

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
September 8, 2021

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Tim Bruns at 7:30 p.m. Present: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith, Becky Clark, Jeana Gillaspie, Tyler Smith, Erica Appel, and Mike Aquino. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, Denise Swanson, Carolyn Schwartzlow. Absent: None. Audience: Trevor Siegenthaler, Josh Scheiderman, Ryan Indergand, Ian Schwartzlow, Nick Roe, Lita Appel, Katie Boone, Suzie Siegenthaler, Ryan Keyes, Nikkoleen Bongard, Mike McClain, Julie McClain, and Giene Keyes.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- III. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Erica Appel to approve the agenda, seconded by Becky Clark.
- IV. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** Nikkoleen Bongard, Denise Johnson, and Todd Hoesly addressed the board about their concerns of kids wearing masks in school.
- V. Treasurer's Report:** Tyler Smith reported total cash receipts of \$756,348.54 and total expenses of \$785,983.31 for August. **Faculty Report:** Mr. Indergand reported that 24 students attended the Green County Soils Judging Contest. Though the results weren't great, the students used this experience, and the time at the conclusion of the contest, to learn from their mistakes. Going over the pits at the end of the contest really made for a great learning experience and helped prepare the students for the following week's state contest. **Food Service Report:** None.
- VI. Administrative Team Reports: Pupil Services Director:** None. **PreK-12 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson reported the school is off to a pretty good start this year. Teachers and students are excited to be back at school. Staff utilized in service time to get their rooms ready and plans in order. Pony athletes are doing well in football, volleyball and cross country. Mr. Gustafson also discussed the Pony Compass – 4 guiding principles we want to utilize as a district - curriculum & learning; whole child approach; school & community partnerships; recruit & retain staff. Mr Gustafson introduced Josh Schneiderman, our new middle school math and 6th grade writing teacher and he also introduced Trevor Siegenthaler, our new 7th-12th grade PE and 8th grade health teacher. **District Administrator:** None.
- VII. Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Tyler Smith, seconded by Becky Clark to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 11, 2021 and vouchers 53508-53558, manual checks #1946-1960 in the amount of \$639,488.92 and August payroll in the amount of \$146,494.39.
- VIII. Old Business: Academic Co-Op Update:** Shared classes are going like normal this year. Juda's math teacher is helping us out by teaching 11 of our students in Shop Math. Shared staff is going well. **Referendum 2022 Planning:** Mr. Brokopp shared a power point he and Carol Wirth created as a presentation for the first listening meeting on September 29, 2021. **COVID-19 Response:** Erica Appel shared her reason for why masks were made mandatory for our 4K-6th graders. Carolyn Schwartzlow shared how she, administration and the school board made the decision to have masks in school, how long to quarantine, who's considered close contact, and what the guidelines are for returning to school. Erica Appel made a motion to require all staff and students 4K-12 wear a mask beginning 9/13 and to reevaluate at the next board meeting, second by Mike Aquino. Motion passed 5-2.
- IX. New Business: Out of State Trip Request:** Nick Roe and Ian Schwartzlow requested permission to go to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 27, 2021. Motion by Randall Smith to approve the out of state trip, second by Erica Appel, motion carried. **2021-22 Budget Update:** Mr. Brokopp shared that after the year end audit, there was only a \$58,000 loss due to Esser grants, COVID grants for Special Ed,

Medicaid assistance. Next year's budget is not looking terrible. It includes a new van and open enrollment numbers were left as they were in 2020. **Contracts/Resignations:** Mr. Brokopp shared a letter of resignation from Angela Richter, former elementary teacher and math interventionist who was in our school district for the past 26 years. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Erica Appel, motion carried. Motion by Jeana Gillaspie to accept the contract for Josh Schneiderman, middle school math and 6th grade writing teacher, second by Becky Clark, motion carried. **Policy:** Mr. Brokopp reported he had a meeting with Scott Brown, of NEOLA, and went over the new Title IX guidelines. He and Scott also went over other policies during that meeting. Motion to approve the update by Randall Smith, second by Erica Appel and motion carried.

- X. Future Agenda Items:** Building and Grounds meeting on September 15, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- XI. Future Meeting Dates:** 2022 listening session September 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Regular school board meeting October 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Annual board meeting October 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- XII. Adjourn:** Motion by Becky Clark, second by Jeana Gillaspie to adjourn at 9:14 p.m., motion carried.

Approving Official:

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