

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, in the Board Room at 850 E Oak St., Monticello, IA. President Craig Stadtmueller called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Board Member Tony Amsler led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary Judy Hayen did roll call. The following directors were present Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Others present were Dr. Brian Jaeger, Marcy Gillmore, Judy Hayen, Pete Temple, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Denny Folken, Robyn Ponder, Mary Jane Maher, and several staff members.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the agenda with the exception of deleting item 4.09-Consider Scheduling a March Work Session/Special Board Meeting for March 6, 2024 (*contracts*), and to remove the Exempt Session at the end of the agenda (*both due to the State Supplemental Aid (SSA) not being set by the legislature*) as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to: the following Senior Athletes on their high school career: **Wrestling:** Jonah Luensman, Dylan Monk, AJ Phelps, Cael Sampson; **Boys Basketball:** Adrian Graves, Preston Ries, Jordan Snow; **Girls Basketball:** Alissia Davis, Sami McElmeel, Keziah McQuillen; **Girls Bowling:** Claire Hogan, Emma Schwendinger, Kyrie Zimmerman; **Boys Bowling:** Malcolm Clark, Baylor Holub, Alex Oswald; **Cheer:** Kendra Davis; **Dance:** Kendra Davis, Kaylin Noll, Madison Ward; the following boys' basketball players for their River Valley Conference Awards: 1st team: Preston Ries, Carson Lambert; 2nd Team: Conley Schauf, Brady Gogel; and Honorable Mention: Jack Lambert; Player of the Year: Preston Ries; Tim Lambert on being named River Valley Conference North Division Coach of the Year; seniors Jonah Luensman and Dylan Monk on advancing to state wrestling; senior Malcolm Clark for qualifying for state Bowling and placing 3rd; the following girls' basketball players for their River Valley Conference Awards: 1st Team: Jayden Kuper, Kennedy Hermsen; 2nd Team: Keziah McQuillen, Sami McElmeel; and Honorable Mention: Madilynn Kromminga; Player of the Year: Jayden Kuper; Donnie Kremer on being named River Valley Conference North Division Co-Coach of the Year; the following groups who made it to State Speech: Varsity Readers Theater- 13 students; Radio Broadcasting "SWG Sports with Guys" - 3 students; Short Film "BangBike: part 1" - 4 students; Group Improv: Claire Hogan & Leah Koehler, Cole Bouska & Carlos Lagunes-Torres; Ensemble Acting "Who Doth Inhabit the Primary Position" -2 students; Ensemble Acting "Ya Want Fries with That?" - 4 students; Group Mime "Jail Break (with a comically large bag) - 2 students; Solo Mime - "Memories of a Lifetime" - Vannessa Clapp; 9th Grade: Readers Theater "10 Reasons You Should Have Stayed Home Sick Today" - 5 students; Radio Broadcasting "Oldies but Goodies" - 4 students; the Monticello FFA and Monticello NHS in cooperation with the Jones County Extension and Jones County Master Gardeners received a \$4,000 Growing Together Iowa grant to improve and increase the garden plot that was used to donate fresh produce to the Monticello Food Pantry; and the Monticello FFA in partnership with the Monticello Main Street organization has received a National FFA 2024 Spring Semester-Long Living to Serve Grant for \$1,200.00 to assist in paying for flowers and updating potting soil for the downtown flower pot project.

Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, and Denny Folken gave their building reports.

Elementary Principal Denny Folken: Mrs. Fairley and her students went to the care center and read with the residents at the end of January; we just finished up MAP testing; we had a teacher team that went to a Science instruction training in Marshalltown; the 3rd graders went to Central Park to participate in some winter activities; the FFA members came to Carpenter for their Build-a-Burger event; the Jones County Pork Producers will be visiting 1st graders this week; and March 4-8 is "Read Across America" week and the theme this year is Camp Read-A-Lot, so we have some fun activities planned for our students.

Middle School Principal Todd Werner: the middle schoolers are just finishing up with MAP testing; we celebrated School Counselor Week and School Resource Officer Day earlier this month, thank you to our counselors and to Dawn Graver for all you do; Phil Hannah did heart dissections with our 5th graders; the FFA members did activities with our middle schoolers last week; our student council held a winter dance and we had around 170 students attend; the middle school activities finished up today, thank you to the parents, coaches, and athletes!

High School Principal Nick Schauf: HS students have registered for classes for next year; Map testing is almost complete; we've been working on our employability skills; last week was National FFA Week and on Wednesday they held their "Caleb Jurgens Tractor Ride" and had a great turnout, thank you to Eric Schmitt for the week of activities, you do a great job; the foundation's big event is coming up on March 23; the winter activities are coming to end and we are gearing up for Spring.

Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder gave her report. We've had 3 teachers attend the Open Science-Ed training and they get to be field testers and give feedback to the company; our PLC leads attended a coaching academy at Grant Wood AEA and will be working on instructional strategies and framework with our staff; and we've started looking at professional learning for next year already.

Superintendent Jaeger also gave his report. He reported that the first facilities meeting will be on Wednesday. OPN will be here and they will also be touring Shannon & Carpenter that night. He thanked Eric Schmitt for his presentation on the FFA plot at the last meeting; since then he's had 4-5 community members come up to him and were very complimentary and that are very excited for this. He also noted that the early start date option for next year's calendar had died in the legislative session and is not sure it will be discussed again.

Marcy Gillmore presented on the 2024-25 preliminary district budget process and the property tax dollars. Due to the changes we will now have to do two public hearings on the budget and county auditors will be mailing out postcards with our proposed tax dollars. Due to the state not setting the State Supplemental Aid (SSA), it has been tricky to do the budget and we are going to have to publish at a higher rate, which could cause some questioning from our stakeholders.

A motion was made by Amsler, seconded by Norton, to approve Shannon Kehoe as the new Elementary School Principal with a two year contract for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Nay: None. Motion carried. The Board congratulated Shannon and she also spoke for a few minutes. She's very excited to be a part of MCSD.

After much discussion, it was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler, to approve the additional hours of virtual learning for the 2023-24 school year/calendar as presented. This includes 12 more hours (6 now and 6 later if needed). The additional day (or two) will be waived for the students and the staff. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, and Schlarmann. Nay: Rieken. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Norton to set March 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm as the date & time for the first public hearing on the 2024-25 budget. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann, to approve the 2024-25 Budget Guarantee Resolution as presented. By roll call vote: Amsler, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; Norton, aye; Schlarmann, aye; and Rieken, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to accept the fiscal year 2023 audit as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the Resolution Amending Revenue Purpose Statement to Authorize Expenditures from Revenue Received from the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund for Radon Testing as presented. By roll call vote: Stadtmueller, aye; Norton, aye; Schlarmann, aye; Rieken, aye; and Amsler, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Norton to approve the first reading of the following Board policy: #414.0 Licensed Employee Evaluation, as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rieken, seconded by Schlarman to approve the second and final reading of the following Board policies: #602.1 Basic Instructional Program and #602.9 Physical Education, as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarman, and Rieken. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Norton, seconded by Schlarman to approve the personnel items as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Norton, Schlarman, and Rieken. Nay: None. Stadtmueller abstained. Motion carried.

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

There were no Board Member activity reports.

The Board wanted to let the public know we are excited to announce the hiring of Shannon Kehoe as our new Elementary Principal and that all of our extra-curricular activities are doing great!

There were no agenda items suggested for future work sessions.

The following announcements were made:

- 1st Facilities Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00pm
- Spring Break is March 11-15, 2024
- 2nd Facilities Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00pm
- Foundation Pep Rally is Saturday, March 23 at 5:30pm
- Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, March 25 at 6:00pm
- 3rd Facilities Committee Meeting is Wednesday, March 28 at 6:00pm (*if needed*)

There being no further business, Rieken made a motion, seconded by Amsler to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarman, and Rieken. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary