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Board Update September 18-22, 2023

Fall Greetings!

Monday the Board had a very productive and lengthy meeting, which is common for the beginning of the new school year. The Board formally welcomed our new Liaison and Communications Director, Devony Moore, who was on day one of her new journey with Monticello Schools! We are all excited to work with Devony, who has an impressive professional history. We also formally welcomed the district's new Human Resources Director, Rob Danneker, who has already fully demonstrated his "I'm here and ready to work" ethic as he began new duties for Monticello. Rob is already deeply involved with assisting the Board Policy Committee in research and review of our ongoing process implementing new legislative requirements. The Board is ready to assist these new team leaders any way we can.

We also welcomed our two new Student Representatives from the High School, Gabby Cruz Longley, and Jack Geislinger. Our new student representatives came well prepared for their first Board meeting with reports on student activities in the first 3 weeks of the term. We have enrolled Monticello in the new national Student School Board Member organization (free to enroll) and hope to provide more mentoring and networking opportunities for our Student Representatives moving forward to enhance their experience.

Monday the Board also heard a number of formal presentations from 3 district Principals, the District Social Worker with a recap of our first summer Resiliency Conference, Director of Teaching and Learning, a student travel proposal, an update on our impressive "first in the state" MMS Stem Lab, and enrollment and financial updates from the Director of Business Services. Following the meeting, the Budget Committee continued to work late into the evening. I believe the regular meeting clocked in at just under 3 hours, and for those who are interested, our dedicated AV Tech Gavin has produced and posted a link to this recording on the school website Board tab.

The newly redesigned District Advisory Committee, which includes parent and community members was rescheduled from Wednesday to October 11 due to unforeseen circumstances. This Committee will begin their work in October, and we will still have 5 meetings this year as planned.

Thank you for reading! Welcome Fall!
Kathy Ziebarth
Board Chair