

December 20, 2023  
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 present: Al Rabenold, Sara Erselius, Jason Meyer, Joel Kercheval, Nichole Bushong.

President Jason Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented; the agenda; minutes of the board meeting of November 15, 2023, invoices and fund balance report for November 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

### **GOOD NEWS**

Superintendent wanted to take this time to say how wonderful the Christmas programs have been.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Integrated Technology Class - Mrs. Pargeon's class presented to the board They demonstrated how they created the pet robots that are programmed to do certain tasks. They talked about the computer programming side and how it has helped them problem solve. They also take their projects down to the elementary classes which helps them stay connected with them and it also introduces the younger aged students to this class.

Principal O'Rourke updated the board with things happening this month in the building. Kindergartens made their gingerbread houses. The elementary music concerts were extremely well attended. Thanks to Mr. Bryant and Mrs. Burnett for their work in that. FAST testing will happen in January. He wanted to give a shout out to the student teachers who have been in the building and who are coming second semester. Elizabeth Gannaway - 3rd grade, Sierra Kauffman- Swenson/Garland, Jen Stowell- Dye/Meyer, Morgan Savant- Roorda, Megan VanZante-L. James, Alexis Shaffer - Minner. On the secondary end he talked about the band and vocal concerts and CPR Certification for seniors and DCAP (district career & academic plan). Upcoming events: December 22-Jan 1st - no school, January 2nd - PD day

### **Old Business**

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the second reading of board policies 400-403.3R1. Motion carried 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve the districts At-Risk plan and application authorizing the district administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$174,255. for Modified Supplemental amount for the purpose of At-Risk funding. To be used for salaries for the Oasis room, Elementary Counselor and portions of other individuals' salaries who work with at-risk students. Roll call taken: Jason Meyer - yes, Cori Henkle - yes, Sara Erselius - yes, Nichole Bushong - yes, Joel Kercheval - yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the SBRC Modified Supplemental Aid in the amount of \$79,292. For open enrollment out not on the 2023 fall certified enrollment. Roll call taken: Jason Meyer - yes, Cori Henkle - yes, Sara Erselius - yes, Nichole Bushong - yes, Joel Kercheval - yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve the 2023-24 certified early retirement policy. Motion carried 5-0

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Staff Resignations**

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the resignation of Bob Ablin as bus driver. Motion carried 5-0. The board wanted to thank Bob for his years of service to Montezuma Schools.

### **Staff Appointments**

It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve the staff volunteers of Cal Smith for HS boys and girls basketball and Ryan Hudnut as JH boys basketball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

## **REPORTS**

### **Business Office**

### **Superintendent**

Legislative updates

## **DISCUSSION**

Suggestions for board involvement in school such as riding a bus, classroom visits.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

No other business appearing before the board, the meeting was on proper motion adjourned at 6:59PM.

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Jason Meyer, Board President

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MJ Sheets, Board Secretary

