September 20, 2023
Montezuma, IA

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

President Jason Meyer called the meeting to order 5:31PM

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 August 16. August 2023 invoices and fund balance report for August 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

GOOD NEWS
Mr. Anderson wanted to thank Elizabeth DeJong for her summer tech work. Elizabeth always went above and beyond what needed to be done. The school year would not have started out the way it did without her help. Thank you Elizabeth.
Superintendent Schulte gave an update on the north gym floor and that it's nearing completion and that it looks amazing.

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

PRESENTATIONS
TLC newsletter highlighting our new teachers this fall. Welcome Autumn Fiebelkorn and Andrew Bryant. Thank you Derrick Dengler and Josh Anderson for putting the TLC newsletter together each month.

Mr. O'Rourke updated the board with his report. He talked about FAST testing which he will share the results next month. Elementary teachers are finishing up FAST testing this week and next. On the secondary end, students have been taking their fall MAP testing throughout the month of September. Mr. O'Rourke talked about how each of these are second assessments for the district which are required by the state. He also spoke about the purchase of new curriculum materials at the secondary end. 7th-11th grade English is using studysync which is an extension of elementary wonders. Social Studies is now teaching TCI. Chemistry was purchased for the science department. Mr. O'Rourke went into detail about the teaching framework that the district has adopted which is Charlotte Danielson's 6 clusters. The district is focusing on the first three which are, clarity & accuracy, classroom environment, & classroom management. Teachers have been engaging in this work along with curriculum development during PD.

He shared a brief overview of how homecoming week has been going along with updates on all of the activities our students are participating in.

OLD BUSINESS
It was moved by Cori Henkle and properly seconded to approve the 2nd reading of board policies 300-307. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS
It was moved by Sara Erselius and seconded by Cori Henkle to request allowable growth and supplemental aid in the amount of $54,763.69 for the negative special education balance for the school year ended 6/30/2023. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call was taken:
Cori Henkle - Yes
Sara Erselius - Yes
Joel Kercheval - Yes
Al Rabenold - Yes
Jason Meyer - Yes

It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve the contract modification for Vanessa Hilton and Cal Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Cori Henkle and seconded by Joel Kercheval to move to approve a resolution ordering an election on the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed $19,375,000. To provide funds to build, furnish and equip a Learning Commons addition to its existing educational facility, to remodel, repair, improve, furnish and equip its existing educational facility, and to improve the site. Motion carried 5-0. Roll Call was taken:
Cori Henkle - Yes
Sara Erselius - Yes
Joel Kercheval - Yes
Al Rabenold - Yes
Jason Meyer - Yes

PERSONNEL
Staff Resignations
None

Staff Appointments
It was moved by Joel Kercheval and properly seconded to approve Joe Strong as assistant boys varsity basketball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS
Business Office
Board Secretary/Business Manager

Superintendent
Enrollment update

DISCUSSION

SiteLogIQ update on the next steps in the school bond election process.

Superintendent Schulte has been working with the marketing and communication folks from SitelogIQ to prepare for what we hope is a successful bond referendum campaign in October. They have done video interviews and have been in communication with him in regard to the projects, seeking to clarify the "why" and provide details of the scope of work. We will keep plugging away in our planning. Within these conversations are those that we had with the community engagement participants when we asked questions about how we will attract people to come to our district, the action steps that lead to stable enrollment and the role that facilities improvements have in it. Every Friday at 1:30 PM, I will be meeting with them to work on referendum support.

October 17 is a tentative date of an open house to discuss possible projects.

ADJOURNMENT

No other business appearing before the board, the meeting was on proper motion adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary