

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2025

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, May 19, 2025 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, and was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Craig Stadtmueller. 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, and Rieken. Absent: Norton and Schlarmann. Also present were: Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Keegan Arduser with The Monticello Express, Nick Thumma, Robyn Ponder, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Shannon Kehoe, and Katie Harms.

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

Congratulations were extended to: to the Class of 2025; SODA members Cole Bouska, Carlos Lagunes-Torres, and Caleb Tubbs for winning first place in both the Radio and Video divisions of the Lights! Camera! Prevention! PSA Competition through Iowa State University; the 8th grade girls track team that placed 1st and the 7th grade on placing 2nd at West Branch. Kenya Davis-Robinson also broke her long jump record at 16' 3.5". The 7th & 8th grade boys also took first place at West Branch. Congratulations to Landry Schauf for breaking the 10-flight hurdle record; our Music Department has received the Best Communities for Music Education Award from The NAMM Foundation for the 4th year in a row!! Congratulations to Nick Thumma, Donna Wall, Ellen Ellis, Brett Kniess, and Tony Butterworth! Principal's Reports (Elementary/Middle School/High School); BPA members who competed at the National Leadership Conference a few weeks ago. We had several students that just missed the opportunity to be recognized on stage for top 10 - those included River Smith, Royce Kiburz, and Ella Sauser. All the students did a great job in their competitions and were great representatives of Monticello High School BPA. Those students attending and competing at NLC included: Mace Schnoor, Lydia Ahrichs, River Smith, Roth Schnoor, Grant Gassman, Ella Sauser, Dawson Naylor, and Royce Kiburz; the MS girls track at the RVC North Conference meet, the 7th graders placed 3rd and 8th graders placed 2nd. Kenya Davis-Robinson set the RVC North 8th grade long jump record at 16' 1" and the 100m 8th grade girls school record at 13.16. Mary Grace Lyons set the RVC North 8th grade 800m record at 2:31.72 and 1500m record at 5:13.01 (1500 is also an 8th grade girls school record). And the 4x100 8th grade relay set an 8th grade school record at 54.59 and placed 2nd. Relay runners were Emerlynn Wright, Kayla Arduser, Jorja Jacobs, and Kenya Davis-Robinson. Congrats on a great season; Mary Grace Lyons who represented the Panthers and placed 2nd at the Middle School State Track meet in Waukee. Lyons ran a 1500m of 5:06.12! Lyons also ran the 800m and placed 5th among 1A/2A 8th grade girls with a time of 2:34.73; the 7th and 8th grade boys track team on placing 1st at the RVC North Track Meet! 8th Grade 1600 Meter Medley of Wyatt Wilson, Hayden Hackney, Landry Schauf and Jack Jesenovec broke the conference record with 4:05.81; MS Boys Track School Records Broken: 800 Meter Medley Relay (aka Sprint Medley Relay): Wyatt Wilson, Hayden Hackney, Vaughn Hawkins and Landry Schauf: Time 1:45.62; Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Wyatt Wilson, Landry Schauf, Hayden Hackney and Greg Allardyce: Time 1:07.31; 4 X 100 M Relay: Wyatt Wilson, Landry Schauf, Hayden Hackney and Vaughn Hawkins: Time 47.92; 4 X 200 M Relay: Wyatt Wilson, Landry Schauf, Hayden Hackney and Vaughn Hawkins: Time 1:40.87; 4 X 400 M Relay: Wyatt Wilson, Jack Jesenovec, Vaughn Hawkins, and Hayden Hackney: Time 3:52.45; 10 Flight Hurdles Landry Schauf: Time: 15.31; Conference Records Broken: Distance Medley Relay: Jack Jesenovec, Landry Schauf, Hayden Hackney and Wyatt Wilson: Time: 4:05.81; 4 X 400: Wyatt Wilson, Jack Jesenovec, Vaughn Hawkins, and Hayden Hackney: Time 3:52.45; 7th grade: Shot Put: Gavin Gogel throw of 35' 7"; Girls STATE Track Qualifiers: 4 x 800-Peyton Ries, Brynn Schmit, Ava Capron, Leah Koehler, Alternate: Brianna Kearney; Distance Medley-Laila Atkinson, Ava Zimmerman, Peyton Ries, Leah Koehler, Alternate: Addie Norton; 800 & 1500: Leah Koehler; Boys STATE Track Qualifiers: 200 & 400 Meter Dash: Tate Jesenovec; 110 High Hurdles: Urijah Etzel; Discus: Lincoln Schneiter; 4 x400 Meter Relay: Tait Luensman, Isaac Kray, Grant Gassman, Tate Jesenovec, Alternate: Alex Jamison.

Principals Shannon Kehoe, Todd Werner, and Nick Schauf each gave their building report.

Elementary Principal Shannon Kehoe: May is a month of celebrations! We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week and Support Staff Week and now the Board members. It's also a busy month; we had our walk-a-thon last week, summer reading assemblies will be this week along with the University of Iowa Steel Drum Band at Carpenter on Friday. Next week will be the fun day on Tuesday. Wanted to share some attendance success, at

Shannon this year our average daily attendance has been 96.2% and at Carpenter 96.6%. The new attendance policies have helped!

Middle School Principal Todd Werner: We've also taken time this month to celebrate our staff. FAST testing has been completed, and our 5th graders recently participated in School of the Wild—an experience that's always a favorite among both students and staff. Thanks to generous donations, we raised more than enough for the 8th grade canoe trip. The extra funds will carry over with the class. A big thank you to everyone who contributed!

High School Principal Nick Schauf: A big thank you to our incredible staff this month—and to the Board as well! May is always a busy time at the high school. Spring sports and activities are wrapping up, and last week SODA hosted their "Natural High Day," along with our American Heart Association assembly. Our annual Community Cleanup Day was a success—students did a fantastic job helping to beautify the community. We also hosted the district track meet and are incredibly grateful to all the volunteers who made it possible. We truly have the best volunteers in the state! This week, we celebrate our seniors: Honors Night is on Tuesday, followed by the traditional senior walk-through and breakfast on Wednesday, and graduation on Sunday.

Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder: Robyn shared our initial ISASP results and provided an update on the District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP). Last week, Robyn, Shannon Kehoe, and approximately 15 other staff members attended the Adaptive Schools Training, which was noted as a highly valuable training.

Superintendent Jaeger: Dr. Jaeger expressed his appreciation to the Board members in celebration of Board Recognition Month by presenting each with a certificate and a goody bag. Thank you for your time, commitment, and dedication to Monticello Schools!

Katie Harms from OPN Architects provided an update on the progress of the new elementary building, shared updated renderings of the building exterior and entry design, gym alternate layouts, playground designer, and commercial new construction program and energy rebate.

Motion by Amsler, seconded by Rieken to approve the 2025-2026 Fee Schedule as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the 2025-2026 substitute pay as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Amsler, seconded by Rieken to approve the quote from Apple in the amount \$24,272 for middle school staff computers as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the first reading of the following board policies as presented: #503.14 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices, #503.14R1 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices Regulation, Policies to be reviewed annually: #607.1 Long Range Needs Assessment, #607.1R1 Long Range Needs Assessment Regulation, #608.3 Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement, #608.3R1 Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Regulation, #504.1 Educational Records, #504.1E1 Student Records Request Form for Parents or Students, #504.1E2 Student Records Request Form for Other Parties Request of Nonparent, #504.1E3 Authorization for Release of Student Records, #504.1E4 Notification of Transfer of Student Records, #504.1E5 Request for Hearing on Correction of Student Records, #504.1E6 Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of Subpoena, #504.1E7 Annual Notice Regarding Student Records, #504.1E8 Juvenile Justice Agency Information Sharing Agreement, #504.1R1 Education Records Access – Regulations, #504.3 Student Directory Information, #504.3R1 Student Directory Information Regulation, #504.3E2 Objection to Release of Student Directory Information, #504.2 Library Circulation Records. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board member activity reports: Tony Amsler has been meeting with different staff and program directors and recently met with Cindy Melchert, Teacher at the Transition Center, and was impressed with the program. What a great asset to our district. Tony will also be attending the IASB Summit on Student Success on June 11. Mark Rieken recently attended both the band concert and the vocal music dessert concert. Both events were well attended, and the students clearly enjoyed themselves—kudos to the Music Department! Craig Stadtmueller is looking forward to Honors Night tomorrow and shared that several Monticello students will be recognized by Kirkwood Community College.

The Board would like the public to know that the staff's extra effort during ISASP testing has truly paid off. Thank you to our dedicated staff!

There were no agenda items suggested for future work sessions.

The following announcements were made:

- Graduation is Sunday, May 25 at 2:00pm at the Football Field
- Last day of school is May 28 with 1:00pm early dismissal
- Next Work Session is June 11 at 6:00pm
- Next Board Meeting is June 23 at 6:00pm

There being no further business, Rieken made a motion, seconded by Amsler to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary