



## MONTICELLO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### Board Update May 15-19, 2023

Monday's regular Board meeting was one of the most joyous meetings of the year! The Board welcomed our enthusiastic new Eastview Education Center Principal, Ms. Kristin Greene, to our Monticello School District team! Our district selection process was rigorous, and included many stakeholders from kindergarten students to Board members! Ms. Greene was the top candidate from 29 applicants— an impressive professional accomplishment. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Ms. Greene as she begins her new responsibilities this summer.

Monday we also welcomed and recognized about 30 of our highly awarded junior and senior students, accompanied by dozens of their proud parents and family members. It is truly a wonderful day for the Board to see the Board Room filled with proud families and highly accomplished students! The entire Board shares with all of you our own pride and optimism for these high performing students. Well done!

Moving into our Work Session, the Board had productive discussions about future governance planning and scheduling for the district, including the new Facilities Management committee, Career and Technical Education, and district and superintendent goal setting. Our Work Sessions are monthly, and demonstrate our commitment to working together in our elected Board Service to our community. These are not recorded, but are open to the public.

Work Session heard committee, building liaison, and project updates from Jaime, Melissa, and Kathy. The Board alternates hearing verbal reports from 3 members approximately monthly as a new communication and accountability strategy for building our high performance School Board team. Melissa Curtis reported that over 450 citizens attended the Wright Technical Center (WTC) 50th Anniversary open house, including 5 of 6 Monticello Board members. Monticello has approximately 220 high school students participate every year in WTC career and technical education programming, and our district has the second highest participation from the 8 member districts. A second area of interest to community members from Board Member building liaison reports is that more PTO volunteers are needed at the Elementary and Middle School levels for the ongoing committees, not just one time activities. We are hopeful that more parents and family members will plan to commit this fall to participate in PTO, bridging our families with the district.

Please join us in all of the joyful end of year activities and celebrations across the district!

Thank you for reading,  
Kathy Ziebarth  
Board Chair