

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education Special Meeting of October 8, 2025

The Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 in the Board Room at the High School at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board President Craig Stadtmueller. Board member Mandy 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: Mandy Norton, Mark Rieken, and Craig Stadtmueller. Absent: Tony Amsler and John Schlarmann. Superintendent Brian Jaeger, Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Robyn Ponder, and Nick Thumma were also present.

Motion made by Norton, seconded by Rieken to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed:

- **Future Capital Projects by Brian Jaeger** – Dr. Jaeger shared with the Board a list of completed, ongoing, and potential future capital projects.
- **2025-2026 Superintendent Goals by Brian Jaeger** – Dr. Jaeger presented his goals for the year to the Board, and they reviewed his evaluation process. The Board agreed to continue with the current process.
- **Legislative Forum Discussion by Brian Jaeger** – Dr. Jaeger asked the Board whether they would like him to organize a legislative forum again this year and keep the same format as last year. The Board agreed.
- **Annual Treasurer's Report by Marcy Gillmore** – Marcy gave her annual Treasurer's report. The district remains in solid financial condition. Both solvency and unspent authorized budget ratios are within healthy ranges. Spending levels are on target, with expenditures closely aligned to the certified budget. Investment balances and fund reserves position the district well for future needs.
- **Iowa School Performance Profile Presentation by Robyn Ponder** - The Board reviewed the 2025 Iowa School Performance Profile (ISPP) data for Monticello Community School District. The district performed above the state average in all measured areas, with particularly strong results in math, English language arts, and science proficiency, as well as high growth and participation rates. Chronic absenteeism remained low across all schools, and graduation rates and post-secondary readiness were strong. School designations included High Performing for the Middle School and Commendable for the High School and Carpenter Elementary, with the High School's rating slightly reduced due to a targeted designation. Overall, the ISPP data reflected strong academic achievement, student engagement, and district-wide success.

Motion by Norton, seconded by Rieken to approve the financial agreements with Piper Sandler as presented which included: Engagement Letter for Sales Tax Bonds, Financial Service Agreement for GO Bonds, and Dissemination Agent Agreement for Secondary Market Disclosures. (Travis Squires from Piper Sandler joined via Zoom to explain the three agreements.) Ayes: Norton, Rieken, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Norton, seconded by Rieken to approve the personnel items as presented. Ayes: Norton, Rieken, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Norton made a motion, seconded by Rieken to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm.
Ayes: Norton, Rieken, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary