

November 15, 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. Also present: Rich Schulte, MJ Sheets, Nichole Bushong. Cori Henkle arrived at 5:50PM
President Jason Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:37PM

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Sara Erselius and properly seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented; the agenda; minutes of the board meeting of October 18, 2023, invoices and fund balance report for October 2023. Motion carried 4-0.

GOOD NEWS

Superintendent Schulte wanted to give a shout out to the musical cast that was held the last two weekends. It was a very impressive performance by all.

WELCOME VISITORS

President Meyer welcomed visitors and thanked them for taking time to attend the meeting. We also heard a presentation from students who attended the SICL Leadership conference. Those that attended were Rett Pargeon, Chloe Snook, Vivian Cook, Sydnee Burgess, Easton Hudnut and Isaac Wedgewood.

OLD BUSINESS

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the financial accounting records for FY2022. Motion carried 5-0.

County State Bank

- Sales Tax Fund \$824,792.01

Capra Bank

- Trust & Agency Fund \$11,022.17
- General Fund \$2,554,827.26
- Management Fund \$792,272.73
- Hot Lunch Fund \$84,621.40

Montezuma State Bank

- Activity Fund \$192,211.59
 - 2 CD funds - \$45,000.00
- PPEL Fund \$1,062,727.56
- Debt Service Fund \$677,868.60
- Self Funded Insurance \$59,634.00

It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approval of board policy 509. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing before the board, Joel Kercheval made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 PM.

President Meyer and the Board thanked Al Rabenold for his time and contribution while serving as a board member for Montezuma Schools.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – November 15, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Montezuma Community School District met on the above date at the Schoolhouse in the School Auditorium, with the following board members present: Joel Kercheval, Sara Erselius, Cori Henkle, Jason Meyer, Nichole Bushong, Superintendent Schulte.

The Board secretary assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

The Board Secretary swore in the newly elected board members Joel Kercheval and Nichole Bushong.

The Board Secretary called for nomination for Board President for the 2023-24 school year. Sara Erselius nominated Jason Meyer. No other nominations were received. Jason Meyer was elected President by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

The meeting was handed over to President Jason Meyer.

President Meyer called for nominations for Vice-President for the 23-24 school year. Sara Erselius nominated Cori Henkle. No other nominations were received. Cori Henkle was elected Vice-President by unanimous vote. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the appointment of Mary Jo Steele-Sheets as Board Secretary. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve the appointment of Karla DeCook as Business Manager-Treasurer. Motion carried 5.0

It was moved by Sara Erselius and properly seconded to approve the meeting date and time of the school board meetings to be held the 3 Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM in the Schoolhouse Auditorium . Motion carried 5-0.

ANNUAL MEETING

Name Legal Counsel – It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve the appointment of Ahlers & Cooney as Legal Counsel 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Designate Official Newspaper – It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve the appointment of The Record as Official Publication of the school district for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Designate Depository Banks – It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve Montezuma State Bank, Peoples Bank, and County Bank funds, and corresponding balance limitations for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Montezuma State Bank: Schoolhouse \$500,000: Activity \$300,000: PPEL \$5,000,000: Debt Service \$750,000.

Capra Savings Bank: General \$2,000,000: Nutrition \$125,000: Management \$500,000: Trust and Agency \$100,000.

County Bank: Capital Projects \$10,000,000:

PRESENTATIONS

Principal O'Rourke updated the board on items such as parent teacher conferences. Elementary had 95% parent participation which meant a good week for the book fair. On the secondary end its an open house but the FAFSA night was well attended.

Veterans Day Assembly took place November 10th. This event has improved thanks to Rachel Bru and Janel Burgess. Elementary students continue to reach goals and find ways to celebrate. Field trips were taken to the pumpkin patch at the end of October with lower grade levels.

Lastly, during the upcoming staff development days, staff will continue their work on the Danielson Clusters along with curriculum development.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the 1st reading of board policies 400-403.3R1. Motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL

Staff Resignations

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the resignation of Kyle Cook as varsity assistant baseball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff Appointments

It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve the appointment of Vanessa Hilton as basketball cheer coach. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Business Office

Superintendent

Iowa School Performance Profile - Students in grades 3 through 12 completed the Conditions for Learning Survey to assess safety, student engagement and the overall learning environment in each building. Surveys from all grades 3 through 12 are included in schools' accountability scores. This data provides important information about student perception and serves as a foundation on which to build an action plan for improving the learning environment for all students. The information will also help to determine the level of support needed by schools, and the resources they may need to provide an optimal learning environment for all learners

DISCUSSION

Next Steps - Superintendent Schulte would like to set a date for a work session in the near future.

Other -

ADJOURNMENT

No other business appearing before the board, the meeting was on proper motion adjourned at 7:13PM.

Jason Meyer, Board President

MJ Sheets, Board Secretary