

## **Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2024**

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, August 26, 2024, in the Board Room at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Board President Craig Stadtmueller called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Stadtmueller also led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary, Judy Hayen, did roll call. The following directors were present: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Absent: None. Others present were Judy Hayen, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Shannon Guyer, Shannon Kehoe, Todd Werner, Nick Schauf, and Robyn Ponder.

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

Celebrations: We've had a successful New Teacher Orientation Day and Professional Development days; Thanks to all our staff for a wonderful Open House and thanks to Jones Regional Medical Center, Citizens State Bank, Fareway, United Church, and Ohnward Bank & Trust for providing food for our welcome back days.

Principals Shannon Kehoe, Todd Werner, and Nick Schauf each gave their building reports which included: a big shout out to our custodians for their work this summer making our buildings and grounds look great! Open House night was well attended at each school, great to see so many parents and students. The Administrative Team attended the SAI Conference the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August, and we are all looking forward to this school year.

Robyn Ponder, Curriculum Director gave her report: Thank you to our technology staff of Morgan Murray, Michael Robertson, Kim Carlson, and Heather Hansen for getting technology ready for this school year; new printers and copiers were installed this summer; online registration is going well; we are starting to use Clever as a single sign-on software; and the District Continuous Improvement Team met to work on their goals for this school year.

Dr. Jaeger gave his Superintendent's report. He thanked the Class of 1965 for the monument sign out in front of the High School, with special thanks to Deb Bowman, Johnnie Bader, and Dave Balster. He also gave an update on the elementary school bond election. We are busy getting information out to the public. Tri-folds were sent out last week, a video on taxes is going out this week, articles in the newsletter and postcards will be going out over the next 2 months. Our website has a lot of information as well.

Mary Melchert spoke to the Board on her thoughts of what should happen with the Shannon and Carpenter buildings if the bond issue passes. She gave information on what a few other districts have done, some have demolished buildings, some have sold them, and others have used them for other purposes. She stated if they are not sound enough or safe enough for our students then why would we want others in those buildings, they should be taken down.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann, to approve the second and final reading of the following Board policies: #502.1 Compulsory Attendance, #502.1R1 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy, #502.4 Student Attendance and Instructional Time, and #608.3 Title I Parent and Family Engagement as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the addition of 12 hours of virtual learning to the 2024-25 school calendar as presented. Those two days will offset the first two snow days. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, and Amsler. Nays: Rieken. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve moving our October 23, 2024, 1:00 early dismissal to October 24 due to hosting the cross country state qualifier meet as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Norton approve the summer sports camp coaches pay as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to set September 23, 2024 at 6:00pm for the Public Hearing on the Flexibility Fund as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Board Member Activity Reports – Tony Amsler has been sharing the district’s Facebook posts on the elementary bond election and also directing people to our website. John Schlarmann asked what would be our plan for the Shannon & Carpenter buildings if the bond vote passes.

Board members wanted the public to know that it was great to see so many at our open house night!

Items suggested for an upcoming work session would be to tour the high school auditorium to see the upgrades that were done.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Next Work Session is Wednesday, September 11 @ 6:00 pm
- b. Next Board Meeting is Monday, September 23 @ 6:00 pm
- c. IASB Annual Convention is November 20-22

There being no further business, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Amsler to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Schlarmann, Rieken, and Amsler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary