

**Official Minutes of the Monticello Community School District Board of Education for the
Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025**

The Board of Education regular meeting was held on Monday, January 27, 2025, in the Board Room at 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa. Board President Craig Stadtmueller called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Board member Mark Rieken led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Monticello CSD mission statement. Board Secretary, Judy Hayen, did roll call. The following directors were present: Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, and Schlarmann. Absent: None. Others present were Judy Hayen, Marcy Gillmore, Brian Jaeger, Pete Temple, Nick Schauf, Todd Werner, Shannon Kehoe, Shannon Guyer, and Tim Lambert.

Motion by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the agenda as presented with the exception of moving Item 5.03–Personnel Items to Item 4.06 under Action Items. Ayes: Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, and Schlarmann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to high school Student Council on raising over \$700 for the Monticello Food Pantry from their money war challenge!

Katie Harms from OPN Architects led a programming activity with the Board members, administration, and a number of parents and community members. She presented various renderings of buildings, room layouts, and outdoor areas for a new elementary school, allowing guests to share their preferences. Participants also provided input on two key questions: What are the essential features for the new elementary? And what will make this project successful?

Elementary Principal Shannon Kehoe’s report: Michelle Olson visited last week and set up stations that tied to topics our students have been studying—it's always a pleasure having her here. Our students also got the chance to work on coding and explore the maker spaces, which they really enjoy! The kindergarteners had a royal tea party as part of their Kings & Queens literacy unit. We wrapped up our literacy screening last week and will be reviewing the results this week.

Middle School Principal Todd Werner’s report: We’re currently conducting our winter FAST testing and reviewing those results. Next week, we’ll shift to MAP testing.

High School Principal Nick Schauf’s report: The second semester is off to a strong start! This week and next, we'll be doing MAP testing. National FFA Week is coming up on February 17-21, and one of the highlights will be “Drive Your Tractor to School Day.” The district speech contest went really well, and a big thank you to Kim Carlson and everyone who helped make it a success. With Donnie Kremer being here full-time this year, we’ve seen an increase in students enrolling in welding, which led to us purchasing more welders. It’s great to see such enthusiasm! I also want to give a huge shout-out to Tim Lambert for all the hard work he does behind the scenes with our at-risk students – his efforts really help keep kids in our building. Since we are a ‘school in need of assistance,’ we’ve begun setting goals to improve in that area. We’re lucky to have such a dedicated staff working with our students – thank you to everyone!

Robyn Ponder was absent, so there was no curriculum director’s report.

Superintendent Jaeger’s report: A big thank you to Katie Harms for joining us tonight to lead the programming activity for the new elementary. She also facilitated similar activities with various staff groups. We’ll continue to keep the Board updated throughout the process. I’d also like to thank Kim Carlson for her outstanding work year after year with the District Speech contest – it’s always a fun event! We’re in the process of finalizing the school calendar for next year and will present it at the February work session. I’ll have my self-reflection on my goals submitted to the Board by the end of the month.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the Agreement and Rider Between Owner and Architect (OPN Architects) for the new elementary project as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, and Schlarmann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlarmann, seconded by Amsler to approve the 2025-2026 High School registration handbook as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, and Schlarmann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Norton, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the 2025-2026 Jones Regional Center/Kirkwood Program of Study as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Amsler, Norton, and Schlarmann. Nays: None. Stadtmueller abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Amsler to approve adding a 7th and 8th grade girls wrestling program as presented (*participating in five meets this season*). Ayes: Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, and Schlarmann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rieken, seconded by Schlarmann to approve the first reading of Board Policy #401.3F3 Disposition of Complaint Form as presented. Ayes: Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, and Schlarmann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Board Member Activity Reports: Tony Amsler helped with the district speech contest and wanted to acknowledge Kim Carlson for doing an excellent job organizing the event. John Schlarmann mentioned that it was fantastic to see so many people engaged and sharing their input at OPN's programming activity for the new elementary. Thank you to everyone who attended! Mandy Norton shared that the Board will be volunteering at the Booster Club Stand on February 11.

The Board wanted to let the public know that we now have a 7th & 8th grade girls wrestling program!

Agenda items for future work sessions: Superintendent Jaeger noted that Katie Harms from OPN Architects will attend our monthly meetings to provide updates on the new elementary.

The following announcements were made:

- Next Work Session is Wednesday, February 12 @ 6:00pm
- Next Board Meeting is Monday, February 24 @ 6:00pm

There being no further business, Schlarmann made a motion, seconded by Norton to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Ayes: Rieken, Amsler, Stadtmueller, Norton, and Schlarmann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approved:

Attest:

Craig Stadtmueller, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary