

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
May 11, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Randall Smith at 7:30 p.m. Present: Becky Clark, Tyler Smith, Ron Blumer, Mike Aquino, and Sally Roe. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, and Denise Swanson. Faculty: Brenda DiCristina, Ann DeNure, Jody Indergand, Andrea Wells, Alma Mentz, and Carley Francois. Audience: Elise Constantini, Denise Johnson, Stacy Leitner, and Megan Leitner.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- III. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Ron Blumer to approve the agenda and to amend the March 9, 2022 special board meeting, seconded by Becky Clark, motion carried.
- IV. **Reorganization of the Board:** Motion by Ron Blumer to nominate Randall Smith as Board President, seconded by Mike Aquino, motion to close nominations and motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith to nominate Becky Clark as Board Vice President, seconded by Sally Roe, motion to close nominations and motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer to nominate Tyler Smith as Board Treasurer, seconded by Mike Aquino, motion to close nominations and motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith to nominate Ron Blumer as Board Clerk, seconded by Becky Clark, motion to close nominations and motion carried.
- V. **Designate the Official Depository for District Funds:** Motion by Becky Clark to designate Greenwoods State Bank as the official depository for district funds. Seconded by Sally Roe, motion carried.
- VI. **Designate a Newspaper for the Publication of School District Notices:** Motion by Ron Blumer to designate the Post Messenger as the primary newspaper for publication of official district notices with The Monroe Times as the secondary newspaper. Seconded by Becky Clark, motion carried.
- VII. **Establish a Regular Monthly Meeting Date and Time:** Motion by Tyler Smith to establish the regular monthly meeting as the second Wednesday of the month with the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Ron Blumer, motion carried.
- VIII. **Designate a Law Firm for District Business:** Motion by Becky Clark to designate Boardman Clark as the law firm for district business. Seconded by Tyler Smith, motion carried.
- IX. **Assign CESA 2 Delegate:** Motion by Tyler Smith to assign Sally Roe as the delegate to the CESA #2 Convention. Seconded by Mike Aquino, motion carried.
- X. **Communications/Concerns from the Public:** A thank you note was received from Karen Bruegger for all the help from our staff and students at Montesian Gardens during the Community Day of Service. Another thank you note was sent to thank our staff and students who helped at Nancy Aquino's house on the Community Day of Service. Jody Indergand addressed the board in regards to elementary behavior and how big of a problem it is. She stated the elementary teachers and staff would like to work with the board to work with these students. They would also like to meet with the board to have an open discussion about how to address these issues. Ann DeNure passed out a document stating what was said during their meeting.
- XI. **Faculty Report:** Ms. Mentz reported 18 families showed up for the 4K Open House. She's waiting to hear back from some more families so that number should go up. She also said that 4K grew some sunflowers

and also got to explore and learn about some bugs thanks to Mrs. Salas and the UW-Madison Entomology department. 4K's garden is starting to grow so they visited the Pony Pasture to check it out. They also got to meet Megan Leitner's bunnies. AND Ms. Mentz also wanted everyone to know that there are only 10 days left of 4K! Ms. DeNure reported 2nd graders went to the Cave of the Mounds for their field trip and stated how nice it was to get back to field trips. Mrs. Wells reported that 4th grade is learning about sexual reproduction – enough said. **Treasurer's Report:** Tyler Smith reported total cash receipts of \$132,285.64 and total expenses of \$334,741.37 for April. **Food Service Report:** None.

- XII. Administrative Team Reports:** Nothing new to report for Pupil Services. Mr. Gustafson stated all seniors are on track to graduate, with their last day being May 25th. The Senior Banquet will also be on May 25th at 7 p.m. where rewards and scholarships will be handed out. Graduation is scheduled for May 28th at 1 p.m. in the Rehmstedt Gym. Mr. Gustafson also said the 4K Open House went really well and was well planned. He stated the pirate themed elementary concert outside was well attended. Middle school band, high school band and high school choir held their performance on May 5th. The middle school musical, 'Dreamcatcher' was tonight. May 31st will be a full day for students (middle school and high school will be on field trips) and June 1st will be a half day/last day of school. Summer school will be held in July while Pony Prep will be in August. Mr. Brokopp reported Easter break was nice and enjoyable. Senior exit interviews are May 26th. He also reported he went to the FFA National Soils Judging in Oklahoma and learned quite a bit. Our students finished as the second best team in Wisconsin. Mr. Indergand does an amazing job with everything related to soil judging, including coordinating going to the National Contest. Mr. Brokopp also wanted to thank everybody who was involved with the Day of Service.
- XIII. Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Tyler Smith, seconded by Ron Blumer to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 13, 2022 and the special board meeting of March 9, 2022 and vouchers 54058-54101 and manual checks #2070-2087 and voided checks 54077, 54085, 54086 in the amount of \$172,688.58 and April payroll in the amount of \$162,052.79.
- XIV. Old Business: Referendum Planning 2022:** Nothing new.
- XV. New Business:** Motion by Tyler Smith to authorize the school district budget to exceed revenue limit for recurring and non-recurring purposes, seconded by Becky Clark, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer to provide a referendum election on the question of the approval of a resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed revenue limit for recurring and non-recurring purposes, seconded by Sally Roe, motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith to approve Amy Gordinier's 3rd grade out of town field trip to Dubuque on May 19th, seconded by Sally Roe, motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith to approve the 2022-2023 school fees, seconded by Ron Blumer, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer to approve the 2022-2023 handbooks for teachers, support staff, classified staff and substitutes, seconded by Becky Clark, motion carried. **2022-2023 Co-Curricular Chart:** was discussed and the district is going to look at altering its format prior to the school year. Motion by Ron Blumer to hire Dawson Babcock as the band director, seconded by Mike Aquino, motion carried. Motion by Becky Clark to keep Janet Root, Occupational Therapist at \$61/hr, seconded by Tyler Smith, motion carried. Motion by Tyler Smith to increase Jeff Ace's, lead bus mechanic, pay to \$40/hr, seconded by Sally Roe, motion carried.
- XVI. Interview and consideration of the candidates for appointment and selection of an appointee to fill the current school board vacancy:** Motion by Becky Clark to place Elise Constantini in the open seat as a Monticello School Board Member, seconded by Mike Aquino, motion carried.
- XVII. Future Meeting Topics:** Board Retreat tbd
- XVIII. Future Meeting Dates:** Regular Board Meeting June 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

- XIX. Contemplated executive session for consideration of administrative contracts; 2022-2023 staffing and budgeting pursuant to § 19.85(1) (c) (e) (f), Wis. State Statutes.** Roll call to go into closed session at 9:00 p.m.
- XX. 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 to reconvene into open session at 10:00 p.m., seconded by Becky Clark. Motion carried.
- XXI. Adjourn:** Motion by Sally Roe to adjourn at 10:01 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.