

**Official Minutes of the Board of Education for the Monticello Community School District Annual Meeting of November 27, 2023**

The Board of Education annual meeting was held on Monday, November 27, 2023 in the Board Room at the High School and was called to order at 6:00pm by President Craig Stadtmueller. Stadtmueller led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the mission statement. Roll call was done by Board Secretary, Judy Hayen. The following directors were present: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, Rieken, and Schlarmann. Absent: Norton. Others present were Brian Jaeger, Marcy Gillmore, Judy Hayen, Pete Temple, Tony Amsler, Robyn Ponder, Mary Jane Maher, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, and Denny Folken.

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

Superintendent Jaeger then recognized Board Member Amanda Brenneman for her years of service and presented her a plaque and a lifetime activity pass. Thank you, Amanda!

A motion was made by Brenneman seconded by Schlarmann to approve the finance reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, Rieken, and Schlarmann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brenneman, seconded by Rieken to approve the minutes of October 23, 2023 and November 8, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, Rieken, and Schlarmann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenneman, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the abstract of the November 7, 2023 School Board Election as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, Rieken, and Schlarmann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Brenneman made a motion, seconded by Schlarmann to adjourn the annual meeting at 6:09pm. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Brenneman, Rieken, and Schlarmann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary

## **Official Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education for the Monticello Community School District of November 27, 2023**

Superintendent Brian Jaeger called the organizational meeting of the new board to order at 6:10pm.

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

Secretary Judy Hayen administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members: Tony Amsler and John Schlarmann.

Written nominations were then received for the office of President of the Monticello School Board. Craig Stadtmueller was nominated for office of President of the Monticello School Board. The Board cast a 5 to 0 ballot for Craig Stadtmueller as President of the Monticello School Board for the 2023-24 school year. (Norton turned in her vote earlier). Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Stadtmueller asked for written nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Monticello Community School District. Mandy Norton was nominated by written ballot for the office of Vice-President. The Board cast a 5 to 0 ballot for Mandy Norton as Vice-President of the Monticello School Board for the 2023-24 school year. (Norton turned in her vote earlier). Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board appointed Judy Hayen as Secretary of the Monticello Board of Education for the 2023-24 school year. President Stadtmueller administered the Oath of Office to Board Secretary, Judy Hayen.

The Board appointed Marcy Gillmore as Treasurer of the Monticello Board of Education for the 2023-24 school year. President Stadtmueller administered the Oath of Office to Board Treasurer, Marcy Gillmore.

Congratulations were extended to: the following volleyball players on their all conference awards: 1st team Jayden Kuper; 2nd team: Keziah McQuillen; and Honorable Mention Jordan Fangmann; the football team on advancing to the State Semi Finals at the UNI Dome for the first time since 1977; our maintenance and buildings & grounds crew on being recognized at the state semifinal football game. A big thank you to all of them for their work in keeping our grounds, fields, and facilities looking so good; Desirae Martinez on being recognized as Monticello's Veteran at the state semifinal football game; we had over 40 Veterans in attendance for our Veteran's Day celebration! Thank you for your service; thank you to the Monticello Athletic Booster Club for supporting our Fall Sports and everyone who worked the concessions at a game or 2; Alex Oswald and the Iowa All-State Band on a phenomenal performance! He represented Monticello well as one of the top 2% of high school musicians in our state!

Elementary Principal Denny Folken's report: parent/teacher conferences were well attended, great to see so many parents in the building; the Shrek performance was great and our students really enjoyed it; the 4<sup>th</sup> graders did their squid dissection and some parents showed up for that, was a great activity; the preschool class will be going to the Heritage Center for the Velveteen Rabbit performance in December; on December 12 Carpenter will have their Fine Arts Night which includes an art show and their yearly concert; and lastly wanted to thank our entire staff, counseling team, social worker, Tanager therapists, and the CISM team from Grant Wood for their support with the tragic event that happened on November 7, we appreciate all of you!

Middle School Principal Todd Werner's report: parent teacher conferences attendance was up this year, in the fifth grade we had 87% attendance, 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 73%, 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 66%, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 55%; on October 31 our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a Spend It, Save It program where they learned about financial literacy; the 8<sup>th</sup> graders were able to attend the Career Fair at the HS; the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders attended the Shrek performance and really enjoyed it; Workplace Connections came in to talk to our students about careers and students were able to

ask questions; our students attended the Veterans Day assembly at the HS; I would like to commend our staff, the community, and our administration for all of their support and for supporting each other during the challenging time of what happened on November 7.

High School Principal Nick Schauf's report: thanked the staff for all of their support during the tragic event on November 7, during challenging times, people excel and our staff certainly did; Fall sports have wrapped up, lots of awards for the football team; Mrs. Osterkamp did a great job on Shrek, it was a fun performance and thanks to Jill Flynn and Autry Fasnacht for their help on that as well; Winter sports are starting, band and choir concerts are coming up, FFA went to the National FFA Convention, the Veterans Day celebration went well, thanks to Todd Hospodarsky and Nancy Toenjes on their work with that; the new schedule at the HS has been a huge highlight with the students and the employability skills have also been a great initiative in moving our district forward; the 9<sup>th</sup> graders attended a career fair in Cedar Rapids, and our 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders attended the career fair here; we will have a talent show on December 18; and we are nearing the end of the semester – only 24 days left!

Robyn Ponder curriculum director's report: we are starting to use the Xello career program for students in grades K-12, it aligns with our courses at the HS and will help high schoolers pick out classes, it will help 8<sup>th</sup> graders with their career plan, it works well with Infinite Campus, it will include scholarships that are available, and parents will be able to access it thru their Infinite Campus account, we are looking forward to using it more and more; all of the data that I presented at our last meeting will be put on our website and data will be live as we get it as part of our data dashboard; literacy is one of our goal areas that we need to improve on and I will be going into classrooms on each level to get some data which will in turn drive our professional development.

Superintendent Jaeger's report: we will have a presentation on Xello at our next meeting; a picnic table is now located at the northwest end of the HS in honor of Mike Meshak, the trees in that area are from Trees Forever in his honor as well, thank you to Nick Schauf on taking the lead on this project; in the spirit of Thanksgiving I'm thankful for my family, but also thankful for our staff and especially thankful for our administration team of Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Denny Folken, and Robyn Ponder; all four of them have unique roles and fill them very well, thank you all!

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to set the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the High School Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa as the time, date, and place for the regular school board meetings and a work session on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Board Room. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the Resolution of Depositories to designate the following banks as the official school depositories for the 2023-24 school year: Ohnward Bank, & Trust Monticello, Iowa (\$900,000), Citizens State Bank, Monticello, Iowa (\$12,000,000) Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT), Des Moines, Iowa (\$10,000), Fidelity Bank & Trust, Monticello, Iowa (4,000,000), UMB Bank, Kansas City, MO (1,300,000), each with a limit as identified above as our depositories as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to retain the firms of Strittmatter Law Firm, Ahlers & Cooney P.C., and Lynch Dallas P.C. Law Firm to represent the district for personnel issues and on a case-by-case basis for the Board for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to designate *The Monticello Express* as our official publication for the 2023-24 school year. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to accept the appointments of the following board members to each of the committees listed: Negotiations/Labor Relations–Mandy Norton; Grounds/Transportation–Mark Rieken; Education–Tony Amsler; and Finance–John Schlarmann. The Board President will serve on all committee areas. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the increase in rates for Panther Academy effective January 1, 2024 as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> child - \$6 per hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> child - \$5.50 per hour, 3<sup>rd</sup> child - \$5.00 per hour. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the three additional early graduation requests as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the request to the SBRC for a modified supplemental amount of \$57,503 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district’s previous year certified enrollment count as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the request to the SBRC for a modified supplemental amount of \$5,191 related to the English Language Learning Program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2022 certified enrollment head count as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) allowable cost request to the SBRC in the amount of \$77,888 as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Board Member Activity Reports: Mark Rieken attended the state football semifinal game and it was nice to see so many there to support the Panthers – what a great experience! It was also great to see all of the support from the school for the Aaron McAtee family. Tony Amsler & Craig Stadtmueller helped deliver Thanksgiving meals around the community, was a fun day!

The Board wanted the public to know that it sounds like the employability skills have made a phenomenal difference this year with the students and they are excited that the District has implemented the Xello Career Development software!

The following announcements were made:

- a. Legislative Forum TBD – December 13 or December 20
- b. Next Board Meeting is TBD – December 13 or December 20
- c. Winter Break is December 22 – January 2

There being no further business, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Rieken to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Rieken, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary