

**Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the
Regular Meeting of December 16, 2024**

President Craig Stadtmueller called the public hearing on the Instructional Support Program Levy to order at 6:00pm on Monday, December 16, 2024. There being no public input, Stadtmueller closed the Public Hearing at 6:01pm.

President Craig Stadtmueller called the Public Hearing for the Issuance of School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds to order at 6:01pm on Monday, December 16, 2024. There being no public input, Stadtmueller closed the Public Hearing at 6:02pm.

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, December 16, 2024, in the Board Room at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Board President Craig Stadtmueller called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. 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. Others present were Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Robyn Ponder, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Shannon Kehoe, and Nick Thumma.

Motion by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the agenda as presented with the exception of moving Item 4 - Action Items to above Item 3 – Reports/Recognitions. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Rieken to approve the proposal for geotechnical engineering services from Terracon for the new elementary site in the amount of \$12,500 as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Norton to approved the agreement between owner and engineer for professional services with Hall & Hall Engineers Inc. as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the Instructional Support Program Levy (ISL) Resolution of Participation for two years as presented. By roll call vote: Schlarmann, aye; Rieken, aye; Amsler, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; and Norton, aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the resolution taking additional action for the issuance of school infrastructure sales services and use tax revenue and refunding bonds as presented. By roll call vote: Rieken, aye; Amsler, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; Norton, aye; and Schlarmann, aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Norton to approve the resolution for modified allowable growth request for at-risk/dropout prevention in the amount of \$378,622 as presented. By roll call vote: Amsler, aye; Stadtmueller, aye; Norton, aye; Schlarmann, aye; and Rieken, aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to appoint Mark Rieken to serve on the Jones County Conference Board. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the second and final reading of following Board policies: #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 as presented. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to: Dax Pasker for making OPUS Honor Choir; Jayden Kuper on becoming the Monticello Girls Basketball All Time Leading Scorer; Jayden Kuper for making the All-District and 1st Team All-State teams for volleyball; Lily Hall and Mary Grace Lyons who were selected to play in the NE Iowa

Bandmasters Association MS Honor Band! They did a great job representing Monticello; Mrs. Marjoua's art class on project-based work that her 3D class designed, built, and installed. Deb Bowman sought them out to create Holiday decor for downtown Monticello. They worked with the Ag class to do so, and utilized the shop to cut, build, assemble, and spray paint the artwork. They turned out great; and to Senior Tait Luensman on being named to the Iowa Prep Illustrated All State Football Team, 2nd team defense for 2A!

Elementary Principal Shannon Kehoe's report: With the completion of virtual learning, the kids earned a winter activity. We had about 89% completion. This week, we had our kick-off meeting with OPN Architects on the new elementary.

Middle school Principal Todd Werner's report: Our 8th graders visited Polo Plastics earlier this month for their design & process unit for Mr. Shaffer's class. Middle school girls' basketball and boys wrestling have finished up. Our virtual learning goal this year was to improve and we did just that. Here's the #'s: 5th grade went from 92% last year to 97%, 6th grade from 80% to 99%, 7th grade from 79% to 83%, and 8th grade from 82% to 94% completion.

High school Principal Nick Schauf's report: Our winter activities are in full swing. Student council have planned dress up days this week and also are hosting an assembly and talent show on Wednesday this week. The end of the semester will be one week after we come back, hard to believe half the year is almost over!

Robyn Ponder curriculum director's report: Robyn has started working on the math curriculum adoption which is a 3-year process and that the standards at the state level are changing. In the technology department we are working on erate and will start looking at new devices in January. Also, the high school and middle school are collaborating on ways to improve our MTSS.

Superintendent Jaeger's report: We met with OPN this week for our first meeting and will most likely be doing something each day on the elementary school project. I'd like to give a shout out to Shannon Kehoe for being the guest speaker today at the rotary meeting. We conducted surveys on virtual learning and will share those with the building principals.

Motion 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 Schlarmann attended the middle school choir concert and expressed his thanks to Mrs. Wall and Mr. Kniess on a great concert; and the new sound system was money well spent. Craig Stadtmueller stated the same for the high school concert. Tony Amsler mentioned he has resumed meeting with the different leaders in the district. Tony also mentioned he could be a back up for the Jones County Conservation Board if for some reason Mark wasn't able to attend.

The following announcements were made:

- Winter Break is from December 23 – January 2. Teachers return January 3, students return January 6
- Next Board Meeting is Monday, January 27 @ 6:00pm
- Next Work Session is Wednesday, February 12 @ 6:00pm

There being no further business, Norton made a motion, seconded by Schlarmann to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm. Ayes: Schlarmann, Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, and Norton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary