

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, May 20, 2024 in the Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, and was called to order at 6:00 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, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Absent: None. Also present were: Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Mary Jane Maher, Kim Carlson, Kelli Osterkamp, Robyn Ponder, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, and Denny Folken.

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

Congratulations were extended to: the High School Band for earning a Division I Superior rating at the Iowa High School Music Association State Large Group Contest; the following SODA students on winning 3rd place in the Light, Camera, Prevention video PSA contest through Iowa State University: Caleb Tubbs, Carlos Lagunes-Torres, Karli Schwendinger, Rylan Bertling, and Cole Bouska; the 3C third grade students have read over 1,000 books this year, way to go; to the middle school girls track team for competing at the RVC North track championships. Kenya Robinson-Davis broke the RVC North 100 meter record with a time of 13.62 and placed 1st. Mary-Grace Lyons broke the Monticello 7th grade 1500 record with a time of 5:33.33 and placed 1st. And the 7th grade girls' team were RVC North Champions; these 7th grade boys who broke a school record in the sprint medley: Jack Jesenovec, Hayden Hackney, Landry Schauf, and Wyatt Wilson; the following girls state track qualifiers: 4 x 400 - Peyton Ries, Keziah McQuillen, Ava Capron, Marisa Kehoe; 4 x 800 -Peyton Ries, Ava Capron, Leah Koehler, Marisa Kehoe; 400 - Marisa Kehoe, and 800 -Marisa Kehoe; the following boys state track qualifiers: shot put - Preston Ries and Zach Yates; discus - Zach Yates and Preston Ries; 3200 meter Run - Aedan Althoff; 800 meter run - Ty Tallman; the Class of 2024; Alex Oswald who placed in the top ten of Advanced Spreadsheet Applications and Administrative Support Concepts and Taylor Gassman who placed in the top ten of Ethics and Professionalism at the BPA National Leadership Conference!

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

Elementary Principal Denny Folken: We just completed our assessments. Lots of field trips and activities this month: 1st grade & 4th grade did their transition visits, PTO held their walk-a-thon, the grandparents breakfasts went well, visiting the library and learning about the summer reading program, the U of I steel drum band performed at Carpenter, preschool graduation, book exchange, and our PTO Fun Day is tomorrow.

Middle School Principal Todd Werner: We also have had several field trips and activities going on in May. School of the Wild was last week, our 8th grade canoe trip was today, and tomorrow is the 5th & 6th grade track & field day. We celebrated our staff appreciation weeks and I can't thank everyone enough, we couldn't run an effective school without all of you! We finished up our testing and our ISASP scores look great so far.

High School Principal Nick Schauf: the 5-12 band round up was held in May, along with our Dessert Concert, both were fun nights. Seniors finished up the year with final tests and projects and then Honors Night and Graduation. Graduation went well; thanks to the Board, teachers, secretaries, administration, and maintenance staff for making it a successful day!

Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder: We received the individual reports back on our ISASP testing and staff are starting to look at those. We won't have the overall reports with scores for a few months. Summer school is going to be held again this year for students in grades K-3. We have all sorts of summer professional learning planned for our staff which includes: reading, science, math, PLC, special education, mentoring and induction, and also an Associates Academy. Thank you to the Foundation for their \$17,000 grant for our iPads!

Superintendent Jaeger: Each month I will update everyone on the elementary school bond election. I've done some videos, an article in the newsletter, and our website has a section just for this. I want to congratulate Aiden Phelps on earning 61 Kirkwood credits! May is School Board Recognition Month and want to thank the Board for all they do. Each board member received a certificate and also have cupcakes tonight.

Kim Carlson presented on the high school auditorium lighting project. Our current lighting in the auditorium has been failing and is 26 years old. The bulbs and parts are getting hard to find and currently have about 20 of the 60 lights that are working. The new lights will be LED, energy efficient, and more versatile in colors and designs. If approved, the work and upgrades could be done by this fall.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the lighting upgrade to the high school auditorium with Gopher Stage Lighting in the amount of \$154,572.35 as presented. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

(This includes the Board policies that need to be approved annually: 206.4 Annual Meeting (Treasurers Annual Report), 501.6 Open Enrollment Procedures (Insufficient Classroom Space), 600.1 Educational Program (Goals and Objectives Educational Program), 601.1 School Calendar, 605.4 Technology and Instructional Materials, 606.1 Graduation Requirements, 608.3 Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement (Parental Involvement), 701.1 School Food Program, 702.2 Transportation of Non-Resident and Non-Public School Students, 702.4 Extra-Curricular Activities Transportation Service, 702.5 Summer School Transportation Service, 801.1 Planning the Budget, 803.5 Audit, 901.5 Maintenance Schedule (Facilities Inspection), 902.5 Warning System and Emergency Plans.)

Board member activity reports: The Board felt the graduation ceremony went well, but would like to take a look at ways to improve it for next year.

The Board wanted the public to know that we are always looking at ways to improve our current buildings and keeping them maintained. For example: high school auditorium upgrades.

Graduation for the 2024-25 school year was an agenda item for a future work session; including the venue, ADA, and elderly access.

The following announcements were made:

- Last day of school is May 22 with 1:00pm early dismissal
- Next Work Session is June 12 at 6:00pm
- Next Board Meeting is June 24 at 6:00pm

The Board took a short break, then at 7:02pm, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Norton to move to 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*). By roll call vote: Amsler, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; Norton, aye; Schlarmann, aye; and Rieken, aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 7:38pm, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Norton to reconvene to open session. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Amsler made a motion, seconded by Norton to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Ayes: Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Rieken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary