

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
November 8, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Randall Smith at 7:30 p.m. Present: Tyler Smith, Becky Clark, Mike Aquino, Sally Roe, Elise Constantini, and Laura Eyler. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, Christina Karlen, and Denise Swanson. Faculty: None. 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:** Dennis Haak, Dana Olson and the NGM Cross Country team thanked the board for helping them in making decisions this year and remaining a co-op with them. The coaches and athletes introduced themselves and said there was a total of 30 athletes and one manager (lots of girls, but lower number of boys). They had many accomplishments, some of which were the girls were Conference Champs for the 5th time; they were Division 2 Sectional Champs; and they placed 10th at the State meet, with Molly Olson as the top runner. Coach Haak stated he enjoyed coaching them all. An ACP article and an article on Chief Conway's award were in the Post Messenger. A thank you and gift certificate will be sent to Leslie Smith for volunteering her time to work on keeping our flowers, plants and outdoor entryways looking so lovely. Thank you notes to the Community Club for their donation of \$750, as well as one to the Lions Club for their donation of \$1000 will also be sent. Both organizations donated their money to go towards books for the new, book vending machine.
- V. **Faculty Report:** None. **Treasurer's Report:** Tyler Smith reported total cash receipts of \$117,727.21 and total expenses of \$576,455.64 for October. **Food Service Report:** None.
- VI. **Administrative Team Reports: Director of Pupil Services:** None. **EC-21 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson will be submitting an article to The Post Messenger about the spelling bee. He said the kids enjoy it and are proud when they get a medal. Mr. Gustafson stated parent/teacher conferences are this Thursday and Friday, families are able to sign-up on-line and a more than average amount of families are signed up this year. He reported that since Veteran's Day will not be on a school day, the program will not be in person. Instead, there will be a digital program available on the school's website and Facebook page and will also be emailed to families. Mr. Gustafson has been looking into having an e-sports program for the fall, winter and spring season. There is a minimal cost to join a conference and set up games with schools. He also reported that the middle school and high school English teachers, along with a couple Special Ed teachers and himself, will be going to the SLATE conference. There will be quite a bit on AI (Artificial Intelligence). **District Administrator:** Mr. Brokopp reported the annual meeting went well and that he's started working on the 24-25 school year calendar. He also said the school play was last weekend and though there were small numbers, there was big talent. The new sound system made a significant difference in projecting the actors' voices. Mr. Brokopp invited the board to attend the EIE Grant ceremony.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Sally Roe, seconded by Elise Constantini to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 11, 2023, the minutes of the annual board meeting of October 25, 2023, the minutes of the special meeting of October 25, 2023, and vouchers #55195-55260 and manual checks #2365-2382, 2384 & 2385 and AP wire 232400001 in the amount of \$398,996.15 and October payroll in the amount of \$177,459.49. Motion carried.

- VIII. Old Business: Referendum project update:** The school will not be buying the smaller school bus. There is \$180,000 left of the \$1.5 million that needs to be spent by the end of the school year. Possible ideas to use it on include air conditioning in the elementary and/or Elmer Lemon gym; concrete fix; van/conversion van, bus; athletic complex – lights. A discussion was had on when to have the next referendum seeing as, eventually, there will be a need for operating help/updating of the school, etc... Mr. Brokopp stated mental health is a growing need so that could be something to invest in. Future addition addressing needs/concerns that were brought up at a meeting with a committee included... a safer drop off and pick up; daycare should have a permanent home; commons areas for students/updates to the school to make it more, aesthetically pleasing; a new cafeteria; and an area specifically for shipping and receiving. A discussion on who to/what company to go through for the next referendum was had. Committees for building and grounds, and referendum will need to meet to discuss further.
- IX. New Business:** Registration is now open for the 2023 School Board Convention. Motion by Tyler Smith to accept Braden Gafner as the baseball assistant coach, seconded by Becky Clark. Motion carried. Motion by Elise Constantini to accept Tyler Smith as the volunteer head football coach, seconded by Laura Eyler. Motion carried. Tyler Smith abstained.
- X. Future Meeting Topics:** Buildings and ground; transportation; and football.
- XI. Future Meeting Dates:** Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Holiday luncheon December 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
- XII. Contemplated executive session for consideration of student discipline pursuant to §19.85(1) (c) (e) (f), Wis. State Statutes §118.22.**
- XIII. Adjourn:** Motion by Laura Eyler to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Becky Clark. 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.