

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024

President Craig Stadtmueller called the public hearing on amending the current budget to order at 6:02pm on Monday, April 22, 2024 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Business Manger Marcy Gillmore explained that we needed to amend the budget due to the inflation on food and supplies and Panther Academy's increase in enrollment/having two sites, and the land purchase. No public comments were received. Stadtmueller closed the public hearing at 6:04pm.

President Craig Stadtmueller called the public hearing on the 2024-25 certified budget to order at 6:04pm on Monday, April 22, 2024 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Business Manger Marcy Gillmore presented the budget that was published in the paper, stating we published high, but the Board will approve the rate later tonight. No public comments were received. Stadtmueller closed the public hearing at 6:05pm.

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, April 22, 2024 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, and was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Craig Stadtmueller. Board Member John Schlarmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary, Judy Hayen, did roll call. The following directors were present: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Absent: None. Also present were: Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Mary Jane Maher, Angie Kurt-Sconsa, Todd Hospodarsky, Robyn Ponder, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner (arrived at 6:21pm), Denny Folken, and several certified staff.

Board member Mark Rieken suggested moving item 4.01-Consider Approval of Resolution Calling an Election on the Proposition of Issuing General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Carrying Out School Building Projects to after item 4.11- Consider Approval of Last Day of School/Weather Make Up Days.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Norton to approve the agenda as presented with moving item 4.01 to after item 4.11. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to: the community, district, staff, and students on being recognized as a "Best Community for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation for the third year in a row; River Smith and Rylan Bertling for earning outstanding performer awards at the Iowa Jazz Championships; Alan Arriaga-Rangel for earning one of four outstanding soloist awards for the 2A class at the Iowa Jazz Championships; Miranda Rieken for earning the Outstanding Performer award for her center at the IHSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival; Karli Schwendinger, Alex Oswald, and River Smith on their selection to the Coe College Honor Band; the high school chorus had nineteen 9th-12th grade students receive Division I (Superior) ratings at Solo & Ensemble Contest; the Monticello FFA chapter had 28 members participate at the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference held in Ames Iowa on April 14 - 16. Kendall Siebels received a Gold rating in Ag Radio Broadcasting placing in the top 5. The Ag Sales team of Lilly Stoll, Keegan McElmeel, Grant Gassman, and Porter Campbell received a Silver rating with Porter Campbell placing 10th in the individual sales practicum out of over 300 participants. The Farm Business Management team of Reed Brunscheen, Will Wolken, Brennan Bohlken, and Alex Prull received a Silver rating. Macy Dusanek, Lily Moestchen, and Quinn Thomas received a silver rating in Marketing Plan while working with Traqnology field painting. Kinzi Schlarmann, Baylor Holub, Tate Jesenovec, and Kendall Siebels received a silver rating in Ag Biotechnology. The Ag Communications team of Royce Kiburz, Claire Hogan, Rylan Bertling, and Collin Cashner received a bronze rating. The Chapter Activity Display by Alyssa Wickman, Kinzi Schlarmann, and Haili Schlarmann highlighting the NHS/FFA garden plot received a gold rating and several inquiries from other FFA Advisors about the project and logistics so that they may try to implement something similar. Last, but most importantly, the Monticello FFA had 16 members receive their State FFA Degree, in which only 4 % of all members receive. The following members attained this level: Alyssa Wickman, Hali Schlarmann, Kinzi Schlarmann, Leah Koehler, Ava Capron, Reed Brunscheen, Will Wolken, Brennan Bohlken, Benjamin Zirkelbach, Tyler Soppe, Royce Kiburz, Keaton Hermsen, Baylor Holub, Tate Jesenovec, Logan Moestchen, and Alex Prull. Congratulations to all!

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

Elementary Principal Denny Folken: April has been a busy month so far! We held our staff appreciation breakfast, the iSmile dental screenings took place, MS Band Instructor Ellen Ellis has been meeting with our fourth graders about band; Spring PTO pictures are done; we finished up ISASP testing; the kindergartners went on a field trip to the Herbert Hoover Museum; Vision to Learn screenings started today; in honor of Earth Day the kindergartners helped pick up around Shannon; we will be administering the Conditions for Learning surveys this week; we will finish up FAST and MAP testing this month; and May looks just as fun and busy with lots of activities.

High School Principal Nick Schauf: The spring sports season is here, with baseball and softball starting next week; the last of the high school concerts are wrapping up with the Dessert Concert on May 7; May 6 will be our Community Day of Caring with all high school students helping clean up our community; we will be having our American Heart Association assembly in a few weeks and SODA will be celebrating *National High Day*; some important senior dates are coming up: Honors night is May 14, seniors walking thru buildings and breakfast on May 15, and graduation is May 19. Mark Rieken asked Mr. Schauf if we could put out an announcement that they are looking for volunteers for the 4th of July parade to the high school students for silver service hours.

Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder: Robyn went over the curriculum and technology purchases that are on this agenda. All of the curriculum that she is asking to purchase will be paid for by grants. Thank you to the Monticello School Foundation for their grant!

Middle School Principal Todd Werner: We've finished up ISASP testing; we held our PBIS *Minute to Win It* assembly; I want to thank the middle school and high school staff and also the middle school students that helped during the tornado warning last week, they handled everything with ease and did a great job getting everyone to safe spots; the communication was great and it's good we practice those drills.

Superintendent Jaeger: Thank you to the school facilities committee for their planning and getting the signatures needed on the petitions to call for an election. At an upcoming work session, I would like to take a tour to the Fraser land we purchased so we can start thinking about what we want to do with the land, buildings/bins, etc. Thank you to Theisen's for moving quickly and getting the old middle school tore down, it looks great. On the consent agenda tonight is our annual agreement with the City for the softball and baseball fields.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the 2023-2024 amended certified budget as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the 2024-25 certified budget as presented with \$400,000 going to the management fund, an increase in income surtax on the instructional support levy to 5% and a decrease in PPEL income surtax to 1%, for a total levy rate of \$14.66212 (last year was 14.66006). Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the 2024-2027 Professional Negotiations Agreement between the Monticello Education Association (MEA) and the Monticello Community School District as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the 2024-25 certified, non-certified, and administrative contracts as presented. Non-certified and administrative staff will receive an increase of 0.94%, and certified staff a \$500 increase (excluding those covered by the new teacher pay law passed by the Governor including nurses, social workers, and counselors). Ayes: Schlarmann, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: Rieken. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the 2024-25 substitute pay as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to accept the bid from Marco Technologies, LLC for the printer and copier lease as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to accept the bid from Riverside Technologies Inc. for chromebooks as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Norton to approve the bid from Apple, Inc. for iPads as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the School Counseling, Industrial Technology, Vo-Ag and Family Consumer Science Curriculum as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried. This will be at no cost to the district due to grants and the Monticello School Foundation.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve May 22, 2024 as the last day of school for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the Resolution Calling an Election on the Proposition of Issuing General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Carrying Out School Building Projects (new elementary) as presented with the note that we need to look at how much we can spend from our SAVE account and to keep our tax rate down. By roll call vote: Schlarmann, aye; Rieken, aye; Amsler, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; and Norton, aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Board member activity reports: John stated that he attended the National FFA Convention and that it was neat to see kids excited for agriculture and FFA. Thank you to Mr. Schmitt for doing a great job as their advisor and keeping them involved and getting them to the next level. Tony stated that since he's been elected he's been in the buildings and meeting with administrators, leadership teams, and organizations. The groups have been very helpful and it has been enlightening to meet with all of them.

The Board wanted the public to know that we approved the budget, the last day of school is May 22, 2024-25 contracts will be going out this week, and we will be having a school bond election in November for a new elementary. Dr. Jaeger and the Board also wanted to thank the Monticello School Foundation for their donation for the curriculum approved tonight. They also thanked Robyn Ponder for her work on receiving the grants for the curriculum.

Doing a tour of the land we purchased as well as deciding what to do with the buildings/bins on that land was an agenda item for a future work session. Also coming up with a timeline and plan with OPN Architects on getting the word out on a new elementary was also suggested. Dr. Jaeger will be meeting with OPN this week to discuss all of that.

The following announcements were made:

- Iowa School Board Recognition Month is May
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10
- Next Work Session is Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00pm

- Support Staff Appreciation Week is May 13-17
- Graduation is Sunday, May 19 at 2:00pm at the Football Field
- Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, May 20 at 6:00pm

The Board took a short break, then at 7:01pm, Norton made a motion, seconded by Schlarmann to table the closed session (*as provided by the Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session*) to a later meeting. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Since it was no longer needed, the exempt session scheduled for after the meeting was cancelled.

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

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary