

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
December 12, 2018

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Tim Bruns at 7:31 p.m. Present: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith, Julie Havens, Becky Clark, Tyler Smith, and Trina Zanow. Absent: Ron Blumer. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, Mary Cormican and Jean McMannes. Audience: Kim Becker.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- III. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Trina Zanow to approve the agenda, seconded by Julie Havens, motion carried.
- IV. **Communications/Concerns from the Public:** Thank you cards will be sent to Karen Gierhart/Milk Specialties and the Zwingli United Church of Christ Women's Guild for recent donations.
- V. **Treasurer's Report:** Trina Zanow reported total November cash receipts of \$44,628.00 and expenses of \$388,613.44. **Food Service Report:** None. **Faculty Report:** Kim Becker reported on PBIS plans for community service projects for students. She also reported that students have been singing the national anthem at basketball games.
- VI. **Administrative Team Reports: Director of Pupil Services:** Mary Cormican reported that she recently attended a train-the-trainer class. A para-educator position will be available second semester. She also advised that the Open Enrollment Policy be updated since we changed our Early Entrance Policy. **PreK-12 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson reported that Juniors started ACT Prep to prepare for testing. Grade 5 recently held their DARE Graduation. Deputy Pam Tourdot is leaving the program upon retirement in January. The staff holiday gathering will be held January 5th. **District Administrator:** Mr. Brokopp reported that early bird registration for the annual school board convention is available until December 15. The National Honor Society has been very busy as they hosted the Santa's Workshop and Bloodmobile this past week. They also work regularly at the Green Cares Food Pantry. He also reported on the SLATE Conference which he attended along with a number of our teachers. We are working on receiving bids for a phone system and photocopiers.
- VII. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Trina Zanow, second by Becky Clark to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 14, 2018, vouchers 51175-51245 and manual checks 1490-1502, 201800074 and voided checks 51071, 51145, 51147 in the amount of \$368,856.72; and November payroll in the amount of \$162,624.78, motion carried.
- VIII. **Old Business:** A joint board meeting of academic co-op schools will be held March 27, 2019 in Brodhead. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Tyler Smith to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar, motion carried. Future referendum needs and ideas were discussed.
- IX. **New Business:** Motion by Tyler Smith, second by Becky Clark to close Fund 49, motion carried. Kim Becker requested permission to attend the Dorian Choral Festival in Iowa in January and a proposed Band/Choral trip during Spring Break 2020 to New Orleans. Motion by Randall Smith to approve both trips, second by Trina Zanow, motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith, second by Becky Clark to approve WIAA Cooperatives for Baseball and Golf for 2019-2020, motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Trina Zanow to approve the Department of Justice Safety Drill Certification, motion carried. The audit report received by Johnson Block and Company for 2017-2018 was discussed. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Becky Clark and carried, to adopt the Special Education Funding Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING IN
WISCONSIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO 90% OF THE COST INCURED
DECEMBER 12, 2018

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the 422 local Wisconsin public school districts to support the educational needs of ALL students, INCLUDING those who are differently abled; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has a stated commitment to fund 40% of the costs of supporting students with special needs, but funds merely 15%, and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin had statutory language to fund over 60% of costs related to these students, but now funds merely 26.79%, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has not increased funding in public school special education categorical aid for a decade but has increased it for private schools using the special education scholarship, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau recently concluded that because of the historic **underfunding** by the state and federal governments, public school districts must now fund over \$1 billion to cover the educational costs associated with implementing Individual Educational Programs (IEPs), and

WHEREAS, as a result of this **underfunding**, districts across Wisconsin must cut critical programs supporting the education of the rest of their students to support the legislatively mandated special education needs, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin now has special needs scholarships (vouchers) which benefit students in private schools, and

WHEREAS, these vouchers serve children, 75% of whom already were in private schools, and allow private schools to leave children with the greatest special education needs in the public schools, and

WHEREAS, private voucher schools, despite getting increased funding for special needs students, are not required to have certified/licensed special education staff, and

WHEREAS, these special needs vouchers for private schools are paid at a 90% reimbursement rate, while students with the greatest special needs in Wisconsin public schools are only funded by a 26% reimbursement rate.

WHEREAS, the Monticello School District would increase special education funding by \$357,471 when using the same percentage of reimbursement (90%) presently used for private schools.

FURTHER, it is believed that Wisconsin public school children are worth reimbursement equal to that of private school children.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monticello School District calls on our Governor and the Wisconsin State Assembly and the Wisconsin State Senate to increase reimbursement for public schools to a rate of 90% for special needs students, matching the reimbursement rate given to private schools under the legislated Special Needs Scholarship Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the School Board for the Monticello School District, have executed this resolution the 12th day of December, 2018.

Motion by Randall Smith to approve the resignation of Bus Driver Kim Tschudy, second by Julie Havens, motion carried. The board thanks Kim for his 20 years of service. Rich Rufer has been hired as a full-time route driver. John Blumer will run the mid-day 4K route.

- X. Future Board Agenda Items:** Policy, SPED class sizes for open enrollment, Math meetings.
- XI. Future Meeting Dates:** Holiday Luncheon December 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.; Staff Holiday Gathering January 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.; Regular board meeting January 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
- XII. Adjourn:** Motion by Julie Havens to adjourn at 8:39 p.m., second by Randall Smith and carried.

Approving Official:

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