

Official Minutes of the Board of Education for the Monticello Community School District Annual Meeting of November 25, 2024

The Board of Education annual meeting was held on Monday, November 25, 2024 in the Board Room at the High School and was called to order at 6:00pm by President Craig Stadtmueller. Superintendent Brian Jaeger led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the mission statement. Roll call was done by Board Secretary, Judy Hayen. The following directors were present: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Absent: Norton. Others present were Dr. Brian Jaeger, Marcy Gillmore, Judy Hayen, Pete Temple, Shannon Guyer, Robyn Ponder, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner (*arrived late*), and Shannon Kehoe.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of Item 6.03- Personnel Items (*no items to approve*). Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Written nominations were received for the office of President of the Monticello School Board. Craig Stadtmueller and Mark Rieken were nominated for office of President of the Monticello School Board. The Board cast a 3 to 1 written ballot for Craig Stadtmueller as President of the Monticello School Board for the 2024-25 school year. Secretary, Judy Hayen administered the Oath of Office to President Craig Stadtmueller.

Superintendent Jaeger asked for written nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Monticello Community School District. Mandy Norton was nominated by written ballot for the office of Vice-President. The Board cast a 4 to 0 written ballot for Mandy Norton as Vice-President of the Monticello School Board for the 2024-25 school year. President Stadtmueller will administer the Oath of Office to Vice-President, Mandy Norton at the next meeting.

The Board appointed Judy Hayen as Secretary of the Monticello Board of Education for the 2024-25 school year. President Stadtmueller administered the Oath of Office to Board Secretary, Judy Hayen

The Board appointed Marcy Gillmore as Treasurer of the Monticello Board of Education for the 2024-25 school year. President Stadtmueller administered the Oath of Office to Board Treasurer, Marcy Gillmore.

Congratulations were extended to: the volleyball team on advancing to the regional finals, first time in history; and to Cameron Pasker on making it to the Iowa All-State Chorus!

Elementary Principal Shannon Kehoe's report: Shannon & Carpenter held their fine dining event today and also had the Monticello FFA meet with our students on their meal; the 4th graders did their squid dissection last week, and we are starting a kindness challenge with the students. Lots of winter learning activities before break.

High school Principal Nick Schauf's report: Nick attended the River Valley Conference Principal's meeting last Friday at West Liberty. The RVC principals meet once a month online and are hoping to meet more in person. This gives them a chance to see other facilities and bring back ideas to their buildings. Our attendance has increased at the high school as we have been working with parents and students with the new policies that were adopted. Our vertical team met discussing scope and sequence of standards and it went very well. Nick went to the Foundation meeting to discuss the possibility of obtaining a new school mascot, with the help of the Foundation and possibly the Booster Club, we are hoping to have a new mascot to kick off Homecoming week next year. We had a great turnout at our NHS blood drive, special thanks to Kayla Schockemoehl for organizing. Our Veterans Day breakfast and assembly was also a huge success with over 40 veterans attending, shout out to Todd Hospodarsky for organizing. The student council held a Penny Wars and will be donating the money raised to the food pantry. They will also be putting on a talent show before winter break. Congratulations to the Fall athletes on their awards!

Middle school Principal Todd Werner's report: Our middle schoolers attended the Veterans Day assembly at the HS. The 7th and 8th graders got to tour the SPARK! Places of Innovation exhibit from the Smithsonian at the Heritage Center. Our conferences were well attended this year. And we've been focusing on daily attendance and have had 94-96% so far!

Robyn Ponder curriculum director's report: Robyn reported on our Iowa School Performance Profile for 2024 and also presented the website on how to see that information: www.iaschoolperformance.org.

Superintendent Jaeger's report: Dr. Jaeger presented members of the Vote Yes Committee with a certificate of appreciation for their work on the elementary bond election and celebrated the election, passing by 23 votes! Aimee Hospodarsky, Sheila Tjaden, Jeff Hinrichs, and Nick Miller were present from the committee. Raleigh Newhard was absent. Thank you VOTE YES!

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the abstract of the November 5, 2024 School Bond Election as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the finance reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to set the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the High School Board Room at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa as the time, date, and place for the regular school board meetings and a work session on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Board Room, unless otherwise noted. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the Resolution of Depositories to designate the following banks as the official school depositories for the 2024-25 school year, each with a limit as identified: Ohnward Bank, & Trust Monticello, Iowa (\$900,000), Citizens State Bank, Monticello, Iowa (\$12,000,000) Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT), Des Moines, Iowa (\$10,000), Fidelity Bank & Trust, Monticello, Iowa (4,500,000), and UMB Bank, Kansas City, MO (1,400,000), above as our depositories. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to retain the firms of Ahlers & Cooney P.C., and Lynch Dallas P.C. Law Firm to represent the district for personnel issues and on a case-by-case basis for the Board for the 2024-25 school year. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Amsler, seconded by Schlarmann to designate *The Monticello Express* as our official publication for the 2024-25 school year. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to accept the appointments of the following board members to each of the committees listed for the 2024-25 school year: Negotiations/Labor Relations – Mandy Norton; Grounds/Transportation – Mark Rieken; Education – Tony Amsler; and Finance – John Schlarmann. The Board President will serve on all committee areas. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler, to approve the of Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$15,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds, in One or More Series for December 16, 2024 at 6:00pm, as presented. By roll call vote: Schlarmann, aye; Rieken, aye; Amsler, aye; and Stadtmueller, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann, to approve the Instructional Support Program Levy Resolution of Intent for two years as presented and call for a public hearing on December 16, 2024 at 6:00pm. By roll call vote: Rieken, aye; Amsler, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; and Schlarmann, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the application to the SBRC for Open Enrollment Out not on prior year's headcount in the amount of \$105,367 as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the application to the SBRC for English Language (EL) Instruction Beyond 5 Years in the amount of \$3,286 as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve the first reading of the following Board policies as presented: #408.0 Employee Health Examinations, #607.4 Student Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration, #701.1 School Food Program, #701.2 Eligibility for Free or Reduced Cost Meals, #702.3 Operation of Buses During Inclement Weather. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the second and final reading of the following Board policies as presented: #503.8 Student Use of Motor Vehicles, #604.3E2 Objection to and Reconsideration of Instructional Sample Letter Response to Request (*deletion*), #604.4 Use of Information Resources, #605.1 Appropriate Use of District Technology, Network Systems, and Internet Access, #605.2 Issuing District Technology to Staff and Students, #605.2E1 Staff Technology Acceptance Form and Consent to Use of District Technology, Network Systems and Internet Access (*deletion*), #605.2E2 Student Technology Acceptance Form and Consent to Use of District Technology, Network Systems and Internet Access (*deletion*), #605.3E1 Modification of Technology Protection Measures Forms (*deletion*). Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Board activity reports: Tony Amsler attended the annual IASB Delegate Assembly and Convention this year and encouraged other Board members to attend in the future. It was a great experience from attending the delegate assembly, connecting with other Board members, breakout sessions, finance workshops, and the vendor show. Mark Rieken attending the Fall musical and it was a great time; the kids had fun and the new lighting and sound systems were excellent, money well spent!

The Board wanted the public to know that we appreciate the work of our Board Secretary, Judy Hayen, and Treasurer Marcy Gillmore! They also thought the Veterans Day assembly was a great tribute to our Vets.

Agenda items for future work sessions included OPN Architects attending our December 16 meeting to present us with their contract for the new elementary and Travis Squires with Piper Sandler attending the January 27 meeting to discuss bond sales and timelines.

The following announcements was made:

- a. A legislative forum will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 6:00pm in the HS Commons.
- b. The next Board meeting will be on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:00pm.
- c. Winter break is December 23 – January 2.

There being no further business, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Rieken to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, and Stadtmueller. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary