

## **Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education Work Session of November 8, 2023**

The Board of Education Work Session was held in the Board Room at the High School at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. President Craig Stadtmueller called the Work Session to order at 6:00 pm. Board Member John Schlarmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary Judy Hayen did roll call. The following directors were present: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Absent: Rieken. Superintendent Brian Jaeger, Judy Hayen, Pete Temple, Robyn Ponder, Mary Jane Maher, Mike Wink, Dennis Dirks, and Tammy Helgens were also present.

The Board took a moment of silence due to recent events that happened in our community this week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the McAtee family and everyone involved.

The following items were discussed:

- Department Updates
  - Transportation by Director Mike Wink
    - A new bus is ordered and should be here by April or May. We are sitting pretty good with our fleet right now. We have a total of 28 vehicles.
    - We have a new General Laborer/Office Clerk that will be starting on Dec. 7. She will be approved at our November 27 meeting and replaces Rachelle Powelson.
    - We currently have 9 full bus routes and 4 smaller (car/van) routes. We have 13 drivers and 6 sub drivers.
    - Last year we traveled 102,840 route miles, 37,979 activity miles with cars/vans, and 49,221 activity miles with buses.
    - Our bus/vehicle inspection went well in August. Our next one will be in January or February.
  - Buildings & Grounds by Director Dennis Dirks
    - We finally are done with the Old Middle School Building!
    - Our new skid loader arrived and has been extremely helpful.
    - The dust collections system for the High School Industrial Arts room arrived this week and we will work on installation.
    - New steps and sidewalk were poured at Carpenter. A concrete slab was poured at the high school on the northwest entrance. A picnic table in honor of Mike Meshak will be placed there.
    - The Shannon doors are here and we are hoping to get those installed soon.
    - We've spent a lot of time this fall working to get the football field ready for each game. And also got a XC sign installed behind the high school.
  - Panther Academy by Director Tammy Helgens
    - This past summer we had 80 full time/part time kids total. That's 15 more than last summer. We utilized space both at Shannon & Carpenter. We didn't take any new field trips this summer, but the kids continue to like the ones we do with their favorites being the Grand Opera House and the Zoo. We had a lot of new families this summer and they have continued with us this Fall.
    - We currently have around 98 full time/part time kids. With about 25-30 of them before school and about 50-60 after school. 60 is our limit without having to use Carpenter.
    - Next we will be planning our winter party and winter & spring break activities.
    - Unfortunately, I think we will need to raise our fees for next year. We've only increased once in the last 7 years and it's time.
    - We have the BEST kids & staff and are so lucky to have them all!

- School Data Presentation by Robyn Ponder
  - Robyn shared data on enrollment, attendance, conditions for learning results, ISASP scores, MAP scores, FAST scores, postsecondary readiness, school performance profiles, and the systems we have in place to analyze all of this data.
  - All of this information can be found on our [website's data dashboard](#).
- Legislative Forum Format by Brian Jaeger
  - Dr. Jaeger discussed the format for the Legislative Forum that is tentatively set for Monday, December 18. We'd like to limit it to an hour, hear from the legislators on the upcoming session, Board & Superintendent questions, and then open it up to any community members for questions (with questions limited to 30 seconds so the legislators can respond). The Board liked that format.

No action or voting took place on the above items.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton at 7:06 pm to adjourn the work session and move to the Exempt Session. Ayes: Schlarmann, Stadtmueller, Brenneman, and Norton. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary