

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
January 10, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Randall Smith at 7:31 p.m. Present: Becky Clark, Tyler Smith, Mike Aquino, Sally Roe, and Laura Eyler. Absent: Elise Constantini. Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, Carley Francois, Christina Karlen, and Denise Swanson. Faculty: Mrs. Street. 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:** Thank you to Trouvaille Coffee for their \$200 donation to our 8-player football program and also to Joni Waelchli-Buehl for her \$1000 donation to the band department.
- V. **Faculty Report:** Mrs. Street reported academics are going well in 4K and they're working on social skills and befriending people. She also said there will be two family fun days coming up and a family movie night (Trolls) in the gym. **Treasurer's Report:** Tyler Smith reported total cash receipts of \$643,790.41 and total expenses of \$519,888.97 for December. Audit: Tyler Smith reported that the board will have to appropriate in May; cross training; long, outstanding checks; journal entry review (similar to cross training); unspent balance in Fund 39. **Food Service Report:** None.
- VI. **Administrative Team Reports: Director of Pupil Services:** None. **EC-21 Principal:** None. **District Administrator:** Mr. Brokopp reported the Dorian concert was successful and moved up so Ms. Becker and the students arrived back Monday night safely before the weather got bad. He discussed a new app called school bus messenger, which will allow for more efficient bus routes and, possibly, take the routes down from 4 routes to 3. The holiday meal was successful and attended by 45, or so, more people than last year.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Tyler Smith, seconded by Laura Eyler to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 13, 2023 and vouchers #55326-55369 and manual checks #2401-2418 and voided check #55339 and AP wire #232400003 in the amount of \$333,757.03 and December payroll in the amount of \$186,131.94. Motion carried.
- VIII. **Old Business:** None.
- IX. **New Business:** Motion by Becky Clark to limit 2024-2025 open enrollment in 4K-1<sup>st</sup> grades to two spots and open up 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, seconded by Mike Aquino. Motion carried. The 2024-2025 School Calendar was shared (there will be two summer school days at the end, not three) and tabled until February. Coach Smith showed off the new, 8-player football uniforms (thanks to the Monticello Booster Club) and said that, so far, there are 21 players signed-up. He thanked everyone who has helped raise money so far and stated that there will be 8 games scheduled, with the first game being August 29<sup>th</sup> vs Elkhart. Mr. Brokopp also added that New Glarus gave the team their previously used goal posts for free. Mr. Brokopp reported he and Mr. Smith reached out to Carol Wirth, Wisconsin Public Finance to inquire about 2026 referendum planning for both operating and a capitol building project. The last project was 29 years ago and now the board may be looking into a large addition and remodel; extreme estimates showed a tax rate impact - \$5.57/\$1000 or \$557 for every \$100,000 of property value; the board needs to decide where to go next... the board decided to focus on a new design and how or if to promote it. There were no contracts or resignations.
- X. **Future Meeting Topics:** 2024-2025 school calendar; 2026 Referendum Planning.

- XI. **Future Meeting Dates:** Regular Board Meeting February 14, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. School Board Convention January 16-19, 2024.
- XII. **Adjourn:** Motion by Sally Roe to adjourn at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Laura Eyler. Motion carried.

**Approving Official:**

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These minutes are subject to approval by the School District of Monticello Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting.