

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education Special Meeting of October 14, 2026

The Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 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. Secretary Judy Hayen did roll call. The following directors were present: Mandy Norton, Creighton Randolph, Tony Amsler, and Craig Stadtmueller. Absent: John Schlarmann. Superintendent Brian Jaeger, Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Rebecca Dewitte, Pat Kelly, Michelle & Dave Hosch, Dylan Shaffer, Ava Moestchen, Jessi Jones, and Kegan Arduser were also present.

Motion made by Norton, seconded by Randolph, to approve the agenda as presented with moving Dennis Dirks' retirement celebration to the November 11 board meeting. Ayes: Norton, Randolph, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Jaeger and President Stadtmueller expressed their gratitude to Michelle Hosch for her seven years of service to MCSD, following her retirement on October 2, 2026, and presented her with a plaque. Thank you, Michelle!

The following items were discussed:

- Revenue Bond Options– Travis Squires with Piper Sandler presented (*virtually*) the options for the revenue bonds and the project finance plan. The Board will make a decision at their October 26 meeting.
- Outdoor Sustainability Education Program (OSEP) Middle School Trip– Dylan Shaffer and students Ava Moestchen and Jessi Jones presented on their OSEP trip they took to Grand Island National Recreation Area in Michigan in early September. What a great learning experience!
- Legislative Forum Discussion– 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 with the possibility of opening it up to a few more legislators.
- Annual Treasurer's Report– Marcy Gillmore 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.
- PPEL Timeline – Dr. Jaeger outlined the timeline for the March Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) election. The Board agreed to keep the tax rate unchanged at \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value (\$0.67 voter-approved and \$0.33 board-approved) and will have a resolution approved at either the October or November Board meeting to call for an election.

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

Motion by Norton seconded by Amsler to approve the appointment of Tony Amsler as the delegate for the IASB Delegate Assembly on November 18, with Creighton Randolph attending as a mentee. Ayes: Norton, Randolph, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Norton, seconded by Randolph to approve the alternate Post Prom fundraiser of selling Casey's cards instead of a basketball tournament as presented. Ayes: Norton, Randolph, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Norton made a motion, seconded by Randolph to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Ayes: Norton, Randolph, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Secretary