

ISD 129 – MONTEVIDEO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting
Held February 12, 2024 in Montevideo, MN

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #129 was called to order by Chairman Stenson at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024. The meeting was held in the District Board Room of the Montevideo Middle School.

Members present were Birhanzi, Ohmacht, Shourds, Wibben, and Stenson. Member Pauling was absent. Also present were Mr. McKittrick, Mr. Huntley, Mr. Weber, Mrs. Sachariason, and several staff members.

Director Shourds made and Director Ohmacht seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

Principal Chris Weber, High School Counselor Gabby Mazer, and Career Coordinator Kati Birhanzi gave a special presentation on the High School Career & College Readiness opportunities for high school students.

Director Ohmacht made and Director Wibben seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024
- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2024
- February Bills

TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	\$	347,453.03
FOOD-SERVICE	\$	79,586.58
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$	19,768.34
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$	40,119.85
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$	13,428.19
MINN RIVER VALLEY ED DIST	\$	30,588.38
MRVED COMMUNITY EDUCATION	\$	1,933.28
TOTAL BY FUND	\$	532,877.65

- Treasure Report
- Budget Report
- Personnel Actions:
 - Employment:
 - Elizabeth Geurtz, Title Interventionist, Sanford Elementary

Resignations/Retirements:

- Amber Marquardt, Title 1 Teacher, Sanford Elementary

- Resolution Accepting a Gift, Donation, Contribution, or Bequest: Director Birhanzl made and Director Shourds seconded a motion to adopt the resolution accepting the listed gifts, donations, contributions, and bequests. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, motion carried unanimously.

Tom Albrecht donated \$100 to Individuals with Disabilities

Michelle & Lauren Mulder donated \$200 to the Angel Fund

- Public Forum
- Superintendent's Report
- Board Report
 - Director Wibben and Ohmacht gave an update on the Technology Committee Meeting.
 - Director Wibben gave an update on the MRVED Board Meeting
- Student Representative Report
- Administrators Report

Congratulatory Action and Recognition

On February 3, Montevideo Community Education, in conjunction with the Montevideo Basketball Association, hosted the annual Montevideo Youth Basketball Tournament. This tournament annually brings over 1,000 people into town.

This year Jasmine Heim used the tournament as an opportunity to partner with our business community so that this event could benefit our local businesses. By working with the Chamber, Jasmine was able to coordinate free advertisements, specials, and teasers to entice tournament attendees to patronage our local businesses.

On behalf of the school board, I would like to thank Jasmine and Kelly Snell for their innovation and intentionality of using events such as this to benefit our greater community. I would also like to thank Amy Reidinger for the many hours she put in helping to coordinate and run this huge event.

Discussion Items

Mr. McKittrick led a discussion regarding School Board Recognition Month.

It has been said serving on the local School Board is serving in the purest form of government. It is local control and local impact in its most direct manner. Serving as a School Board member, while rewarding, is not easy.

School Board members do not just meet once a month and approve agenda items, rather they engage the community directly on a wide array of school issues, participate in educational opportunities to understand the complexities of public education, provide fiscal and governance oversight, and make decisions that impact the community's future. Serving on the Montevideo School Board carries the weight of knowing that decisions must be made in alignment with the vision of the district while in consort with state law and impacts over 1,500 students every day.

On behalf of the students, staff, administration, and community, I say thank you for choosing to selflessly serve on the ISD 129 School Board.

Mr. McKittrick also led a discussion surrounding the proposed 24-25 School Calendar. The calendar will be brought back at the March board meeting for approval.

Action Items

- Motion by Director Birhanzl and seconded by Director Shourds to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of the listed probationary teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye. The motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Director Ohmacht and seconded by Director Wibben to accept the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee's vote of Concurrence on the district's American Indian Plan. The motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Director Birhanzl and seconded by Director Ohmacht to approve policies 420, 508, 528, 529, 608, 611, 614, 617, and 619 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Director Wibben and seconded by Director Ohmacht to call for proposals for the presented roof projects and transportation services. The motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Director Ohmacht and seconded by Director Shourds to approve the posting and hiring of summer staff as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Director Birhanzl and seconded by Director Wibben to Approve the FY25 Achievement and Integration budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Director Birhanzl made and Director Wibben seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.