parent Handbook, Middle School Faculty Handbook; High School Student & Parent Handbook, High School Faculty Handbook, Alternative High School Handbook, Activities Department Handbook, the 1-to-1 Technology Handbook, and the Panther Academy Parent Handbook. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the 2023-24 IASB Legislative Priorities as follows: Student Achievement, School Safety, Teacher Recruitment and Licensure, and Mental Health. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: Rieken. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rieken, seconded by Brenneman to approve the Letter of Agreement with Maquoketa Valley for the Alternative High School Program for 2023-24 as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Board member activity reports: John Schlarmann talked with a younger teacher and they were happy with the increase of the base wage this year and the hiring bonuses. It helps in hiring staff! Craig wanted to thank the administrative staff and wished them a great rest of their summer; because from August to May is a crazy time.

The Board wanted to let the public know we are excited and ready for a new school year!

Mark Rieken suggested that High School Principal Schauf present on the Employability Skills/Standards that they will be working on this school year as an agenda item for a future work session.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Next Work Session is Wednesday, August 9 @ 6:00pm
- b. New Teacher Orientation is Thursday, August 17 at 8:00am
- c. All Staff Welcome Back/Employee Recognition Luncheon is Monday, August 21 at 11:30am
- d. School starts Wednesday, August 23
- e. Next Board Meeting is Monday, August 28 at 6:00pm

There being no further business, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Norton to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary