



School District Of Monticello October 2011

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2011-2012 Budget Message to the Community from Dr. Ballin

As the Board of Education gets close to finalizing the budget each fall, we try to take some time to reflect on where we have been as a school district and where we are going in the future. It was especially challenging to focus on the big picture this year considering the profound effects state politics and the economic downturn have had on public education. Some of the dust from all the political fallout last spring is settling and we are able to assess both the challenges and opportunities those changes have brought us.

As we review the past and prepare for the future, it is important to take a broader view than in years past. Instead of just comparing last year to next year, we need to put things in a broader context. Specifically, how will the results of last year and our budget for the current year prepare Monticello Schools for a stronger future?

We have known for quite a while that things could not continue as they were due to a deeply flawed school finance system. At last year's annual meeting I made remarks about the importance of maintaining a healthy fund balance because we could see the storm on the horizon. That storm has hit.

The most dramatic number we have been dealing with for 2011-2012 is a decrease in the per-pupil revenue limit allowance. Simply put, Monticello lost \$553.28 per pupil in revenue limit authority, from \$10,059.60 per pupil to \$9,506.32 per pupil. This alone would have been devastating, but state legislators kept promising there would be "tools" to mitigate the impact. The question for Monticello was whether or not those tools would be enough to balance the budget.

A longer term question is whether or not we will be able to weather next year's storm, an additional 5.5% decrease in per pupil revenue limit authority. This means next year's per pupil allowable limit will be reduced to approximately \$8,984, a cumulative loss of over \$1,000 per pupil for our district.

The highest cost to any school district is salaries. For the past two budgets, we did not have a settled bargaining agreement with our teachers. We made our best guess at what the final costs would be. On February 17, 2011 we finally reached an agreement on the 2009-2011 contract that reflected benefit cost increases plus a \$200 increase in 2009-10 (3.3%) and a \$125 increase in 2010-11 (3.5%). Contract extensions with both the Monticello Education Association (MEA) and with the Monticello Educational Support Staff (MESS) were reached in May, 2011 that extends the life of both bargaining agreements through June 30, 2013. The contract extensions for both of the bargaining units include salary freezes for both years. That means our salary costs will finally be predictable, not only for 2011-12, but the following year, as well.

More savings were realized through transitioning all food service employees from the District payroll to Taher, Inc., our food service management company. Although the District will still have to pay for the costs of the employees, there will be savings in benefits.

Regular education teaching positions were reduced by 1.5 FTE's (full time equivalencies), and Special Education was reduced by 1 FTE. Four retirements also allowed for some restructuring of positions.

A change in employer/employee contributions to the Employee Trust Fund (Wisconsin Retirement) was another tool provided by the state. Specifically, the law now prohibits employers from paying the employee's share of their retirement contribution. This change alone will save the District \$135,647 in 2011-2012.

Containing health and dental insurance costs has been a major goal for the District. Working in a consortium with other area school districts, we were able to use the "strength in numbers" approach to bargain a significant decrease in these costs. The lower rates, along with changes in plan design, will net the District approximately \$88,445 in savings for 2011-2012.

The bottom line for 2011-12 reflects a balanced budget with a 4.4% decrease in expenditures compared to 2010-2011. Moreover, we ended 2010-2011 by adding \$236,513.12 to our fund balance. This total reflects \$112,358 in unexpected state sparsity aid, lower than anticipated contract settlement costs, some offsetting effects from the remainder of federal stimulus money from 2009-2010, and a great deal of belt tightening on all fronts.

We will need a strong fund balance going into next year considering the additional per-pupil revenue limit reductions already announced. In 2010-2011, we made significant cuts. We have picked the "low hanging fruit" and then some. At this point, we can't count on additional cuts to balance the budget without seriously impacting instruction.

We must also bear in mind that we are in the fourth year of our 6-year, non-recurring referendum. We have taken a conservative approach to District finances and maintained our A+/Stable Standard & Poor's bond rating in the face of fiscal challenges. We believe we have shown good stewardship in applying the funds from the referendum to maintain our facilities, provide safe transportation for students, and to strengthen our academic program. All of these factors are important to note as we look ahead. If the school funding formula is not significantly changed, we will have no choice but to go to the voters again when this referendum ends.

We continue to look for ways to improve our schools and adapt for a changing future. Over the last two years, the Juda and Albany school boards and administrators began exploring ways to share resources in order to cut costs and enhance learning. This fall we took an important step and gathered all of the teachers from the three districts to explore their ideas on how increased collaboration could have a positive impact on their own instructional areas. They had some outstanding ideas for us to work on in the year ahead, all with the goals of increasing student achievement and expanding opportunities. One immediate goal is to increase access to higher level and advance placement courses. Together, we can accomplish more to improve each of our districts without sacrificing our individual identities.

We can't stand still if we want to be the best. One of the challenges for the year ahead is to plan for the next generation in technology. Through the use of grant funds, we have been able to furnish Smart Boards as a teaching tool in virtually every classroom. As we explore the possibilities of sharing classes between districts, we will need to explore technology that will best meet our students' needs. As anyone who has a home computer or a television knows, things change at lightning speed. We need to be able to adapt just as quickly.

We are proposing a total school levy of \$2,206,564. This includes the fourth year of the referendum passed in 2008. This is 4.45% decrease compared to last year's levy.



The equalized value of the property within our district declined by 3.41%, based on current estimates. We were fortunate that we were able to offset some of this decline in equalized property value by reducing expenditures. This would set the estimated mill rate for 2012 at \$12.53 per \$1,000 of equalized value compared to last year's mill rate of \$12.67. *(These estimates are based on the best information available at the time, but we don't have our final audit or the October 15th certification of our general aid. If the numbers change, we hope it will be for the better. The final tax levy is not set until the end of October, when all of the state's numbers have been finalized.)*

We are proud of the opportunities we offer our students. A diploma from Monticello still stands for high academic standards and solid preparation for the challenges of the future. Every day we demonstrate that small schools are great schools for students.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and the students we serve!

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO BUDGET			
GENERAL FUND	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
Beginning Fund Balance	954,649.00	1,042,426.67	1,278,939.79
Ending Fund Balance	1,042,426.67	1,278,939.79	1,261,004.79
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.67	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	1,861,732.85	1,872,119.92	1,798,858.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	136,189.08	143,964.00	152,000.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Sources (Source 600)	2,314,883.98	2,611,102.65	2,508,038.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	269,992.68	201,885.86	108,491.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	74,158.60	14,634.59	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	4,656,957.86	4,843,707.02	4,567,387.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	2,400,444.15	2,408,387.16	2,140,264.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	1,497,199.25	1,498,978.90	1,664,230.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	671,536.79	699,827.84	780,828.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	4,569,180.19	4,607,193.90	4,585,322.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	688,481.86	655,506.72	538,386.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	688,481.86	655,506.72	538,386.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
Beginning Fund Balance	109,812.70	103,995.01	103,995.01
Ending Fund Balance	103,995.01	103,995.01	103,995.01
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	452,359.30	488,912.00	446,881.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	458,176.99	488,912.00	446,881.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
Beginning Fund Balance	321,070.08	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	619.25	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	321,689.33	0.00	0.00



FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	2,775.22
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	2,775.22	0.22
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	203,374.18	203,085.36	194,770.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	203,374.18	200,310.14	197,545.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	6,240,902.55	5,951,922.76	5,768,134.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	426,079.24	386,529.77	449,628.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	5,814,823.31	5,565,392.99	5,318,506.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-4.29%	-4.44%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2009-2010	Unaudited 2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012
General Fund	1,815,488.00	1,820,470.00	1,759,683.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	295,947.00	302,275.00	297,775.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	156,106.00	186,637.00	149,106.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	2,267,541.00	2,309,382.00	2,206,564.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		1.85%	-4.45%



A Message from the Principal by Allen Brokopp

Like all new years, this whirlwind of a beginning has been no different, but we are comfortably settling into an enjoyable and manageable routine. We continue to use our L.I.F.T.S (**L**aunching **I**ndividuals **F**or **T**otal **S**uccess) program as a way to keep our academics successful. Classes have chosen their class officers and we are proud to have a great group of leaders in place. Our student council officers have been chosen and have been working on homecoming. Dates for homecoming 2011 are December 12-17. Themes and specifics are still being determined.

Please keep in mind Monticello's attendance policy. We were very successful last year academically and not coincidentally, our district attendance was much improved. If your child needs to be gone for a medical appointment of any kind, documentation from the medical provider is required in order for the absence to be exempt. Students in Green Co. and Monticello are only allowed 10 excused absences per year. These medical excuses are necessary for us to document why a student is absent from school. Thank you for understanding. It is very important that students are in school.

As usual, the Ponies (and Knights) Cross Country, Football (all levels) Middle School Girls Basketball, and Girls Volleyball have been practicing hard and all performing at extremely high levels. The Pony Volleyball team is undefeated in conference. The NGM co-op of football and cross country have homecoming the week of September 26. Great Job to all!

We have again focused a lot of time and energy to our MAPS testing early on during this year. Look for results from your child's teacher at parent/teacher conferences October 19th and 20th. We have tested 3rd-9th grade in reading and math. Results are ready for us nearly immediately, so our teachers can manipulate curriculums and plans as needed. If you have any questions on MAPS test, please feel free to contact us.

Clubs are also in place and meetings during homeroom have been scheduled. Student Council, FFA, and FCCLA have been active and have many educational trips and conferences planned.

As things hit full swing, I would like to thank our amazing staff for all that they do each year in making sure our students and parents get off to a successful start. We are a fortunate community to have such great teachers. Go Ponies!! Allen Brokopp, MS/HS Principal

School Closing Information

The following information provides procedures on school closing during bad weather.

The decision to operate or close school is based on weather conditions and local road reports. Closing information will be broadcast over the following radio and television stations. Listen between the hours of 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.

WEKZ-AM	1260
WEKZ-FM	93.7
Triple M-FM	105.5
WIBA-AM	1310
WIBA-FM	101.5
WOLX-FM	94.9

Television Channels 3, 15, and 27. Messages appear on screen between 6:00 – 8:30 a.m.



When school has to be closed during the school day, it will be broadcast over WEKZ AM-1260, FM-93.7 Monroe, *as soon as the decision is made*. Whenever possible, students will be served lunch with buses leaving right afterward. In the event of a 2 hour delay, morning 4-Year Old Kindergarten classes and Early Childhood would be cancelled. If the decision is made to release school after lunch, afternoon classes would not be held for 4-Year Old Kindergarten. Parents are reminded to have a plan in place so your children know what they are to do if school is dismissed early. We also need emergency contacts updated if they have changed. Please refrain from calling the school to obtain school closing information; instead we ask that you ***listen to local broadcasts whenever the weather is questionable***.

4 Year Old Kindergarten News by Kristy Roth

Welcome to school 4K Kiddos! After about a month of school we're starting to learn each others' names and how to make friends. Making good choices and practicing routines are very important for us every day! We bring in our folders, choose our milk, and write our names on the Smart Board right away when we arrive. From there we go about our day and follow our schedule. On Tuesdays we have library with Ms. Ottaway (so we're learning that if we bring our book back, we can check out a new one)! On Thursdays we have projects with Ms. Paula (and we're practicing important fine motor skills while having fun)! In September our themes were: getting ready for school, apples, and leaves. We learned that apples grow on trees and they're part of a flower! An apple starts to grow after the petals fall off the flower. We've begun learning about words and letters and rhymes, but just the

basics for now. Later on this fall we'll begin our focus on each letter of the alphabet. We celebrated the first day of fall on September 23rd and found out that fall is also called autumn.

Also, we have a pre-student teacher with us until November 21st. Her name is Ms. Mentz and she will be helping in the afternoon 4K class on Mondays and Fridays! She might come into the morning class once or twice too! We're very excited to have her with us and to help her become a teacher! ☺

It's so exciting to be starting our second month of school! Fall is such a great time of year, but it does get chilly, so parents please remember to send warm jackets (maybe even mittens or gloves) as needed in October. We will have outside recess every day even when it's chilly. It's important to make sure your child has what he or she needs to stay

warm! In October our themes will be leaves, and pumpkins/harvest. We also get to join the kindergarteners for our very first field trip to the pumpkin patch! The Richard Smith family has graciously offered to have us come again this year. Our field trip is on Friday, October 14th. We can't wait to pick out some pumpkins! Please remember the following important dates: Friday, October 14th is our field trip, Monday, October 17th is early release (no PM 4K), Wednesday and Thursday October 19th and 20th from 5-8pm we will have our parent/teacher conferences, and Friday, October 28th we have no school. Please keep watching your child's folder for more information about conference scheduling.

Have a happy and safe October! ☺ ~Miss Roth~

Kindergarten News by Teri Fahey and Jodi Golembiewski

WOW! The year is off to a great start! We have had a lot of fun meeting our new friends and teachers. We started the year with a "Getting to know you" unit. Each day we've had a very "Special Person" that we've learned about. We have created

books for each Special Person to take home with them.

We have started our Reading series and are now into our alphabet study. We have one letter per week that we learn

about, and will soon start to learn some very important sight words.

In math, we have worked on sorting and classifying, and position and location words.



October will be a very busy month in Kindergarten. We have a fun trip to the Richard Smith pumpkin patch planned, and will

be busy with Fire Safety and Halloween. Parents, thank-you for being you – and remember to check your child’s folder each

night for important Kindergarten News!

First Grade NEWS by Pansy Balleine and Tara Ula

The first grade students have been working hard these last few weeks. We have worked on comparing numbers in math. It is not too early to begin working on

flash cards for addition and subtraction.

We have talked about apples and Johnny Appleseed and are looking forward to visiting the apple

orchard and watching a cider press working.

Please try to read with your child daily. The more they read the better they will read.

Second Grade NEWS by Ann DeNure

We are off to a great start in second grade! The students are getting in the routine of how things work and handling the extra responsibilities very well. We fill out our assignment notebooks daily so parents can see all that we’ve have accomplished during the day.

In math we took our first test on understanding addition and subtraction. Next, we will focus on addition strategies. Our

attention is turned to communities in social studies. We talked about different types of communities and how they have changed over the years. We will start our first science unit soon. The second graders enjoyed reading and our centers. Centers are a good time to introduce or reinforce skills in a smaller group. As we write in our journals, the students use their writing skills. We hope to see complete sentences and correct spelling.

We also enjoyed our dress up days and sharing special items from home. Everyone has a great story to tell! A big thank you to Ms. Murphy’s fifth graders for helping us in the computer lab. Logging in 25 students goes much quicker with extra helping hands. We also welcome Mrs. Alma (Marty) Mentz to our classroom on Monday and Friday morning. Alma is a Monticello native working on her education degree.

Third Grade NEWS by Amy Gordinier and Angie Richter

We are back in school and fall has officially arrived! The gorgeous colors and cooler weather has helped us adjust to getting back into the groove of the school year.

The 3rd graders are looking forward to attending A Jigsaw Jones Mystery: The Case of the Class Clown, a musical put on by Arts Power, a national touring theatre. They are coming to

Monroe and we will be attending the musical on November 18th ☺

In Math we have been working on place value, comparing numbers, and counting money. We’ve been reviewing all types of different maps and graphs in Social Studies, working on characters and settings in reading, and different types of sentences and sentence structure in Language Arts. We are beginning to brush

up on our cursive writing as well. Third grade brings many more responsibilities as well as more HOMEWORK! Thank you parents for supporting your child with their school work at home☺

We are looking forward to the opportunity to work with you and your children this year! They are a GREAT group...

Fourth Grade NEWS by Andrea Figi

We are well into our first month of Fourth Grade already! In Math we are near the end of our first topic (chapter) of Numeration.

The kids have been writing large numbers in standard, expanded, and word forms, ordered numbers

in greatest to least order, and have worked with decimals. In English, we have been learning about the different kinds of



sentences, using different punctuation, identifying the subject and predicate parts of the sentences, and writing in complete sentences. We do a lot of writing in our Language spirals as opposed to completing worksheets on the different skills.

We are in the observation stage of Science activity. Celery stalks and a white carnation have been placed in colored water. We are observing and recording results each day, as well as making predictions for the next day. So far our celery is still green, but our flower petals have some faint blue marks on them!

The fourth graders are learning to become more independent. The work can seem quite simple, yet they need to take the time and care necessary to do a great job. They are a capable group, and I am looking forward to all they can achieve this year!

Fifth Grade News by Tara Murphy

The fifth graders are well adjusted to the new routine of their last year in elementary!! Many fifth graders are a part of the Safety Patrol program. This is when fifth grade students monitor the hallways and playground during lunch recess to help keep these places safe. It provides a great opportunity for leadership within the fifth grade

students and the younger students look up to them so much. With the fifth grade content becoming increasingly difficult this year, we are fortunate to have middle school students as study buddies to partner the fifth graders during study time. We are very thankful to have their support in guiding and keeping them on track!

Thank you to Mrs. Jacobson for bringing the middle school students to us! Also, Mr. Korth has been very kind in helping our students who have band lessons. There are so many new events happening in fifth grade and we love every busy minute of it! ☺

Sixth Grade News by Judy Kiel

The 6th graders are off to a good start! What a great bunch of new middle school students! We are focusing on staying organized and have mastered how to get from one place to another classroom on time. I believe most of the 6th grade would agree, they like the block schedule and like having the opportunity to participate in Exploratory classes.

The 6th grade held their first class meeting at which they elected officers as follows: President: Callisa Briggs; Vice President: Kate Krebs; Secretary: Kaleb Shulka; Treasurer: Jon Errthum Student Council Members: Kate Krebs and Braden Gafner.

In Reading, students are reading Gary Paulson's Newbery Honors book, *Hatchet*. This is an excellent book to get students thinking about how they would survive in an emergency situation

in the wilderness, a skill they will personally learn more about in Outdoor Survival, one of the rotating sessions at Canyon Camp this coming May. What can you do to help your child? You could partner read one of the chapters, or ask them to tell you what the assigned chapter is about; if they can't tell you, it would be a good indicator they may need to re-read the section with you.

English class is focusing on future careers as they take a variety of aptitude and interest inventories in preparation for writing their career reports. This would be an opportunity to talk with your child about your own job, the tasks you are expected to do on a daily basis, the skills needed, training, etc. Students also have a spelling unit due each week. Weekly take-home word lists are given to each student; so, parents, you could ask them if they would like to practice their words with you!

In Science 6, students have been learning about the scientific classification system and have been outside identifying trees using a dichotomous key. I believe hands-on learning is an important and fun part of every school subject. Students are in the process of collecting leaves for their Wisconsin tree/leaf books. In our text books, students are also learning about earth's ecosystems, food chains, webs, comparing ecosystems, and identifying changes that occur in them.

At Monticello, I know we want to see each child have success in school. We care that they feel safe, and want them to feel that they can ask us questions or ask for help should they need it. If you have questions or concerns about your 6th grader, please feel free to contact me either by phone, e-mail, or stop by the classroom before or after school.



Student Services News by Ruth Voight

**** Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Training**-26 staff members from the school district of Albany, Juda and Monticello were trained to provide for the Care, Welfare, Safety and Security of individuals involved in a crisis situation.

****New Staff:** Speech and Language Therapist, Rachel Smalley; Nurse, Carolyn Schwartzlow

****Schedule and contact information for student services staff:**

Carolyn Schwartzlow (nurse)	M/T/F
Janet Root (Occupational Therapist)	M/F
Cindy Lederman (Physical Therapist)	T/TH
Amy Giza (School Psychologist)	T/Th
Ruth Voight (Special Ed/Pupil Service Dir)	M/W/F

During the 2011-2012 school year the Monticello School District is conducting a Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment. Each school district in WI is required to complete this self-assessment every 5 years.

The purpose of the assessment is to ensure district compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004. There are 6 areas of procedural compliance that are assessed: parent participation, evaluation, IEP team, IEP content, discipline and private schools. Special education staff will be working with CESA 2 and the Wisconsin Department of Education to complete this assessment. In order to secure parental participation in this project Ruth Voight, special education director, will be available to share information regarding the self-assessment process during parent teacher conference time on Wed 10/19/11.

Choral News by Dena Gordon

On Tuesday, October 4th some High School Choral students will be attending the *UW-Platteville Fall Choral Festival*. Students from southern Wisconsin high schools join University Choral students to sing for the day and evening, previously prepared songs. Throughout the day, rehearsals and mini concerts take place. The culminating event is a concert at which all of the participants perform. The concert starts at 6:30p.m., and is open to the public. Students participating from Monticello schools are:

Rebekah Bak, Sandy Trumpy, Kuenzi Aeberhard, Hilda Bravo, Taylor Price, Bridget Kammes, Ashley Schmid, Lily Blum, Angel Bennett, Hannah Workman, Hannah Blum, and Brittany Andrews.

Both Middle and High School choruses are working on basic material to find where they are vocally. Some students enter High School chorus not having sung for a few years, and it takes time to build confidence. They will be working on their piano

skills this semester also. With Middle School chorus, the sixth graders sometimes have trouble acclimating to a new format as well. All are adjusting well.

Elementary students are enjoying exploring their books, using movement, reviewing the instruments, and learning more about notes and rests.

The next Music Parents Meeting is Monday, October 4th at 6:00p.m. in the choral room.

Band Notes by Mike Korth

The Fifth Grade, Middle School, and High School Band students are in full "swing" for the school year. By the time you read this, the High School Band will have marched in the New Glarus

Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 30. The Middle School Band is improving, and the Fifth Graders are getting acclimated to their new instruments.

If the economy cooperates with our Band families, a **Band trip** has been approved this year to travel and perform in **Memphis and Nashville** from March 28 (leaving after school) to April 3.



This will be a new area for me to take students and chaperones. There is much to see and do there both musically and culturally. Places to visit include: Gibson Guitar Factory, Beale Street Historic District, Rock 'n' Soul Museum, Peabody hotel, National Civil Rights Museum, Lorraine Hotel (where Martin Luther King was assassinated), Graceland, Hermitage, Country Music Hall of Fame, Belle Meade Mansion, Ryman Auditorium, the Parthenon, the Opryland Hotel, and more. A special feature will be a dinner cruise on the General Jackson Showboat. We will be performing 2 times while we are there, as well as doing a clinic

with a university music professor from the area.

We will be having two fundraisers to help the students fund our trip. We will also be selling tickets for the Lion's Club Pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 6. Our first fundraiser will be a **Butterbraid sale from October 3-31**. Flavors available will be APPLE, BLUEBERRY & CREAM CHEESE, STRAWBERRY & CREAM CHEESE, CARAMEL ROLL W/ CARAMEL GLAZE, CHERRY, CINNAMON, CREAM CHEESE, and RASBERRY. They will sell for \$11.00, This is the same price as two years ago. Your support for these students will give them

experiences they may not have the opportunity to have until later in life.

Other fundraisers that are on the horizon include our annual Poinsettia Sale. We have also been invited to work at, and sell tickets for, the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 6.

I am glad to be back and doing what I enjoy most – working with students! I am looking forward to the school year.

The next Music Parent's meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, at 6:00 PM in the Choir Room.

Monticello Schools Participate in Various Donation Programs

Monticello Schools participates in a number of donation programs which benefit the school district. Among them are "Campbell's Labels for Education", "Kid's Caps &

Cash" and "Target Take Charge of Education". We appreciate your help in making these programs a success. If you have any questions regarding these

programs or others which might be beneficial for us to participate in, please contact the office at 938-4194.



Dear Families,

Kids Korner would like to thank all of our present and past families for your support over the years, as we just celebrated our 10 year anniversary. It doesn't seem like we have been here that long. It

has truly been a joy working with all you and your families.

The rush of school is over and we are settling into the new school year. If you need childcare Kids Korner still has openings available for full or part time. You may

inquire about our program by calling Kids Korner at 938-1555 or Rachel Rufer at 938-4908. I would love to answer any questions you may have about our program.

Happy Fall!

Rachel Rufer



Nursing Notes by Carolyn Schwartzlow, R.N.

Welcome back to school from the new school nurse! My name is Carolyn Schwartzlow, and I am excited to work with Monticello students and their families! Back to school is always an exciting and busy time. We need your help to provide excellent care for your child. Some key points to remember:

- Medications: EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO MEDICATE YOUR CHILD AT HOME. However, if your child requires medications at school, whether prescribed or over-the-counter, or your child has special health needs, be certain to have the correct forms completed, signed and at school. Please review your handbook for complete information on medications.
- Immunizations: Make sure the school has a current immunization record for your child and he/she is up to date on the required vaccinations. A special note regarding the meningococcal vaccine: It is recommended that all 11-12 year olds be vaccinated with the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) and a booster shot is recommended for teens at age 16. If a teen missed getting this vaccine altogether, ask your healthcare provider about getting it now. Meningococcal disease is a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection that can cause swelling of the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, confusion, exhaustion, and/or a rash. This infection is most common in teens and college students.
- Special health concerns: Individualized health plans (IHP) will be created for any student who has special health concerns. The IHP directs staff in how to care for your child the way you would want in school. If you feel your child would benefit from an IHP, please contact me.
- Hearing and vision: Anytime you would like your child's hearing and/or vision checked, please let me know.

My usual time at school will be Mondays, Tuesday, and Fridays during school hours. Please feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns via email at schwacar@monticello.k12.wi.us or call 938-2736.

Here's to a great school year!
Carolyn, RN

Food Service Policies Regarding Low or Negative Balances

Our goal is for every student to have access to appealing and healthy food choices every day at school. Sometimes we run into trouble if family food service accounts run low or into a negative balance. The policy has been established because of past situations in which the District was saddled with a substantial number of unpaid accounts. While our current policy is not to allow any account to run a negative balance, we take many steps behind the scenes to avoid problems.

What exactly happens when a family food service account runs low?

1) If the family account falls to \$10 or less. On our Family Access system, you can indicate whether or not you wish to receive email alerts if the account balance falls below \$10. (If you have problems getting into Family access, just call the office and we can mark your records accordingly.) If no email alert is indicated, our food service manager mails a notice that the account is low.

3) If the family account reaches \$0 or a negative balance. Phone calls are made to the primary parent (payor) listed on the student records. MS/HS - Personnel who man the checkout in the cafeteria have been instructed to tell middle school/high school students that they need to remind mom or dad to send in a check. Employees have been directed *not* to tell students their account will be blocked.

Employees have been directed not to say anything to elementary students about their lunch accounts.

4) No family food service accounts are blocked until personal or phone contact has been made with a parent. Once contact has been made, families are generally given a few days to add funds to the account.

5) If the account remains at a \$0 or a negative balance, the family food service account must be blocked; however, even when the account is blocked, students at all grade levels are provided a cheese sandwich and a carton of milk for three days at no cost.

6) Free and Reduced Lunch Program- We encourage anyone who thinks their family might be eligible to apply for the free or reduced lunch program. In addition to helping the family budget, the District often receives extra consideration or funding from grants based on our free and reduced lunch count. If you have questions, need further information or want help filling out an application, please call the school at 938-4194.



2011-2012 ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The Monticello School District has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as, the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the Monticello School District were inspected by an EPA accredited inspector and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, the Monticello School District has completed the 3-Year Re-inspections required by AHERA in 2009. Re-inspection will occur by this date in 2012. Our district buildings, where asbestos-containing materials were found, are under repair, removal and Operations and Maintenance.

This past year Monticello School District conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

**Continued our Operations and Maintenance Program*

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. MacNeil Environmental, Inc will accomplish this under contract.

Short-term workers (outside contractors - i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Monticello School District has a list of the location(s); type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and time-table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the District Office at 608-938-4194.

Help Wanted

The Monticello School District is seeking candidates interested in serving as substitute bus drivers and substitute custodians. Bus drivers must have a CDL certification with school bus endorsement and be available for morning assignments if needed. Custodians should have some prior experience and be willing to work evening assignments if needed. Request an application at the District Office or call 938-4194 to have an application mailed.



A 3-in-One Archery “Fun”-draiser by Ryan Ruegsegger, Monticello FFA Reporter

With a goal of getting youngsters involved with archery and earning money for a worthy cause, the Monticello FFA, in cooperation with the Marshall Bluff Bowhunters Club, hosted the 3rd annual 3-D archery tournament Saturday, September 10th, 2011. Monticello FFA members worked with the Marshall Bluff Bowhunters in tearing down the entire 28 target course, registration and assisting participants around the course throughout the day. Anyone could come and shoot, but FFA members were especially encouraged to come because for

every FFA member who shot (from any FFA chapter) the Monticello FFA Chapter doubled those proceeds and donated them to the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Interfaith is a program, offered by Family Promise, designed to help homeless families get a “jumpstart” towards independence. During the shoot, 19 FFA members completed the course, including the Section V State FFA Vice-President, Katie Dreier, from WI Heights, earning \$151 in member entry fees, a huge increase in FFA shooter turnout from previous years. The Monticello FFA then donated \$302

to Family Promise of Green County. The rest of the money earned throughout the tournament and through a separate raffle was divided between the Marshall Bluff Bowhunters and the Monticello FFA Chapter. This proved to be a valuable event with proceeds helping both clubs and the Monticello FFA using these profits for various student and community opportunities. The Monticello FFA would like to send out a sincere thank-you to the Marshall Bluff Bowhunters and everyone else who participated in this event for their support.



Shown below: Paul Fenner shooting the 3-D course.



Shown above: Several FFA members helping Marshall Bluff Bowhunters President Paul Rieder take down the course.



FCCLA by Linda Marty

The middle school and high school FCCLA chapters have begun planning for their year. The high school FCCLA chapter officer team includes Evan Schultz, Alex Henning, Karlie Klossner, Hunter Pratt and Maggie Edge. Michelle Kachel, Logan Marty and Kallista Baebler are the middle school officers.

Upcoming activities include:

*TEAM Training – will be October 11th in Madison at the Sheraton Hotel. High School members and middle school officers have the opportunity to attend. This one day meeting is planned and presented by the state officer team, including our very own Alex Henning, Wisconsin Vice-President of Finance.

*Middle School FCCLA members will begin their annual fundraiser on October 4th. They will be selling a gift catalog of holiday items, gift wrap and candies

along with frozen cookie dough. Sales will be completed on October 21st and delivery will be before Thanksgiving.

*All FCCLA members will also be participating in the MFCC sale of cranberry products and cake pans in October. Additional information is included in the MFCC article in this newsletter.

*High school FCCLA members are concluding their turn in the concession stand on October 11th. Thank you to those members who have done their part to make this successful.

*October 31st will be the high school FCCLA annual food drive.

*Nov 5 – Green and Gold – 10:00-11:30 for any M.S. FCCLA member who sold at least 10 items for the fundraiser.

*Nov. 7 – STAR Events Meeting – 7:00 for any member interested in doing a STAR Event this year.

*Nov. 11-13 – High School members will be attending the FCCLA National Cluster Meeting in Minneapolis.

Many additional activities are listed on the school website calendar. I will also be sending home a calendar, via email to all parents at the beginning of October.

Anyone who plans to join FCCLA should have paid their dues by September 30th but we accept dues at any time throughout the year.



Halloween Food Drive

Members of the Monticello H.S. FCCLA will be conducting their annual Halloween Food Drive on October 31st. Members will be going door to door around Monticello during trick or treat hours to ask for donations. Donations may be monetary or nonperishable food items or

personal care products. All items will be donated to Green Cares Food Pantry. Our chapter is hoping to have a great collection this Halloween as the National FCCLA outreach program for this year is "Share Our Strength"; their goal is to end hunger in the United States. The Wisconsin

FCCLA State Executive Council has set a goal for Wisconsin FCCLA chapters to donate \$10,000 and 10,000 hours to local food pantries. Your help in reaching our share of this goal is appreciated.

Monticello FCCLA Community Connection

Do you have an interest in helping our students become better leaders? Would you like to support them in their efforts to improve themselves, their families or community? If so, we could use your input. A group of

parents has started an organization to support our two FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapters. We have two chapters at our school. Our middle school chapter includes students in 6th,

7th and 8th grade. We typically have 30-40 middle school members. Our high school chapter usually has 25-30 members. We are involved in many community service activities, competing in STAR



events at all levels and completing chapter projects.

Our group consists of parents, alumni and interested community members. We have decided on the name "Monticello FCCLA Community Connection" or MFCC. Our mission is to support, promote and serve our FCCLA members in their endeavors to

develop their leadership skills and improve their personal, family and community life.

We are beginning some fundraising efforts including a monogrammed cake pan sale and cranberry products sale. These items will be available for sale from October 1st - 25th.

Additional fundraising activities are being planned.

We would appreciate your help and support in getting this group going. Our next meeting is Monday, October 17th at 7:00 in the FACS (Mrs. Marty's) room. Please join us. If you have questions, you may contact Linda Marty at 938-2722.

MFCC SALE

MFCC will be selling personalized, engraved cake and brownie pans from October 1st through October 25th. The cost is \$30 for either a 9 x 9 brownie pan or a 9 x 13 cake pan. You may choose from 6 colors and over 40 designs and personalize with a name. Great for holiday gift giving! Samples and order opportunities will be available at the New Glarus Home

Craft Show on October 1st, and the Lioness Craft Show on October 22nd. Or you may call Donna Anderson at 214-0226 to see colors and designs.

We are also selling a variety of cranberry products including salsa, topping, trail mix and chocolate covered cranberries.

All products will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Contact the following people if you would like to order:

Linda Marty, Donna Anderson, Jill Klossner, Roxie Kolasch, Cathy Fink, Stephanie Beckwith, Kim Kachel or any FCCLA member.



10 Mile Club

The recess supervisors of Monticello Elementary are implementing a new program during noon recess. About 22 laps around the fenced in area of the blacktop by the basketball courts is equal to 1 mile. The laps may be walked, run, skipped, crawled, hopped, jump roped, strolled, etc. Awards will given at 1 mile, 5 miles and ten miles.

It is not our intent to have the kids push themselves to exhaustion, or give up their playground games for this. This is strictly optional -NOT a competition! We want those involved to do this for their own personal achievement. Laps will be recorded by either safety patrol, or the adult supervisors. No more than 10 laps will be recorded per child per noon recess.

A safety patrol will be watching to monitor that there is no cheating going on and to keep things safe.

Thanks and start walking!



Guidance News by Colleen Wells

Our seniors are busy submitting their college applications. They should also be applying for a PIN number & have their parents also apply for a PIN so they will be able to sign their financial aid form electronically. Apply for a PIN number, before December 1st at www.pin.ed.gov . Even if you don't feel that you will qualify for any FREE (scholarships, grants, etc.) money, but you intend to apply for a student loan, you will still want to apply for financial aid using the FAFSA. Most colleges are requiring that you file a FAFSA before you may be considered for any financial aid through their college (this includes student loans). The process is free and the online form is easy to use. You cannot submit FAFSA forms before January 1st, so if you apply for your PIN by December 1st, you should receive it in plenty of time before you need to use your PIN number. There will be an informational financial aid meeting on January 11, 2012 from 6:30-7:30 PM at the New Glarus High School.

Monticello Juniors will be attending a Wisconsin Education Fair at Verona High School on Friday, October 14th. They will have a chance to visit with representatives of many of the 4-year state and private colleges, technical colleges, specialty schools, and armed services reps while at the fair. Now is also the time that the juniors need to start thinking about their college plans as far as the ACT is concerned. Our recommendation to those juniors, who need to take the ACT, is to take the test in the spring so they have acquired as much knowledge as possible prior to taking the test. Many juniors in the past chose to take their ACT in April so if their score wasn't as high as they wanted it to be, they could retake the test in June. The cost of taking the ACT ONLY is \$34.00 or the ACT Plus Writing is \$49.50. You need to register by a certain date to avoid late fees which would be an additional \$21.00.

The following are the test dates and the registration dates:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Registration</u>
12/10/11	11/04/11
02/11/12	01/13/12
04/14/12	03/09/12
06/09/12	05/04/12

You need to register to take the ACT online at www.act.org You may also want to visit the ACT website for electronic practice tests. The registration is not hard to fill out but does take some time so don't wait till the registration date to begin the process. There are ACT Prep classes offered at Albany schools for our students who would like to prepare for the ACT. New Glarus schools might also be offering them in the future and Verona has been an option for students in the past. If you have any questions you may reach me at 938-2719. *Colleen Wells, Guidance Counselor*

Green Cares Food Pantry

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Green County

How Can You Help?

1. **Volunteer** - Donate your time, stock shelves, help customers, and become involved.
2. **Donate Items** - Sugar, flour, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, hamburger, tuna helper, noodles (a variety of types), canned or fresh fruit, canned or fresh vegetables, boxed Jell-O, pudding, juice, cake, brownie mixes, boxed potatoes, rice, crackers, macaroni and cheese, canned soups, tomato sauce, baby food, diapers, Kleenex, bathroom tissues, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, bath soap, household cleaning supplies
3. **Donate Money** - For every \$1 that you donate, Green Cares is able to purchase food from Second Harvest for as low as \$.18 a pound.
4. **Advocate** - Help us spread the word about the issue of hunger in our own community.

100% of all food and monetary donations are used by Green Cares for food and services.

At GREEN CARES FOOD PANTRY We Help Fight Hunger In Southwest Wisconsin

A collaboration between SWCAP and the businesses and citizens of Green County to serve those in need. W5198 County Road C Monticello, WI 53570 608-938-4238 greencares@tds.net. Open Tuesdays 4-7PM, Thursdays 9 AM- Noon, and Saturdays 9 AM- 1PM.



Monticello *Excellence in Education Night*

**5-8 p.m. Wed., October 5th
Culver's – New Glarus**

Treat yourself while helping Monticello Students!

Mark your calendars to treat yourself and the Monticello students at the same time! Culvers of New Glarus will host a benefit night for the Monticello Excellence in Education Fund (EIE) 5:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 5th. Twenty percent of total sales during this time will be donated to directly benefit Monticello students. **With your help, we can beat last year's total donation of \$743.59!**

Monticello EIE, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, was established in 2006 to support projects and programs that enhance learning at Monticello Schools. Proceeds from the benefit night will be used to fund special activities and projects that are not otherwise funded through the regular school budget. Teachers submit their ideas and apply for grant funds. Past EIE grants have funded projects ranging from a family reading night to supplies for half time shows to a cheese making lab for agricultural science class.

Proceeds will help to build up funds to be awarded for this year's grants to be awarded in November. Look at the great projects EIE grants have supported in the past:

☺ Canyon Camp sponsor ☺ New climbing rope for Rehmstedt Gym ☺ Environmental impact and cheese making lab kits for Agricultural Science ☺ Reading Wall of Fame ☺ Jewelry making supplies for Art ☺ Books for the elementary Guided Reading Library ☺ Sponsorship of Family Reading Night ☺ Classroom literacy centers ☺ Start-up costs for elementary Safety Patrol ☺ Health Fair ☺ Early Childhood home/school backpacks ☺ Student incentives for Accelerated Reader ☺ Spanish Class Activity Centers ☺ Tools for the Tech. Shop ☺ Paul Bunyan Breakfast ☺ New Sewing machine for FACS Rom ☺

Each year EIE receives imaginative and creative ideas from teachers. The goal is to fund quality projects and activities that will have a positive impact on students. Help EIE meet this goal for 2011-2012 by joining us at Culver's on October 5th!

Let's make learning fun! Join us at Culver's – New Glarus on October 5th!



Santa's Workshop is coming to Monticello!

Christmas is just around the corner, and many people are already planning their gift lists. We have all experienced the excitement that comes from finding and giving the perfect gift - often more exciting than receiving gifts ourselves. We would like to share that joy and opportunity with the children of Monticello, and so we are starting Santa's Workshop this December. In order to make this work, we need your help!

Santa's Workshop is a place where children can "buy" gifts for family and friends at a very reasonable price. We will have a variety of trinkets and small gift items set up in the Monticello Community Center (the old Legion Hall) on the same day that Santa visits the Monticello Fire Department. Children can go to the fire station to visit with Santa and have a treat, then they can come over to the Community Center to pick out gifts for their family and friends. Children will buy tickets at the door (well, maybe their parents will buy the tickets for them!) for a quarter

each, then they will get to shop by themselves (or with the help of a National Honor Society student if they need) to pick out gifts for their loved ones, all at the price of a ticket or two (depending on the value of the gift). We are also working with the Empty Stocking program and Monticello Schools to identify kids who may not be able to afford even the 25-cent tickets so that we can provide tickets to them at no cost. There will also be a gift-wrap station so the kids can wrap their own gifts (with a little help, of course) and take them home to put under the Christmas tree. We are also hoping to have some fun craft activities for the kids and maybe even some face-painting.

The National Honor Society - Monticello Chapter has graciously offered to help with this project, and we have received wonderful support and even some donations from the Monticello Business and Professional Association (MBPA) already. We are now asking for your help. We are looking for donated items to offer for sale and/or monetary donations to

assist with start-up costs (wrapping paper, activity supplies, etc.). We are also looking for anyone interested in helping organize, publicize or work at the event. Appropriate items to donate would include knick-knacks, trinkets, jewelry, collectible items, mugs, small toys, decorative items, unused candles, or any small gift item that would be appropriate for a child to give to a family member or close friend. All donated items should be in good, clean, giftable condition, preferably new or like-new items. Boxes would also be appreciated (will definitely help the wrapping process). Whatever you would like to donate, we would love to collect! Donations may be dropped off at Tri-Insure at 145 N Main St, Monticello (open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm), or contact Julie Ruegsegger (call 608-558-2397) or Kathleen Grossen (call 608-558-1588). If you are interested in helping in any way or looking for more information, please call Julie or Kathleen. Thank you!

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting June 8, 2011

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Tim Bruns at 7:30 p.m. Present: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith, Travis Zimmerman, Larry McGowan, Julie Havens, Ron Blumer and Trina Zanow. Administration: Karen Ballin, Allen Brokopp and Jean McMannes. Audience: Teresa Eliason, Julene Elmer, Mike Korth, David Zeinert and Nancy Zeinert.
- II. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Julie Havens to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- III. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** A letter from parents Eric and Amanda Jacobson was read praising teacher Tara Murphy. Teresa Eliason spoke on behalf of MEA and MESS in expressing displeasure with recent insurance changes for staff.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Randall Smith second by Ron Blumer to approve minutes of the regular board meeting of May 11 and special board meeting of May 26, motion carried.



- V. Reports: Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ron Blumer reported total May receipts of \$49,243.56 and expenses of \$384,062.68. **Food Service Report:** Connie Vacho has been working hard to meet budget expectations. **Faculty Report:** None. **Student Representative:** Alex Henning reported that student prefer to have half of their semester exams one day and the other half the next as in previous years.
- VI. Administrative Team Reports: MS/HS Principal:** Mr. Brokopp reported there are no middle school retentions this year. Mr. Korth will not be available to march with the band at the Homecoming Parade July 10. Paula Ritschard has volunteered to do this. One truancy ticket was issued this year. **District Administrator:** Dr. Ballin reported that the school library is missing materials (items taken but not checked out) totaling \$1,734. Power went out today during the time report cards were being run, but they are expected to be finished later this week. Jack Krebs and Jennifer Curry won elementary reading awards.
- VII. Approval of Vouchers:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to approve vouchers 43680-43767 and manual checks 672-676 and debt service payments in the amount of \$251,197.48, with checks 43554 and 43628-43629 voided, motion carried.
- VIII. Approval of Payroll:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Trina Zanow to approve May payroll in the amount of \$132,865.20, motion carried.
- IX. Old Business:** The nursing contract for 2011-2012 was discussed and tabled pending further discussion during closed session. An academic co-op meeting has been scheduled for August 8 and 9 for interested staff of Monticello, Albany and Juda school districts. The 2010-11 budget was reviewed and the board learned that the Fund 49 Referendum Account money has been spent. (NOTE: all power was lost when a storm went through-the meeting was completed using flashlights)
- X. New Business:** Bus options were discussed as Bus 1 is 16 years old and needs to be replaced. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve a proposal for a band trip to Memphis and Nashville in 2012, motion carried. The board recognized Mike Korth on his recent honor of being named Teacher of the Year at the 8th Annual Madison Area Music Awards at the Overture Center for the Arts on June 4. The out of state field trip request from the Art Club was tabled until further information is received. Comments from the Town Hall Meeting with the Senior Class were discussed. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Julie Havens to approve a 66:30 agreement with Juda for Special Ed Director Services for 2 days per week. Motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve a 66:30 agreement with Albany for School Psychologist services for 2 days per week, motion carried. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Randall Smith to keep lunch and milk prices the same for 2011-2012, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Trina Zanow to keep school fees the same for 2011-2012, motion carried. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Larry McGowan to approve the Elementary Student/Parent Handbook, the Middle/High School Student Handbook and the Coaching Handbook for 2011-2012, motion carried. Approval of the Student Activity Handbook was tabled pending changes. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Travis Zimmerman to approve the 2011-2012 preliminary budget, motion carried. Installation of the new phone system was discussed. Computers will be re-imaged and upgraded to Windows 7 over the summer. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to purchase Smart Boards through Rural Grant funds from Tierney Brothers at a cost of \$6,713. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Ron Blumer to approve the purchase of Employee Access from Skyward at an estimated cost of \$8,266 over a 5-year period. Yes: Randall Smith, Ron Blumer, Tim Bruns, Larry McGowan, Trina Zanow. No: Travis Zimmerman, Julie Havens. Motion passed 5-2. The addition of four computers to the MS/HS LMC was discussed. Middle School locker proposals were discussed and tabled. A flooring bid was received from Zersen's and additional bids will be sought. A gate for the parking lot was discussed. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve the resignation of Speech and Language Therapist Elizabeth Lamb with appreciation, motion carried. A recommendation was made to approve a physical education contract to Lori Brokopp with further discussion in closed session. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Larry McGowan to approve a contract to Kevin Butters for High School Science, motion carried. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Ron Blumer to approve an electronics recycling contract with Vintage Tech Recyclers, motion carried. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Trina Zanow to approve the CESA 2 contract for administrative fees and special education services in the amount of \$9,948, motion carried.
- XI. Future Board Agenda Items:** Student Activity Handbook, parking lot gate, flooring proposals, Art Club field trip, bus proposals, athletic letters, basketball uniforms, scheduling issues.
- XII. Future Meeting Dates:** Regular board meeting on July 13, 2011.
- XIII. Contemplated Executive Session, Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(b)(c) (e) and (f) to Discuss Administrative Contracts and Non-Represented Staff Issues; to Discuss a Matter Concerning Consideration of Employment, Promotion, Compensation and Performance Evaluations; to Discuss a Matter with Competitive or Bargaining Implications with Regard to the Bus and Transportation Needs; and to Discuss a Parent Complaint Involving a Confidential Employee; and to Discuss a Personnel Matter Pertaining to the District Administrator Pursuant to 19.82(1) and Section 118.22, Wis. Statutes:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to go into closed session at 9:52 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.



XIV. Reconvene into Open Session for Action on the Above Referenced Items, if Appropriate: Motion by Trina Zanow, second by Julie Havens to reconvene into open session at 11:08 p.m., motion carried. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Ron Blumer to increase the nursing contract to 24 hours per week at same current rate of pay, motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Trina Zanow to approve a bid from School Specialty for lockers for the Middle School at a cost of \$4,838.90, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Trina Zanow to approve a contract to Lori Brokopp for Physical Education, motion carried. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Larry McGowan to approve the retirement of Dr. Karen Ballin effective June 22, motion carried.

XV. Adjourn: Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Julie Havens to adjourn at 11:12 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
July 13, 2011

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Tim Bruns at 7:30 p.m. Present: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith, Travis Zimmerman, Larry McGowan, and Ron Blumer. Absent: Julie Havens, Trina Zanow. Administration: Allen Brokopp and Jean McMannes. Audience: Lukas Kolasch, Derek Gilbertson, Ryan Ruegsegger, Evan Schultz, Dustin Trumpy, Brian Rufener, Aaron Hefty, Ryan Indergand, Colleen Wells, Andrea Figi, Teresa Eliason, Ruth Voight, Lita Appel, Bill Cunningham.
- II. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Travis Zimmerman to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- III. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** Thank you notes were read from Dana Lindh, Melody Flesher, Lita Appel and Terri Nipple. A thank you was also received from Tyler Ritschard who received a scholarship. The FFA Soils Judging Team discussed their participation at the state content. The JV team placed 3rd in the state and the Varsity team placed 8th, qualifying them for the National FFA Soil Judging Contest.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Randall Smith second by Larry McGowan to approve minutes of the regular board meeting of June 8, motion carried.
- V. Reports: Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ron Blumer reported total June receipts of \$816,722.91 and expenses of \$457,687.27. **Food Service Report:** None. **Faculty Report:** None. **Student Representative:** None.
- VI. Administrative Team Reports: MS/HS Principal:** Mr. Brokopp reported that the boys' basketball team will be ordering new uniforms this year. He attended the State FFA Convention and congratulated our students on their success. A mediation hearing will be held July 19. SWAP has proved to be a great source for inexpensive equipment and office furniture. The band trip is being scheduled for March 21-27. Registration will be held August 2 and 4 and all middle and high school students are encouraged to check their schedules with Mrs. Wells. We are scheduling interviews for the Boys' JV Basketball Coach position. The Smart Board project is nearing completion. **District Administrator:** None.
- VII. Approval of Vouchers:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to approve vouchers 43678-43869 and manual checks 677-682 (with checks 43744 and 43642 voided) in the amount of \$290,338.07, motion carried.
- VIII. Approval of Payroll:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Randall Smith to approve June payroll in the amount of \$167,349.20, motion carried.
- IX. Old Business:** After some discussion, a motion was made by Randall Smith, second by Ron Blumer to approve the bid from Nelson's Bus Service, Inc. for a 2013 Thomas bus with free use of a loaner bus until arrival. Motion carried. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Ron Blumer to approve a bid from Zersen Flooring, Inc. for office carpeting and replacement tiles contingent on installation prior to school starting, motion carried. The board discussed parking gates and alternatives. Four staff members will be attending a training in Albany on August 8 and 9. A request for an out-of-state Art Club trip was tabled. The Middle School/High School Activity Handbook was discussed.
- X. New Business:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Travis Zimmerman to approve a request from the FFA for an out-of-state trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis October 19-22, motion carried. Colleen Wells, Guidance Counselor, discussed the Middle/High School schedule for 2011-2012. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to accept the resignation of Katilyn Schrader, High School Math, motion carried. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Larry McGowan to approve a contract to Christopher Collins, High School Math, motion carried. Rachel Smalley has verbally accepted a contract for Speech and Language Pathologist. A contract for K-12 Librarian was tabled. The need for a JV-Reserve Volleyball Coach was discussed. A recommendation was made to purchase a small freezer and either buy or make ice rather than repair or replace the ice machine.



- XI. Future Board Agenda Items:** Contracts, schedule, flooring.
- XII. Future Meeting Dates:** Regular board meeting on August 10, 2011.
- XIII. Contemplated Executive Session to Discuss a Matter Concerning Consideration of Employment and Compensation of a District Administrator, Library Media Specialist, and a Speech & Language Therapist; to Discuss a Matter with Competitive or Bargaining Implications with Regard to the Bus and Transportation Needs; and to Discuss a Parent Complaint Involving a Confidential Employee; and to Discuss a Matter Pertaining to Litigation Involving the District Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(b)(c) (e) (f) and (g); 19.82(1) and Section 118.22, Wis. Statutes:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Ron Blumer to go into closed session at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- XIV. Reconvene into Open Session for Action on the Above Referenced Items, if Appropriate:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Travis Zimmerman to reconvene into open session, motion carried.
- XV. Adjourn:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Ron Blumer to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
July 26, 2011

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Vice President Julie Havens at 7:30 p.m. Present: Julie Havens, Randall Smith, Larry McGowan and Trina Zanow. Absent: Tim Bruns, Ron Blumer and Travis Zimmerman. Administration: Allen Brokopp.
- II. Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Larry McGowan, seconded by Trina Zanow to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- III. Contemplated Executive Session to Discuss a Matter Concerning Consideration of Employment and Compensation of a District Administrator; Consideration of Administrative and Non-Represented Staff; and a Speech & Language Therapist; and to Discuss a Parent Complaint Involving a Confidential Employee; and to Discuss a Matter Pertaining to Litigation Involving the District Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(b)(c)(e)(f) and (g); 19:82(1) and Section 118.22, Wis. State Statutes:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Randall Smith to go into closed session at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- IV. Reconvene into Open Session for Action on the Above Referenced Items, if Appropriate (discussion/action):** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Trina Zanow to reconvene into open session at 7:50 p.m., motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Larry McGowan to approve a contract for Karen Ballin, District Administrator, motion carried.
- V. Adjourn:** Motion by Trina Zanow, second by Larry McGowan to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
August 10, 2011

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Tim Bruns at 7:30 p.m. Present: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith, Travis Zimmerman, Larry McGowan, Julie Havens, Ron Blumer and Trina Zanow. Administration: Karen Ballin, Allen Brokopp and Jean McMannes. Audience: Connie Vacho, Lita Appel and Andrea Figi.
- II. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Trina Zanow, second by Julie Havens to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- III. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** A donation of \$300 from the Salvation Army was received to help purchase school supplies for those in need. Thank you notes were received from Linda Marty, FCCLA Advisor; Lucas Marty, Hunter Pratt, and Dylan Beckwith for the support given the FCCLA at the National FCCLA Conference held in Anaheim, California.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the July 13 meeting were tabled.
- V. Reports: Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ron Blumer reported total July receipts of \$125,534.11 and expenses of \$412,723.52. **Food Service Report:** Food Service Director Connie Vacho presented the Statement of Operations for the 2010-2011 school year and also a Projected Operating Budget for 2011-2012. **Faculty Report:** None. **Student Representative:** None. **Co-curricular Committee:** tabled.
- VI. Administrative Team Reports: MS/HS Principal:** Mr. Brokopp reported on a PBIS meeting in July, RTI boot camp, and registration which was held August 2 & 4. Upcoming trainings include Non-Violent Training on August



15, MAPS Training August 17 in Albany and RTI with Elementary Staff August 18. The first football game is scheduled for August 19 at Pecatonica-Argyle. Mr. Brokopp also reported that a donation was received from Gene and Alice Fahrney. **District Administrator:** Dr. Ballin reported on elementary class sizes for 2011-2012.

- VII. Approval of Vouchers:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to approve vouchers 43870-43928 and manual checks 683-689 in the amount of \$293,332.12, motion carried.
- VIII. Approval of Payroll:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve July payroll in the amount of \$119,391.40, motion carried.
- IX. Old Business:** Building and Grounds: The custodial staff has been very busy this summer assembling new lockers in the Middle School as well as thoroughly cleaning the building. The new phone system has been installed as well as new carpeting in the District Office. Some floor tiles will be replaced and updates will be made to the paging system. Landscaping in front of the District Office will be updated before school starts. Technology: The new phone system has been successfully installed and we will be updating the paging system with additional speakers. Transportation: A new bus has been ordered from Nelson's Bus Service. They will provide us with a loaner until the new bus arrives. Academic Co-op Update: The following teachers are certified to teach on-line classes: Adrienne Manier, Sarah Quade, Tonia Swinehart, Chris Collins and Kevin Butters. High School Scheduling: Due to changes in the master schedule, some teachers are working on an overload resulting in supervision shortages. The recommendation is being made to increase Lori Brokopp to 1.0 FTE. Budget Update: Dr. Ballin reported that receiving Scarcity Aid will help our Fund 10 immensely and may result with our budget in the black.
- X. New Business:** Motion by Randall Smith, second by Ron Blumer to accept the resignation of board member Travis Zimmerman, motion carried. Travis was thanked for his contributions and commitment to the School District of Monticello. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Larry McGowan to approve the resignation with regrets, of school nurse Laura Marty, motion carried. Motion by Trina Zanow, second by Julie Havens to approve the resignation of Middle School teacher Juls Klumb upon the receipt of \$800 breach of contract fee, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to approve a contract to Rachel Smalley as Speech and Language Pathologist, motion carried. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Larry McGowan to approve a contract to Pat Ottaway as Library Media Specialist, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Trina Zanow to approve a contract to Sarah Quade as Volleyball JV Reserve Coach, motion carried. The school nurse contract was tabled. FFA out-of-state conference/competition request was tabled. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Trina Zanow to approve the substitute teacher pay rate for 2011-2012 at \$100 per day, motion carried. First readings of the following policies were read: 3200 Employee Grievances, 3200.01 Procedures-Employee Grievances and 3200.02 Impartial Hearing Officer Selection Procedures. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Travis Zimmerman to approve the revision of Policy 8330 Student Records waiving the second reading, motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Julie Havens to approve the purchase of 46 student desks for high school, motion carried. The purchase of computer monitors was discussed.
- XI. Future Board Agenda Items:** Policy readings, computer replacements, nursing contract, Middle School Math contract, budget, FCCLA request.
- XII. Future Meeting Dates:** Regular board meeting on September 14 at 7:30 p.m., Annual District Meeting September 26 at 8:00 p.m.
- XIII. Contemplated Executive Session to Discuss a Matter Concerning Consideration of Employment and Compensation of a Library Media Specialist; to Discuss a Parent Complaint Involving a Confidential Employee; to Discuss a Personnel Issue Pertaining to a Professional Staff Member; and to Consider Compensation for Administrative and Non-Represented Employees Pursuant to 19.85 (1)(b)(c)(e)(f) and (g); 19.82(1) and Section 118.22, Wis. Statutes:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Ron Blumer to go into closed session at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- XIV. Reconvene into Open Session for Action on the Above Referenced Items, if Appropriate:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to reconvene into open session at 11:25 p.m., motion carried. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Julie Havens to freeze Allen Brokopp's salary and continue to pay health insurance premium 100%. Yes: Travis Zimmerman, Julie Havens, Trina Zanow, Ron Blumer, Larry McGowan. No: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith. Motion carried 5-2. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Trina Zanow to freeze Ruth Voight's salary and continue to pay health insurance premium 100%. Yes: Ron Blumer, Trina Zanow, Travis Zimmerman, Julie Havens, Larry McGowan. No: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith. Motion carried 5-2. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Larry McGowan to freeze Jean McMannes's salary and continue to pay health insurance premium 100%. Yes: Travis Zimmerman, Larry McGowan, Julie Havens, Trina Zanow, Ron Blumer. No: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith. Motion carried 5-2. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Ron Blumer to freeze Laura Curry's salary and continue to pay health insurance premium 100%. Yes: Travis Zimmerman, Ron Blumer, Julie Havens, Trina Zanow, Larry McGowan. No: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith. Motion carried 5-2.
- XV. Adjourn:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Julie Havens to adjourn at 11:29 p.m.



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO UPCOMING DATES

October 17	Early Release /12:24 pm Dismissal
October 19-20	Parent Conferences 5-8 pm
October 28	NO SCHOOL /Vacation Day
November 4	End of Quarter 1
November 9	Early Release /12:24pm Dismissal
November 23-25	NO SCHOOL /Thanksgiving Break
December 22	Early Release /12:24pm Dismissal
December 23-January 1	NO SCHOOL /Winter Break
January 19	Early Release /12:24 pm Dismissal
January 20	End of Quarter 2/Semester 1
January 23	NO SCHOOL /Teacher Workday
February 3	Early Release /12:24pm Dismissal
February 20	Early Release /12:24pm Dismissal Parent Conferences 1:30-4pm & 5-8pm
February 23	NO SCHOOL /Teacher Inservice
February 24	NO SCHOOL /Teacher Convention
March 26	Early Release /12:24pm Dismissal
March 27	End of Quarter 3
April 4-9	NO SCHOOL /Spring Break
May 26	Graduation 1pm in Rehmstedt Gym
May 28	NO SCHOOL /Memorial Day Holiday
June 5	End of Quarter 4/Semester 2/Last Day of School



Monticello Area Empty Stocking Fund Benefit

When: Saturday, October 1st
Where: Wittenwyler Farm
W4514 Wittenwyler Road

Noon-8 pm

1-6 pm

6:30-9 pm

9 pm

9:30 pm

Train Rides

Trap Shoot

Hog Roast

Live Auction

Fireworks

Music by Dan Reilley 7-11 pm



***Voluntary donations will be collected with the proceeds going to the
Monticello Empty Stocking Fund***



School District of Monticello

Calendar of Events

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 JV FB at WI Heights Music Parents Meeting 6pm	4 VB at Black Hawk 5:30pm	5 Excellence in Education Night at New Glarus Culvers 5-8pm	6 VB at Juda 5:30pm F FB at Cambridge	7 FB at Waterloo 7pm	8 CC Baertschi Invitational 9am
9	10 PTO Meeting 6:30pm JV FB Waterloo	11 FCCLA Team Training in Madison 9am VB Albany 5:30pm	12 School Board Meeting 7:30pm	13 MS VB at Juda 5pm VB Pec 5:30pm F FB at Waterloo	14 FB Cambridge 7pm	15 CC Conference Meet at Waterloo 9am
16	17 Early release- 12:24 p.m. dismissal MS VB Albany 5pm	18 Lifetouch Picture Retakes VB Regionals tba	19 Parent conferences 5-8pm National FFA Convention through Oct 22	20 Parent conferences 5-8pm	21 VB Regionals tba Level 1 FB State Play-offs	22 Lioness Craft Show 9am-3pm VB Regional Final CC Sectional at Monroe 10am
23 Indian Artifact Show 8am-3pm	24 MS VB at Argyle 5pm	25 MS VB Pecatonica 5pm	26	27 VB Sectional 7pm	28 Vacation Day-NO SCHOOL Level 2 FB State Play-offs	29 CC State Meet at WI Rapids 11am
30	31 Happy Halloween!					

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