

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
December 14, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Randall Smith at 7:30 p.m. Present: Tyler Smith, Mike Aquino, Sally Roe, Ron Blumer, and Elise Constantini. Absent: Becky Clark. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, Carolyn Schwartzlow and Denise Swanson. Faculty: Alma Street and Kim Becker. Audience: Lita Appel, Steve Wehrley, Molly Delwiche, Dennis Haak and some members of the NGM Cross Country team.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- III. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Mike Aquino to approve the agenda, seconded by Sally Roe, motion carried.
- IV. **Communications/Concerns from the Public:** Thank you to the following for contributing to the volleyball team's trip to State... The Monticello Booster Club; Advanced HVAC; Four Wings Trucking; Maple Leaf Landscaping; Greenwood State Bank; The Bank of New Glarus; Mark Gustafson; Sarah Quade and Cole Leystra; Jonny O's; Monticello Fire Department; Gempelers; The New Glarus Bakery; The Village of Monticello and The Monticello PD. Thank you to the Booster Club for their \$12,000 donation which helped purchase a softball pitching machine, a high jump landing pit and golf equipment. Coach Wehrley, Coach Delwiche, Assistant Coach Haak and some of the NGM Cross Country team were here to go over their season and accomplishments. Coach Wehrley stated there were 12 boys and 24 girls this year on the cross country team and that they have won the conference meet the last 4 years for both the boys and the girls AND JV and varsity. He also acknowledged Tom Nelson who went to state and was all state academic.
- V. **Faculty Report:** Mrs. Street shared that 4K isn't all about learning and academics, but just being proud of their improvements, too. Most of the students have been able to recognize their numbers which, at this point in the school year, is pretty amazing. Kids are starting to understand sounds which, again, is academic progress from last year. Mrs. Street also said their social skills have really improved. She stated it's been "pure chaos", but it's been so fun. All day 4K has been a good move and she and Mrs. DiCristina have received some great messages from parents in regards to their kids being excited about all they can do. Ms. Becker is hoping there will be a concert tomorrow seeing as the first, scheduled elementary concert was canceled due to weather. If not tomorrow, it will be Friday. The MS/HS concert will be Monday, December 19th. **Treasurer's Report:** Tyler Smith reported total expenses of \$674,333.61 and total cash receipts of \$97,959.62. **Food Service Report:** None.
- VI. **Administrative Team Reports: PreK-12 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson shared the 2021 school report card... Exceeding expectations more than just meeting expectations; elementary – exceeds, middle – meets, high school – meets few expectations. We are in the top 4 of schools in our area. **District Administrator:** Mr. Brokopp shared the NHS blood drive will be Friday in the Rehmstedt Gym. He attended the Santa's workshop on Saturday and said it was very neat to see the NHS kids working with the younger kids. Monticello was awarded the DHS Grant for over \$6,000 for various nursing needs. We will be using it to offset costs from 2021-2023.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Tyler Smith, seconded by Ron Blumer to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 9, 2022 and vouchers 54470-54545 and manual checks #2178-2193 and voided checks 54478 & 54533 in the amount of \$496,968.58 and referendum expenses to be reimbursed in the amount of \$199,643.20 and November payroll in the amount of \$177,365.03.
- VIII. **Old Business:** None.

- IX. New Business:** Motion by Sally Roe, seconded by Mike Aquino to approve Ms. Becker and 4 students taking an out of state trip to Decorah, IA for the Dorian Festival. Athletic Director Schwartzlow shared information on having a co-op with Albany due to our numbers being low and their numbers dipping. Motion by Tyler Smith, seconded by Elise Constantini to approve a girls' basketball co-op with Albany for the 2023-2024 and the 2024-2025 school years (2 year term). Nothing new with Monticello 8-Man Football (as of yet, no coaches have applied). The tentative calendar for the 2023-2024 school year was shared. A Buildings and Grounds meeting was held on December 5th. Construction budget, epoxy flooring options, carpet tile options were discussed. A letter from Colleen Wells, school counselor for the past 39 years, was shared. Motion by Mike Aquino, seconded by Ron Blumer to accept Colleen Wells' resignation. A letter from Rebecca Gustafson, varsity volleyball coach, was shared. Motion by Ron Blumer, seconded by Elise Constantini to accept the resignation of Rebecca Gustafson. Motion by Ron Blumer, seconded by Mike Aquino to accept Lani Harrison as an Elementary Special Education teacher. Motion by Sally Roe, seconded by Tyler Smith to accept Savannah Baade as the Elementary Speech and Language Therapist.
- X. Future Meeting Topics:** 2023-2024 school calendar, 8-Person Football Committee.
- XI. Future Meeting Dates:** Regular Board Meeting January 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Holiday Meal December 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
- XII. Contemplated executive session for consideration of 2022-2023 staffing; and budgeting; §19.85(1) (c) (e) (f), Wis. State Statutes.** Roll call to go into closed session at 8:45 p.m.
- XIII. Reconvene into Open Session for further consideration and/or action on the above referenced items, including items discussed in closed session, if appropriate.** Motion by Ron Blumer, seconded by Mike Aquino to reconvene into Open Session at 9:20 p.m.
- XIV. Adjourn:** Motion by Elise Constantini to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Mike Aquino. 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.