

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
March 13, 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 Eyer. Administration: Allen Brokopp, Mark Gustafson, Carley Francois, Christina Karlen, and Denise Swanson. Faculty: Alma Street and Julia Marty. Audience: None.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- III. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Sally Roe to approve the agenda, seconded by Becky Clark, motion carried.
- IV. **Communications/Concerns from the Public:** A thank you was received from Nick Roe for the Lawrence Marty Trust scholarship. Thank you to Cheryl Wilson for her \$100 donation to our 8-player football program.
- V. **Faculty Report:** Mrs. Street reported 4K is moving right along and everyone is ready for Spring Break. She also stated they're making progress in 4K and using words to communicate their feelings. **Treasurer's Report:** Tyler Smith reported total cash receipts of \$966,839.10 and total expenses of \$456,230.67 for February. **Food Service Report:** None.
- VI. **Administrative Team Reports: Director of Pupil Services:** None. **EC-21 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson reported the Six Rivers Conference Math competition was held in Monticello this year. It went well and 3 of our students received awards. Next year it will be at Belmont. Mr. Gustafson stated our school counselor, Mrs. Cregan, will be leading some teachers and students in Sources of Strength training (awareness to students where more help may be needed and to build the strengths of everyone in our school community) on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. February 16<sup>th</sup> was an In Service Day where staff could choose to have a chair massage (courtesy of the Monticello PTO) and were also treated to lunch and bowling by the February group. On March 20<sup>th</sup> juniors will be taking the ACT; freshmen and sophomores the Pre-Act; seniors will be in mock interviews; 8<sup>th</sup> grade will tour EPIC; 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade will have a career day in the afternoon, listening to guest speakers. Mr. Gustafson reported he and Mrs. Francois attended an OSS conference. He also said not having a police presence in the school is missed and is hoping Officer O'Brien will be able to be around a little more. Yesterday Mr. Gustafson, Mrs. Francois and Ms. Becker went to a well attended education fair. **District Administrator:** Mr. Brokopp wanted to thank everyone who covered for him while he was away at the AASA National convention. He congratulated the girls' basketball team on their state championship win. Mr. Brokopp reported he met with Ron Blumer to discuss creating a valedictorian and salutatorian plaque in remembrance of Jen Blumer. He reminded the board that March 20<sup>th</sup> is the seniors mock interview day and informed them of the food service audit and that the wellness committee met on February 27, 2024.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Tyler Smith, seconded by Mike Aquino to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 14, 2024 and vouchers #55430-55505 and manual checks #2440-2460 and voided check #55473 and AP wire #232400005 in the amount of \$278,454.84 and February payroll in the amount of \$177,775.83. Motion carried.
- VIII. **Old Business: USI Insurance report and renewal:** Mr. Brokopp reported the health insurance renewal came back at 11.9%. He and Mrs. Karlen are looking into a few ways to, possibly, change that to get the number lower. Tyler Smith reported there's some digging going on on the 8-Player Football field related to helping with water removal and drainage from the SW corner of the school. Mr. Brokopp also added that power and water to the press box pad were to be added during this process. The scoreboard should be getting

picked up on Monday, March 20 and the booster club, football fundraising committee and school continue to fundraise. **2022 Referendum Planning:** Buildings and Grounds met with the architect and Upper 90 for 4 ½ hours last week. The solar project is projected to begin June 1<sup>st</sup>, but it could get moved up. They also talked about the controls for heaters in the whole school, which is quite a project, but ours are getting old so they will need to be replaced and there are multiple ways to fund it. A team of paras, teachers, custodian and board members also met to discuss pick-ups/drop offs concerns, playground location, etc... Tyler Smith reported Upper 90 discussed data wrangling which would help determine what the demand is (i.e. heat could be turned on in different places at different times to save on cost/energy savings). Bids for the Elmer Lemon bathrooms were received from Integra Construction, Vogel Bros. and Findorff. The decision of what to do with the bathrooms and who to go with was tabled. A bid for the headend controller for the alarm system from JCI will be happening soon.

- IX. New Business:** Mr. Brokopp talked about Fund 80 and explained it's a community fund that can help fund activities like our 4K program, summer rec, Play with the Pony, weight room hours, MS sports and more. He also included that a Fund 80 board has been started. Conversation related to the 2024-2025 salary chart was moved to closed session. No action was taken after a discussion on substitute teacher compensation was had. Motion by Sally Roe, seconded by Becky Clark to approve the summer school pay rate for staff to \$30/hr. Motion carried. Mr. Brokopp asked the board to okay the possibility of going from 4 routes to 3 routes/have a parent meeting to go over it in a bus driver shortage or emergency situation. Motion by Laura Eyler, seconded by Tyler Smith to accept the resignation of Trevor Siegenthaler, Physical Education-Health Teacher. Motion carried. Motion by Elise Constantini, seconded by Sally Roe to accept the resignation of Candace Bussey, Special Ed Paraprofessional. Motion carried. Motion by Laura Eyler, seconded by Mike Aquino to approve Tom Bonk as the assistant golf coach. Motion carried.
- X. Future Meeting Topics:** None.
- XI. Future Meeting Dates:** Regular Board Meeting April 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. NEOLA update meeting April 2, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
- XII. Contemplated executive session for consideration of 2024-2025 staffing and budgeting pursuant to §19.85(1) (c) (e) (f), Wis. State Statutes.**
- XIII. Reconvene into Open Session for further consideration and/or action on the above referenced items, including items discussed in closed session, if appropriate.**
- XIV. Adjourn:** Motion by Becky Clark to adjourn at 9:37 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.