

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

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, October 23, 2023, in the Board Room 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, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Denny Folken, Robyn Ponder, Pat Kelly, Tim Lambert, and Mike Wink.

It was moved by Rieken, seconded by Brenneman to approve the agenda as presented with the following change: remove Item #9 Closed Session, as it was no longer needed. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to: our principals Nick, Denny, and Todd for their dedication and teamwork. Thank you and happy principals month; Cameron Pasker on being accepted to the OPUS Honor Choir for the 3rd year in a row; the football team on being District Champs for the 3rd year in a row, and for making the playoffs for the 5th year in a row; and to Dr. Brian Jaeger on being nominated and in the final 9 for the School Administrators of Iowa Superintendent of the Year award.

The following items were discussed:

- Department Updates
 - Activities/Athletics by Tim Lambert
 - Lot of great things going on with all of our activities. Thanks to the dedicated athletes, students, sponsors, and coaches.
 - Filling coaching positions can be tough. We are lucky to have the coaches we do; and veteran coaches with lots of experience. If you see a coach out and about please thank them. Also referees are harder and harder to get, so thank them too!
 - Our girls' cross country team is ranked #2 in the state, and should do well at state. We had two individuals qualify for boys' state XC. The volleyball team was 2nd in the conference. The football team is ranked 4th, have advanced to the 2nd round of playoffs, and have a good chance of getting to the UNI dome.
 - We added Performance PE this year at the high school and think that has been a good thing. Ms. Lynn has taken charge and feel we have all the coaches on the same page with this lifting program.
 - Thanks to the Board for their support, I'm proud to be here and proud to be a Panther!
 - Mark Rieken asked a few questions:
 - **What if the football team advances this Friday night, next weekend is the musical. Will the musical get moved?** We will make a decision after Friday night.
 - **Can there be a cash option at the gate for district or regional games?** We will work on this, but the state mandates the online ticketing.
 - **Can the marching band play at a playoff game?** Will look into this as well.
 - Food Service by Pat Kelly
 - We are fully staffed and feel like everyone is working together and all seem to be placed in the schools that fit them the best.
 - We currently do not have any food service substitutes.
 - We are working on mixing some things up for the MS & HS, mainly having another entrée option available every day. We will be doing some taste testing with some different vendors and possibly have the student council as our testers. At the elementary level, we are working on testing fruits & vegetables with the kids.
 - We picked up our first delivery of backpacks. We have roughly 50 signed up right now.
 - We are still providing sack lunches for our athletes for our away games. Our staff does a great job getting these prepared.

- We applied for the Field to Family grant and were awarded \$8,000 in fresh produce. We received one delivery and will get our 2nd one soon.
- By the end of October we should know our free/reduced rate. We are currently at about 32% and don't expect that to change much.
- The summer lunch program went well, we served between 30-100 students every day. We will have to reapply to see if we qualify for next summer.
- Technology by Robyn Ponder
 - Robyn has learned a lot since taking over this position from Curt Tauke.
 - She thanked the Technology team of Michael Robertson, Morgan Murray, and Tech coaches (Heather Hansen and Kim Carlson) for their help. Morgan, Robyn, and Michael meet every Friday.
 - Some projects that have been completed are: wireless access points, cameras, and TVs installed in the weight room; high school auditorium sound project; the Foundation TV video wall; Xello and other applications integrated with Infinite Campus; and continued 1:1 initiative.
 - The Tech Team is working on learning more about Erate and how that can help us with our network speed and wireless connections.
 - We will be looking at upgrading the high school projectors in the near future.

Marcy Gillmore gave her annual treasurer's report. Our unspent balance came down \$113,534 from last year.

Elementary Principal Denny Folken's report: we just finished up FAST and MAP testing; our 3rd graders went to Edinburgh Manor for their field trip; we had fire prevention week, thanks to the fire fighters for coming to visit; our 1st graders went to Jones Regional Hospital for their field trip; and parent teacher conferences are this week.

Middle school Principal Todd Werner's report: 7th grade had their outdoor ed day, that's always a fun day; we've been doing our safety drills: fire/tornado/lockdown; our fall sports season is done; we have our first band concert tonight; parent teacher conferences are this week; we've had our largest enrollment this year since the new MS opened.

Part of high school Principal Nick Schauf's report was a presentation on the National Honor Society and the FFA garden project. High school students Haili and Kinzi Schlarmann were a part of the project and updated the Board on the project. They planted a 30x60 vegetable garden. They had over 70 students perform approximately 400 hours of community service and they donated over 500 pounds of produce to the Monticello Food Pantry. They hope to make it bigger & better next year. Principal Schauf continued his report. At the high school, they have also been working on how to make our schools safer, not just with the drills, but also talking about drugs & alcohol; parent teacher conferences are this week and we are hoping for a great turnout; the River Valley Conference leadership day is coming up; we've received some great feedback from staff & students on the new schedule this year, as well as on the employability standards; he's done over 50 walk through's in the classrooms and has seen some great meaningful and differentiated instruction, thank you teachers!

Robyn Ponder curriculum director's report: been meeting with the PLC leaders and are currently doing a book study on how to be a good leader, problem solving, and working on the instructional framework.

Superintendent Jaeger's report: thank you to everyone on their presentations and reports tonight; our certified enrollment for this year is 968.63, only down a 0.57 student; we had 16 open enrollments going out to online learning, we have more open enrollment in than out this year; and have about 29 students who took advantage of the Educational Savings Accounts (ESA's).

A motion as made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the 2023-24 thirteen early graduation requests as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item #4.02 – Appoint IASB Delegate for IASB Convention on November 15 died due to a lack of a motion.

It was moved by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the bid from Russ Hughes in the amount of \$1,156 for the 2001 GMC box van as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the bid from School Bus Sales in the amount of \$127,273 for a new 65 passenger school bus as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Norton, seconded by Brenneman to approve the application to the SBRC for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) allowable cost in the amount of \$81,299.85 as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the second and final reading of the following Board policies as presented: 403.0 Reporting Child Abuse, 411.3 Employee Professional Development, 503.10 Anti-Bullying and Harassment, 503.10R1 Anti-Bullying and Harassment Investigation Procedures, 503.13 Student Disclosure of Identity, 506.1 Student Health Services, 506.1R1 Student Health Services Regulation, 506.5 Administration of Medication to Students, 506.5E1 Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of Medication or Special Health Services to Students, 506.5E2 Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers and Airway Medications, 506.11 Stock Prescription Medication Supply, 602.12 Health/Human Growth & Development Education, 604.2 Inspection of Instructional and Library Materials, 604.3 Objection to and Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials, 604.6 School Library, 606.1 Graduation Requirements, 607.3 Student Testing. Ayes: Rieken, Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Board Member Activity Reports: Amanda Brenneman noted that she worked in the concession stand at the last football game and just wanted to thank everyone that volunteers for our district and the booster club for all they do. It was a fun night!

Board members wanted the public to know that our certified enrollment has stayed pretty much the same from last year, we are looking good with our budget, and that the NHS and FFA did a great job on their garden project this summer.

The following announcements were made:

- Next Work Session is Wednesday, November 8 @ 6:00pm
- American Education Week is November 13-17, 2023
- IASB Delegate Assembly is November 15
- IASB Annual Convention is November 15-17
- Next Board Meeting is Monday, November 27 @ 6:00pm

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

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary