

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
February 14, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Randall Smith at 7:30 p.m. Present: Becky Clark, Tyler Smith, Mike Aquino, Sally Roe, Elise Constantini and Laura Eyler. Administration: Mark Gustafson, Carley Francois, Christina Karlen, and Denise Swanson. Absent: Allen Brokopp. Faculty: Kim Becker and Alma Street. Audience: Lita Appel.
- 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 dedication program from 1980 for the new addition/high school was passed around, courtesy of Jill Klossner. Thank yous were received from Jill Wennesheimer, bus 4 driver; Haidyn Wing, class of 2023, for the Glen Burgy and Community Work Force grant she received; and Ron Blumer/Monticello School for the plant and communication from USI. Thank you to the following for your thoughtful donation... Monticello Booster Club for the football jerseys and the new mascot uniform; MPPM for \$500 which will go to our lunch and Pony Pack programs; \$2000 from Colony Brands for our Pony Pack program; Dave & Jill Eustice for their \$125 to our 8-player football program; \$100 from the Bittner-McCutchin family to go toward our 8-player football program; Ron Blumer and family for chains for our 8-player football program; Green County Beef Producers for beef from Hoesly's for our Pony Pack program; \$300 from Fidelity Insurance and Lisa Ritschard to go toward our general fund; and Kriss Ace for a 9 ft. tall Christmas tree which will be used during the holiday luncheon and winter concerts.
- V. **Faculty Report:** Mrs. Street reported 4K is truckin' right along and since it's a leap year they will be doing a lot of extra things. The 100th day was celebrated with 4K-5th grades and Valentine's Day was celebrated today. 4K had their game day on a Saturday morning which included donuts, playing games, and bonding - the kids had a good time. Two Fridays ago, they also had a movie night (Trolls) and snacks in Rehmstedt Gym (10 out of 14 families involved). It was fun and they may do it again. Ms. Becker reported Solo & Ensemble is this Saturday in Juda (there will be 30 events and the kids are working hard) and Cabaret will be March 3rd – the theme is "An Afternoon at the Movies". **Treasurer's Report:** Tyler Smith reported total cash receipts of \$1,073,616.89 and total expenses of \$564,267.86 for January. **Food Service Report:** None.
- VI. **Administrative Team Reports: Director of Pupil Services:** None. **EC-21 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson reported parent/teacher conferences will be this Thursday and the PTO euchre tournament was a success. **District Administrator:** None.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Tyler Smith, seconded by Sally Roe to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 10, 2024 and vouchers #55370-55429 and manual checks #2419-2437 and voided checks #55406 and AP wire #232400004 in the amount of \$400,194.06 and January payroll in the amount of \$163,073.80. Motion carried.
- VIII. **Old Business:** Tyler Smith reported the budget to date for the 8-player program and he said almost everything has been purchased. He shared a list of donations (around \$14,000 to date) and also shared what the donor sign will look like. Motion by Laura Eyler, seconded by Becky Clark to approve the Morton bid for the football press box. Motion carried. Tyler Smith abstained. Motion by Sally Roe, seconded by Elise Constantini to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. Motion carried.

- IX. New Business:** Motion by Becky Clark, seconded by Mike Aquino to approve 2 buses for Post Prom on May 4th to go to Spare Time in Madison. Randall Smith reported he and Mr. Brokopp went over more 2026 referendum planning with Carol Wirth. There will most likely be a March 5 meeting for the building and grounds committee where teachers could add their input as to what is truly needed. There's \$176,000 remaining in the account from the referendum. Ideas to spend it on include air conditioning in the Elmer Lemon Gym; drainage for water on the east side of the building; a new van; an update to the Elmer Lemon bathrooms; new chairs in the collab lab; elementary unit vents and whether there is enough power to replace/update and do AC. Discussion was held about acknowledging and reincorporating a valedictorian and a salutatorian next year since we don't do that and are one of the only schools not to. There were no contracts or resignations to approve.
- X. Future Meeting Topics:** Fund 80.
- XI. Future Meeting Dates:** Building and Grounds Committee Meeting March 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting March 13, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting April 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
- XII. Adjourn:** Motion by Becky Clark to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Laura Eyler. 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.