

Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education Special Meeting of November 13, 2024

The Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 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. 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: Craig Stadtmueller, Mandy Norton, Mark Rieken, and Tony Amsler. Absent: John Schlarmann. Superintendent Brian Jaeger, Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Shannon Guyer, Tim Lambert, Tammy Helgens, and Pete Temple were also present.

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

The following items were discussed:

Kirkwood Community College Summary 23-24 by Lisa Folken: Kirkwood Center Director Lisa Folken presented a summary of enrollment and fast facts from the 2023-24 school year, including a data profile for Monticello High School. Some of those facts included: 34% of all high school students participated in concurrent enrollment; 81% of students who took courses earned 12 or more credit hours; the average college GPA of our students was 3.38, and over \$363,000 in tuition dollars was saved for families. We are lucky to have Kirkwood right here in Monticello! Thank you, Lisa!

Activities/Athletics Department Update by Tim Lambert: We started with cashless gates for high school football and volleyball games this year and that has been going well so far. One of the benefits is the less handling of money. We are continuing to sell punch passes at the gate and those have been popular so far. Overall, it has been very positive. We receive \$6.10 of the \$7.00 that is charged and have had some huge gates at our football games. After the Xmas break, we will start doing cashless gates at the middle school level as well. The sports seasons are off and running. We had a great Fall; football made it to playoffs, volleyball made it to the regional finals for the first time, and we had 2 boys and 2 girls run at State XC. Winter sports are starting. A huge concern statewide is the number of girls playing basketball. Some schools don't even have a varsity team. We currently have 13 girls signed up, just enough for a JV and Varsity team. Our boys' basketball and wrestling teams have a good number of students out. We also have 3 girls participating in girls wrestling with Anamosa. Our coaching staff continues to do great; we are lucky to have veteran coaches who make a huge difference. And with the Board approving the summer camp pay that is a benefit in recruiting coaches. Performance PE was implemented last year, and is going well. Val Lynn does an excellent job with that program. Getting officials for some sports is still a struggle. We are up next year for district realignment for football and that will come out in January. I'm proud of our staff and students, and proud to be a Panther!

Panther Academy Update by Tammy Helgens: Things are going well at Panther Academy. This summer was a little different than in the past. We had 82 kids registered, but only had a daily average of 34-35 kids and ended up operating only at Shannon Elementary. Part of the low #'s could have been due to increased rates. Some of the field trips this summer were good, some were not so good. We'll make note of those for next year. For the Fall, we had 98 registered with a daily average of 15-20 in the morning, and 45-50 in the afternoon. We see that number going up as the weather gets colder. We are very fortunate with the staff we have; they do a great job! And we are looking forward to a new building with air conditioning and more space!

Bond Election Next Steps by Brian Jaeger: Congrats to all of us on the passing of the bond election and thank you to everyone for showing up at the polls, it was a big turnout for a general election. Next steps: We will have a public hearing in December for the sale of the bonds and Travis Squires with Piper Sandler will be here in January to update us on our bonds. We are hoping to sell the bonds in August or September 2025. We will be working with OPN Architects again and they will have a contract that will be presented at our December board meeting for approval. Monticello native Katie Harms will be the lead architect on the project. The

project is expected to be complete 14 months after digging ground. In the upcoming months, we will be discussing building plans, traffic, what to do with Shannon & Carpenter, etc. And we are looking forward to working with our elementary staff to have a wonderful new elementary.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the 2024-25 School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) members as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Rieken, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann, to approve changing the December 11, 2024 Work Session to a Legislative Forum on December 4, 2024 as presented. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Rieken, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Norton made a motion, seconded by Rieken to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm and move to the Exempt Session. Ayes: Stadtmueller, Norton, Rieken, and Amsler. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary