

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
January 12, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Becky Clark at 7:30 p.m. Present: Randall Smith, Tyler Smith, Erica Appel, and Mike Aquino. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, Denise Swanson, and Carolyn Schwartzlow. Absent: Jeana Gillaspie. Audience: May Burgy, Tom Broger, Jodi Broger, and Dan Salas.
- 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 Mike Aquino, motion carried.
- IV. **Replacement Board Member Interview:** Ron Blumer was interviewed and addressed the board as to why he would be a good candidate to complete the rest of Tim Bruns' term.
- V. **Appoint New Board Member:** Motion by Randall Smith to have Ron Blumer complete the rest of Tim Bruns' term, second by Tyler Smith. Motion carried.
- VI. **Reorganization of the Board:** Motion by Ron Blumer to nominate Randall Smith as Board President, second by Tyler Smith. Motion carried. Motion by Erica Appel to nominate Becky Clark as Board Vice President, second by Tyler Smith. Motion carried. Motion by Becky Clark to nominate Tyler Smith as Board Treasurer, second by Erica Appel. Motion carried. Motion by Mike Aquino to nominate Erica Appel as Board Clerk, second by Ron Blumer; motion by Tyler Smith to nominate Ron Blumer as Board Clerk, second by Erica Appel. Erica Appel withdrew. Second by Becky Clark. Motion carried.
- VII. **Communications/Concerns from the Public:** May Burgy addressed the board on the issue of our music program, most specifically, the instrumental department. A letter from Carolyn Hilliard was read about her concerns of the quality of the MS/HS Band & Choir winter concert. Mr. Brokopp reported the volleyball team received an award of Honorable Mention Good Sportsmanship from WIAA during our participation at State Volleyball. A thank you note from the volleyball team was received for the board's support. Thank you notes were received from Paula Ritschard and Cindy Salas for the bonus they received.
- VIII. **Treasurer's Report:** Tyler Smith reported total cash receipts of \$733,006.93 and total expenses of \$446,030.73 for December. He also shared the audit report for the school year ending June 30, 2021. He stated that to date, this is the best audit in regards to how things are being run. **Faculty Report:** None. **Food Service Report:** None.
- IX. **Administrative Team Reports:** **Pupil Services Director:** None. **PreK-12 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson went over the district report card a little more thoroughly than the last board meeting. Juniors will be taking the ACT earlier than in years past. A new program this year, D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read), is a time where MS/HS students and teachers stop what they're doing and read for 15 minutes. This program was added to encourage these students to read more. Mrs Wells has started her Junior transition meetings, she will finish up tomorrow and will start creating a schedule for next year. Eighth grade transition meetings will be in February. Our College English professor is retiring so the hope is to go through UW Oshkosh for next year's classes. Elementary just started their winter MAPs and STAR testing this week to see where the students' levels are in reading and math. Middle school will do STAR testing to see where their levels of reading and math are at. Upcoming tests this spring will include ACT for Juniors, ACT Aspire for Sophomores and Forward exams for 4th – 10th grades. **District Administrator:** Mr. Brokopp mentioned we fed 522 people at the holiday luncheon. He thanked Ms. White and the art club for decorating and the art club and middle

school and custodians for cleaning up. The blood drive was a success with every slot filled. Congratulations to Tyler Smith for getting his bus driving license.

- X. Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Becky Clark, seconded by Erica Appel to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 8, 2021 and vouchers 53777-53846, manual checks #2006-2019 in the amount of \$252,193.09 and December payroll in the amount of \$193,837.64.
- XI. Old Business:** Carolyn Schwartzlow shared our latest COVID data. She reported that the CDC now says in order to be up to date with the COVID vaccination, a booster will need to be received after 5 months of the 2nd shot. Students under 12 are considered up to date since they received their vaccination recently. A booster clinic for those 12 and over is scheduled for a week from today. Carolyn also shared we are in a much better state than many schools around us in regards to COVID cases. Motion by Erica Appel, second by Ron Blumer to approve the updated COVID guidelines. Motion carried. Mr. Brokopp shared what buildings and grounds items will be upgraded and added to the 2022 referendum (bus garage; STEM areas in the shop and science classes; North elementary hallway update; resurfacing the floor from Circle Drive to the Rehmstedt balcony). Board members will meet with the Lions, Lionesses and FFA Alumni on Thursday, February 17, 2022. The next community meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2022. Motion by Becky Clark to approve the 2022-2023 academic calendar, second by Erica Appel. Motion carried.
- XII. New Business:** Traci Davis is recommending that Open Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year be closed to grades 3-12 for Special Education. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Erica Appel. Motion carried. Mr. Brokopp shared the proposed term sheets from Greenwoods State Bank and from The Bank of New Glarus for short term borrowing. Motion by Tyler Smith to go with The Bank of New Glarus for short term borrowing, second by Becky Clark. 4 yea, 1 nay, and one abstain. Motion carried. Mr. Brokopp discussed going to all day 4K to help eliminate parents' need for daycare coverage which then leads to fewer students here. There were no contracts or resignations to approve. School board members (Randall Smith, Ron Blumer & Mike Aquino) will meet with Scott from NEOLA to go over policy drafting on March 10, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- XIII. Future Meeting Topics:** None.
- XIV. Future Meeting Dates:** School Board Convention January 19-21, 2022. Regular board meeting February 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. 2022 referendum listening session March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- XV. Contemplated executive session for consideration of 2022-2023 staffing and budgeting pursuant to 19.85(1) (c) (e) (f), Wis. State Statutes.**
All board members in attendance were present for roll call.
- XVI. 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 Tyler Smith, seconded by Becky Clark to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.
- XVII. Adjourn:** Motion by Mike Aquino, second by Becky Clark to adjourn at 10:15p.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.