

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2024

President Craig Stadtmueller called the first public hearing on the 2024-25 certified budget to order at 6:00pm on Monday, March 25, 2024 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Comments from one member of the public included: The Board needs to concentrate on the needs and not the wants of the district, when managing the budget to look at the things that are necessary, and to teach the real stuff that needs to be taught. There were no other public comments. Stadtmueller closed the public hearing at 6:02pm.

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, March 25, 2024 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, and was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Craig Stadtmueller. Stadtmueller also led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary, Judy Hayden, did roll call. The following directors were present: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Absent: None. Also present were: Judy Hayden, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Kim Brooks, Robyn Ponder, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Denny Folken, Andy McKean, and a few community members.

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

Congratulations were extended to: The Jazz Band for their 3rd place finish at the Coe College Jazz Summit; Head Football Coach Wes Wilson on receiving the Iowa Football Coaches Association's Class 2A "Coach of the Year" award; the HS Jazz Band on their 1st place finish at NEIBA! This means we have qualified for the Iowa Jazz Championships!! Alan Arriaga-Rangel, Alex Oswald, and Rylan Bertling all earned honorable mention soloist awards; the Monticello Middle School Jazz Band! They received a I rating at the NEIBA Jazz Fest. Monticello MS students also took home 3 of the 5 soloist awards! Congratulations to Mary Grace Lyons (alto sax) and Aiden Grant (trombone) for their honorable mentions, and to Cameron Pasker (bari sax) who received the Outstanding Soloist award; our Panther Dancers Madison Ward, Kaylin Noll, Myra Wilson, Cameron Vargason, Arrianna Jones, and Seneca Freeze who made the 43rd Annual All Iowa Honor Dance Team; Jayden Kuper on being named to 1st Team All-State Iowa Girls Coaches Association, 1st Team All-State Iowa Print Sports Writers Association, the Gazette All Area Team, and was 1st Team Class 3A All-State Des Moines Register. She is the first Monticello Girls Basketball Player to do this; Jonah Luensman on making the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association 1st Team Academic All State (GPA 3.75 - 4+); the following students who qualified for Business Professionals of America (BPA) Nationals in Chicago: C++ - 1st place, River Smith; Python Programming - 2nd, River Smith; Personal Financial Management - 1st, Alex Oswald; Advance Spreadsheet Application - 2nd, Alex Oswald; Basic Office System and Procedures- 4th, Alex Oswald; Fundamental Desktop Publishing - 2nd, Royce Kiburz; Linux Operating Systems - 2nd, Dawson Naylor; Prepared Speech - 3rd, Destiny Wall; Parliamentary Procedures Team -3rd, Mace Schnoor, Lake Schnoor, Aedan Althoff, Grant Gassman, Leah Koehler; Broadcast News Production Team - 3rd, Jessica Stadtmueller, Emma Schwendinger, Lydia Ahlrichs; Fundamental Desktop Publishing, 3rd - Ella Sauser; Fundamentals of Word Processing- 1st, Ella Sauser; Ethics and Professionalism - 2nd, Taylor Gassman; and Interview Skills - 2nd, Taylor Gassman; Alan Arriaga-Rangel, River Smith, and Alex Oswald who were selected to the 1A/2A All State Jazz Band via audition and will represent us at the IBA conference in May.

Andy McKean, former legislator who is going to see re-election, has been speaking to the school boards in Jones and Jackson counties and wanted to speak to the Board about some upcoming bills and hear their thoughts on them. They included: school vouchers, arming teachers, SSA, teacher pay, AEA, books in libraries, and required social studies curriculum.

Principals Denny Folken, Todd Werner, and Nick Schauf each gave their building report.

Elementary Principal Denny Folken: On March 1st, he attended a teacher fair with Brooke Scott at UNI. We did a meet & greet in the morning and then some interviews in the afternoon. It was a good way to connect with future teachers. Heather Hansen did a great job with our "Read Across America" week with the theme of Camp Read-A-Lot, they did some fun activities including having high school students reading to the Shannon students, Mrs. Toenjes' high school clothing class sewed stuffed monsters that the preschoolers had created on

paper, and the high school Band students went to Carpenter and did some sound activities with the students. Spring Break was a nice break before we start with conferences this week.

Middle School Principal Todd Werner: the 7th and 8th grade students got to attend the high school spring play matinee, we celebrated 'School Social Worker' week – thank you to Amanda Kelchen, Tera Martin, and Mike Millsap for all they do for our students. We held a MAP assembly where we celebrated the top 3 students in each grade level who made the most growth which included a pie-in-the-face activity with staff. We have ISASP testing coming up and are preparing students for them. This week is parent teacher conferences and hope we have a great turnout.

High School Principal Nick Schauf: we are getting ready for parent teacher conferences this week. We also have ISASP testing coming up and will do some practice with our students next week. The FFA State Conference is coming up in April. We are working on the master schedule for next year. We have great people working in our building who are always working on getting better and providing great experiences for our students. The A&P class will be visiting a cadaver lab soon, the first time since COVID. We are so glad our students are able to go on field trips again.

Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder: earlier she updated the Board on the SIAC recommendations for next year, so she quickly went over them.

Superintendent Jaeger: the facilities committee has met twice and will meet again this Wednesday. We've had some great discussions and think the plan of going out for a vote on a new elementary is becoming clearer. The committee has been hearing everything on the plan and their job is to decide if the community can get behind the plan and then ask the Board to hold an election in November for a new elementary. On Monday, April 1st we will be having a staff appreciation breakfast, all staff and board members are invited. A special thank you to the Monticello School Foundation on a great pep rally and alumni reunion on Saturday. They put so much time, thought, and energy into the event and we really appreciate their support; they are very passionate about helping our schools.

Business Manager Marcy Gillmore reported due to the state not setting the State Supplemental Aid (SSA), we do not have any updates to the 2024-25 certified budget. The letters from the county auditor's office were mailed out with the proposed tax dollars and they are very confusing. One community member stated that they were useless, misleading, and confusing.

A motion was made by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to set April 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm as the date & time for the second public hearing on the 2024-25 budget. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the increase in Panther Academy non-school days and summer rates as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) recommendations as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rieken, seconded by Norton to approve the second and final reading of the following Board policy: #414.0 Licensed Employee Evaluation, as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission Program participation agreement for 2024-25 as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The Board wanted the public to know that we the Monticello School Foundation held a great Alumni Reunion and Pep Rally on March 23 and wanted to thank all of members of the Foundation for all of their hard work on that event every year. We are luck to have such a great Foundation that supports our teachers & schools. They also wanted to thank the businesses and community members that donated this year and every year. They also thanked the honorees of that night, Denny & Lisa Folken, for all they have done for our schools and community.

Board member Mark Rieken would like to have a discussion on a curriculum review committee at a future work session.

The following announcements were made:

- Next Facilities Committee Meeting is Wednesday, March 28 at 6:00pm
- Next Work Session is Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00pm
- Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, April 22 at 6:00pm

There being no further business, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Norton to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm and move to the Exempt Session. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary