

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
May 12, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Tim Bruns at 7:32 p.m. Present: Randall Smith, Becky Clark, Jeana Gillaspie, Tyler Smith, Erica Appel, and Mike Aquino. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, Abby Alt, and Denise Swanson. Audience: Lita Appel.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- III. **PLEASE NOTE** that the School Board President and Superintendent will be present to initiate the meeting. All of the other Board members will participate by video link at the posted location in rooms A15, A32, A33, A101, A127, M102. Due to the pending health emergency, members of the public and media are encouraged to utilize the remote school sites if in attendance at the Board meeting. Members of the public and media who elect to attend the meeting will be expected to adhere to social distancing protocols.
- IV. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Becky Clark to approve the agenda, seconded by Tyler Smith, motion carried.
- V. **Communications/Concerns from the Public:** A thank you note to the Monticello Community Club was passed around to thank them for purchasing a new refrigerator and freezer for the softball diamond concession stand.
- VI. **Reorganization of the Board:** Motion by Randall Smith to nominate Tim Bruns as Board President, second by Erica Appel. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Erica Appel to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tim Bruns as Board President, motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith to nominate Becky Clark as Board Vice President, second by Erica Appel. Motion by Tyler Smith, second by Erica Appel to close all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Becky Clark as Board Vice President, motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith to nominate Tyler Smith as Board Treasurer, second by Erica Appel. Motion by Randall Smith to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tyler Smith as Board Treasurer, second by Erica Appel, motion carried. Motion by Erica Appel to nominate Randall Smith as Board Clerk, second by Becky Clark. Motion by Erica Appel to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Randall Smith as Board Clerk, motion carried.
- VII. **Designate the Official Depository for District Funds:** Motion by Randall Smith to designate Greenwoods State Bank as the official depository for district funds. Second by Becky Clark and motion carried.
- VIII. **Designate a Newspaper for the Publication of School District Notices:** Motion by Randall Smith to designate the Post Messenger as the primary newspaper for publication of official district notices with The Monroe Times as the secondary newspaper. Second by Tyler, motion carried.
- IX. **Establish a Regular Monthly Meeting Date and Time:** Motion by Becky Clark to establish the regular monthly meeting as the second Wednesday of the month with the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Second by Mike Aquino, motion carried.
- X. **Designate a Law Firm for District Business:** Motion by Randall Smith to designate Boardman Clark as the law firm for district business. Second by Erica Appel, motion carried.
- XI. **Designate a Delegate to CESA #2 Convention June 15:** Motion by Erica Appel to nominate Mike Aquino as the delegate to the CESA #2 Convention. Second by Randall Smith, motion carried.
- XII. **Treasurer's Report:** Tim Bruns reported total April cash receipts of \$118,224.74 and total expenses of \$404,748.86 . **Food Service Report:** None. **Faculty Report:** None.

- XIII. Administrative Team Reports:** Director of Pupil Services, Abby Alt, shared numbers for the upcoming school year - Brooke Speer will have 4K-4 (13 students); Katie Gierhart will have grades 5-7 (10 students); Carley Francois will have grades 8-9 (9 students); Dustin More will have grades 10-12 (11 students). Ms Alt also stated a physical therapist and an assistant physical therapist were hired via a contract with the Monroe Clinic. A speech therapist through CESA 2 will be contracted for the fall as Tanya Lawson will be on maternity leave. Ms Alt reported the Director of Pupil Services next year will be Traci Davis who will be here on Wednesdays. Mr Gustafson reported there was a 4K registration day held May 6. Seven families attended, but Ms Mentz has had contact with 8 other families so it is anticipated that there will be 15 students, so far, for the fall. Next year's elementary will include one kindergarten class, two first grade classes, two second grade classes, one third grade class, one fourth grade class and one fifth grade class. Mr Gustafson stated 28 students will be walking for graduation and one will receive their diploma via mail. The Senior Banquet will be held May 26th in the Rehmstedt Gym with no dinner, scholarships only, and a limited number of attendees. May 27th will be Senior Exit Interviews from 8 AM to 11:20 AM. Mr Brokopp reported the NHS Banquet was held in the Rehmstedt Gym, instead of the cafeteria, in order to maintain social distance and it went well. He also stated the first round of the Federal Relief money (ESSER) has been claimed already. A portion of EsserII has been used and there will be an Esser 3 relief fund based on how many students were in person in the classroom with a teacher.
- XIV. Consent Agenda:** Motion by Becky Clark, second by Erica Appel to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on April 14, 2021 and vouchers 53242-53309, voided checks 53144, 53205, 53244, 53293, 53200 and manual checks #1889-1902 in the amount of \$245,224.38 and April payroll in the amount of \$129,524.49.
- XV. Old Business:** Mr Brokopp stated a virtual teaching tool, Edgenuity, like Odysseyware, will be purchased by Brodhead and will be shared with the other schools to be used with those students who are in need of that type of learning. Mr Brokopp caught the new board members up on the 2022 referendum planning.
- XVI. New Business:** Mr Brokopp recommended the Investment Club advisor be added to the co-curricular chart for the 2021-22 staff handbook. Motion by Randall Smith to approve said changes and the 2021-22 staff handbook. Second by Tyler Smith and motion carried. Mr Brokopp is not recommending any changes to the 2021-22 School Fees; however, students will receive breakfast and lunch free this upcoming year. Motion by Becky Clark to approve the 2021-22 School Fees, second by Erica Appel, motion carried. Ms Alt did not recommend any changes to the CESA 2 contract. Motion by Erica Appel, second by Mike Aquino to approve the CESA 2 contract, motion carried. Motion by Erica Appel, second by Becky Clark to approve an increase from \$60/hr to \$61/hr for Janet Root, Occupational Therapist, motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith to keep Abbi Trainor at \$69/hr as the Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Second by Randall Smith, motion carried. Tim Bruns abstained. Motion by Erica Appel, second by Becky Clark to approve the payment of \$100 to Orientation and Mobility, motion carried. Motion by Erica Appel, second by Randall Smith to approve Lori Brokopp as varsity girls basketball coach, motion carried. Motion by Becky Clark, second by Erica Appel to approve Joe Woolsey as the assistant boys basketball coach, motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith, second by Erica Appel to approve Trevor Siegenthaler as the new PE/Health teacher, motion carried.
- XVII. Future Board Agenda Items:** None.
- XVIII. Future Meeting Dates:** Board Retreat/Referendum planning and COVID Response planning meeting June 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Regular board meeting June 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
- XIX. Contemplated executive session for consideration of 2021-2022 staffing; and budgeting; employment related matters related matters related to an administrator pursuant to 19.85(1) (c) (e) (f), Wis. State Statues:** Motion by Randall Smith, second by Becky Clark to go into closed session at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**XX. Reconvene into Open Session for Further Consideration and/or Action on the Above Referenced Items, Including Items Discussed in Closed Session if Appropriate:** Motion by Becky Clark to reconvene into open session at 9:39 p.m., second by Erica Appel, motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith to increase MEA 1.26%. Second by Randall Smith and motion carried.

**XXI. Adjourn:** Motion by Tyler Smith to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., second by Becky Clark, motion carried.

**Approving Official:**

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These minutes are subject to approval by the School District of Monticello Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting.