

April 18, 2012
Montezuma, IA

The Board of Directors of the Montezuma Community School District met on the above date at the Schoolhouse in the Elementary Library, with the following board members in attendance: Pete Ross, Doug Johnston, Steve Audas, Vince Johnson, and Stacie Cameron.

President Pete Ross called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Steve Audas and properly seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented: the agenda; minutes of the board meetings of March 21, 2012 and April 4, 2012, fund balance and food service reports for the month of March 2012; and bills to be paid by the secretary (see attached lists). Motion carried 5-0.

GOOD NEWS

The school board will be hosting a celebration/thank-you event on April 25 at Simone's Cuppa for all school faculty & staff. May 6-12 is School Board Appreciation Week. Superintendent Versteeg presented a certificate to each of the board members, thanking them for their service.

WELCOME VISITORS

President Ross welcomed all visitors and thanked them for taking time to attend the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

School Nurse, Marla Ewing, introduced herself to the board and gave a brief presentation on her duties in the school.

Eldon Snook from the City of Montezuma Gas Department presented on a \$10,021.63 bill that was presented to the school. He explained that there was a computer error on the City's end where gas usage was not calculated correctly.

Principal Jones presented on the events in the Elementary. This summer there is a technology education class that is going to be offered to Montezuma teachers. Kindergarten round-up was April 16, numbers look good. Preschool parent meeting is May 2. Spring MAP testing started April 17. The PE 4 Life conference on April 24 & 25 will be attended by Megan Carlson and Tyler Lown.

Principal Moretz presented on the events in the Secondary. MAP testing started after Easter break. 2012-13 class scheduling has been completed, all students are registered for classes. Open campus lunches started this week for the Junior class. ACT tests were given Saturday, April 14 to 36 juniors. May 10 is Seniors Awards Day at 9:30AM. High School Graduation is May 13 at 1:00PM.

Dave Harrison with Design Alliance presented on facility planning updates.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Vince Johnson and properly seconded to approve the schematic design issues as discussed. The board has voted to move forward with the planning on administrative offices, bathroom remodeling, sprinkler system, window replacement, 50% ceiling and flooring replacement, heat pump locations, electrical upgrade, connector hallway, geothermal test well, and hot water heaters. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Steve Audas and properly seconded to approve the payment of the City of Montezuma gas bill as presented by Eldon Snook. If the gas company negotiates with other affected companies, the school would expect the same consideration. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Doug Johnston and properly seconded to request an early start for the 2012-13 school year of August 22, 2012. The Board of Directors has determined that a starting date on or after the earliest start date specified in Iowa Code section 279.10 subsection 1 will have a significant negative educational impact and therefore make a request for the Early Start Calendar Waiver. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Stacie Cameron and properly seconded to approve the rating agreement with Standards & Poor. A favorable rating agreement could save approximately \$165,000 in interest. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Steve Audas and properly seconded to approve the resolution directing the advertisement for sale, approving electronic bidding procedures, and approving official statement. Motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL

Staff Resignations

It was moved by Stacie Cameron and properly seconded to approve the resignations of Ryan Van Veen-6th grade teacher and HS boys track; and Christine Shaver-elementary teacher associate. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff Appointments

It was moved by Steve Audas and properly seconded to approve the staff appointments presented below. Motion carried 5-0.

Brant Vermeer-Assistant HS football

Bryan Stanford-JH baseball

Derrick Dengler-JH football, assistant HS basketball

John Bushong-volunteer Cross Country

Rex Baker-volunteer JH softball

Connie Nelson-part-time janitor

Harold Varellas-substitute janitor

Summer janitors-William Gregory, Lindsey Sheets, Chris Templeton, Mary Steele (half-time), and Debbie Iverson (half-time)

REPORTS

Superintendent Versteeg

Legislative issues are at a stand still. Potential stand-alone projects were presented and discussed.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS

It was moved by Doug Johnston and properly seconded to enter into closed sessions at 9:50PM for negotiations. Motion was carried 5-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The board came out of closed session at 10:05PM, and as no further business appeared before the board, the meeting was on proper motion adjourned at 10:07PM.

Board President

Board Secretary