

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
December 13, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Randall Smith at 7:30 p.m. Present: Becky Clark, Mike Aquino, Sally Roe, Elise Constantini, and Laura Eyler. Absent: Tyler Smith. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, and Denise Swanson. Faculty: Sarah Quade, Kim Becker, Alma Street, Ryan Indergand. Audience: None.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- III. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Becky Clark to approve the agenda, seconded by Sally Roe, motion carried.
- IV. **Communications/Concerns from the Public:** A Christmas card and truffles were received from Findorff. Thank you to the following for your generous donations... \$1000 from Freshpack for lunch assistance; \$400 from an anonymous donor to go toward our 8-player football team and \$300 to the music department.
- V. **Faculty Report:** Mr. Indergand reported he's been able to use the new space in the shop, as it turned out well and has provided more room for taxidermy, meat processing and other projects. He also reported that a grant was received from the WI Swiss and Cheddar Cheesemakers. which will help provide a chest freezer, walk-in cooler and hoist for the meat processing class. Mrs. Street reported that 4K is going great and, also, doing great academically. They are working on social and emotional skills and always learning and growing.
Treasurer's Report: Becky Clark reported total cash receipts of \$108,388.49 and total expenses of \$426,541.36 for November. **Food Service Report:** Mr. Brokopp reported that year to date vs budget totals were shared. There are more kids eating school lunches this year (and quite a few more on free/reduced), which helps the reimbursement rate and revenue is up due to those free/reduced higher numbers.
- VI. **Administrative Team Reports: Director of Pupil Services:** None. **EC-21 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson passed out the District report card (overall 69.1%, up from last year) - elementary is exceeding expectations; middle school went up; high school went up and is now meeting expectations. Overall, the report card was good/showed improvement. Mr. Gustafson took some staff to the SLATE conference which focused on harnessing the power of AI and said it was the best conference he's been to. **District Administrator:** Mr. Brokopp reported there was an EIE grant celebration which awarded \$3200 to quite a few teachers and their programs. He said the most recent parent/teacher conference was the best attended and upcoming events include the blood drive and the elementary concert this Friday, 12/15, along with the middle school/high school concert on Monday, 12/18.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Laura Eyler, seconded by Mike Aquino to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 8, 2023 and vouchers #55261-55325 and manual checks #2386-2400 and voided checks #55209, 55308 & AP wire 232400002 in the amount of \$251,121.52 and November payroll in the amount of \$175,419.84. Motion carried.
- VIII. **Old Business:** None.
- IX. **New Business:** Motion by Sally Roe to approve Ms. Becker and 5 Senior, choir students travel to Decorah, IA for the Dorian Festival, seconded by Becky Clark. Motion carried. Motion by Mike Aquino to approve Mr. Indergand and several FFA members travel to Oklahoma for the FFA Nationals Soils Judging, seconded by Becky Clark. Motion carried. Motion by Elise Constantini to approve the 2025 Spanish trip to Ecuador, seconded by Laura Eyler. Motion carried. Motion by Becky Clark to approve the new Gordon Flesch lease for printers, seconded by Sally Roe. Motion carried. Discussion about the 2024-2025 school calendar was

held. Mr. Brokopp shared there was a very nice donation for the 8-player football scoreboard by the Forever 56 Foundation. The design is being worked on. We also learned of a substantial Bank of New Glarus donation upcoming. 2026 Referendum Planning: Three buses will need to be replaced by the next referendum and likely the van. Buildings and Grounds Meeting Summary: Ag Tech Shop project is done. There's \$165,754 of undesignated money which could possibly go toward new bathrooms in the Elmer Lemon gym; partitions in-between urinals; air conditioning in the Elmer Lemon gym; possible air conditioning in bus shop/garage; and/or new collab lab chairs; Alpha HVAC – getting air conditioning in the elementary school is always a problem since there's not enough power to power the air conditioners; spend some money on getting water away from the building, lower parking lot and football field. 2023 School Board Convention: 5 board members will attend. Motion by Sally Roe to accept Kyle Kubatzke as the 1st assistant football coach and Peter Blumer as the 2nd assistant coach, seconded by Becky Clark. Motion carried.

- X. **Future Meeting Topics:** 2024-2025 School Calendar.
- XI. **Future Meeting Dates:** Regular Board Meeting January 10, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Holiday Meal December 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
- XII. **Adjourn:** Motion by Laura Eyler to adjourn at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Sally Roe. 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.