

## **Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2025**

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, June 23, 2025 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, and was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice President Mandy Norton. Norton led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary Judy Hayen did roll call. The following directors were present: Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Absent: Stadtmueller. Also present were: Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Kegan Arduser, Nick Schauf, and Nick Thumma.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the agenda as presented with the exception of tabling Item #3.03-Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by Brenda Leonard with Jones Co Emergency Management until the July 28 board meeting. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to: Pete Temple on his retirement from the Monticello Express; the girls 4x8 team of Peyton Ries, Brynn Schmit, Ava Capron and Leah Koehler who place 5th at state; the girls Distance Medley team of Laila Atkinson, Ava Zimmerman, Peyton Ries and Leah Koehler who placed 4th at state; Leah Koehler who placed 5th in the 800 and 8th in the 1500 (new school record) at girl's state track; girls track coach Val Lynn on receiving her 25-year coaching award at state; Lincoln Schneiter who placed 4th in the discus at state track; Tate Jesenovec on placing 18th in the open 200 and 12th in the open 400 at state track; Urijah Etzel on his 21st place finish in the 110 high hurdles at state track; and the boys 4x400 meter relay team of Tate Jesenovec, Tait Luensman, Grant Gassman, and Isaac Kray on their 10th place finish at state!

Roger Worm and Nick Duffy with OPN Architects updated the Board on the progress of the new elementary building, shared updated renderings of the building exterior and some interior designs, as well as playground design. They also shared information on the commercial new construction program and energy rebate.

High School Principal Nick Schauf shared his building update: Upgrades at the high school are underway, with new carpet already being installed in classrooms and painting scheduled to begin in July. Plans for next summer include updating classroom furniture. Preparations for the upcoming school year are already in motion, and a special thank you goes out to our custodial staff for all their hard work this summer!

Superintendent Jaeger's report: Dr. Jaeger has been reviewing and updating board policies—47 of them are up for approval on this agenda! Summer sports are in full swing, and progress continues on the new elementary school, with plans for bids to go out early fall. Mark your calendars: A dedication ceremony for the new monument sign—donated by the Class of 1965—will be held on August 23 in conjunction with their class reunion.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Jester Insurance for the storm protection fund as presented. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the resolution to participate in the Storm Protection Fund and Hail Risk Pool Fund as presented. By roll call vote: Norton, aye; Schlarmann, aye; Rieken, aye; and Amsler, aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to table Item #4.03 Consider Approval of Resolution for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan until the July 28, 2025 board meeting. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the following 2025-26 Staff Handbooks as presented: District Teacher Handbook, Administrative Staff Handbook, Support Staff Handbook, and Panther Academy Staff Handbook. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the first reading of the following Board policies as presented: #102.0 Equal Educational Opportunity, #102.0E1 Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination, #102.0E2 Continuous Notice of Nondiscrimination, #102.0E3 Notice of Section 504 Student and Parental Rights, #102.1 General Grievance Procedure, #203.2 Officers of the Board of Directors – Secretary, #302.0 Administrator Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment, #303.3 Superintendent Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment, #401.1 Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Compliance Program, #403.0 Reporting Child Abuse, #403.2 Limitations to Employment References, #404.0 Employee Records, #405.0 Family and Medical Leave, #405.0F1 Family and Medical Leave Notice to Employees, #405.0F2 Family and Medical Leave Request Form, #406.3 Unpaid Leaves of Absence, #501.6 Open Enrollment Procedures, #502.1R1 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy, #504.1 Educational Records, #600.2 Multicultural and Gender Fair Education, #703.1 Video Cameras in School Buildings and on School Grounds, #803.6 Expenditures for a Public Purpose, #803.6R1 Expenditures for a Public Purpose-Regulation, #803.7 Internal Controls, #803.7R1 Internal Controls-Regulation, #804.1 School District Records, and #1001.5 Public Examination of School District Records. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the second and final 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: Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Board member activity reports: John Schlarmann thanked the principals for their reports at the June 11 meeting, very informative!

The Board would like the public to know that the elementary school project is moving along well and extend their sincere thanks to Pete Temple for all he has done, especially for his coverage of board meetings. Congratulations on your retirement, Pete!

The following announcements were made:

- No July Work Session
- Next Board Meeting is July 28 at 6:00pm

There being no further business, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Rieken to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Ayes: Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Mandy Norton, Vice President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary