

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
APRIL 27, 2020**

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order** – President David Styer called the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of the Menomonie Area to order at 5:58 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020, in the commons of Menomonie High School, at 1715 5th Street West, in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Penny Burstad, Chris Freeman, Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, David Styer, James Swanson, and Tricia Thompson. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky and Katie Krueger. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Jamie Krista, Technology Services Specialist Morgan Seguin, and reporter Travis Nyhus for the Dunn County News. Other administrators and community members were connected to the live stream broadcast.
- C. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – Dave Styer made a request to move Approval of Transportation Contract with Menomonie Transportation from the action agenda to discussion. The agenda order was updated in accordance with Policy 171.2.
- D. Community Communications** - There were no community communications..
- E. Board Member/Superintendent Communications** – Board members reported on their participation in recent board- and community-related activities. District Administrator Zydowsky stated that his communications would be covered in the COVID-19 School Closure Report discussion agenda item. Swanson shared several emails from community members related to the Clean Energy Resolution.

II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda –Burstad made a motion, seconded by Moses, that the board approves the following personnel action: 1) Employment of Nicole Seidler, Art Teacher at Knapp, Downsville, and MHS, effective August 18, 2020, 2) Employment of Katelyn Lorenz, Speech/Language Pathologist at River Heights, effective August 18, 2020, 3) Employment of Grace Hoenisch, Physical Education Teacher, at MMS, effective August 18, 2020, 4) Employment of Zachary Rozmiarek, Fifth-grade Teacher, at Downsville, effective August 18, 2020, 5) Employment of Amber Jochimsen, Fourth-grade Teacher, at Knapp, effective August 18, 2020, 6) Employment of Jason Jochimsen, Physical Education Teacher, at MHS, effective August 18, 2020, 7) Employment of Sydney Rabata, Music Teacher, at Oaklawn, effective August 18, 2020, 8) Employment of Alli Kocik, School Psychologist, effective August 18, 2020, 9) Resignation of Denise Klundt, Speech/Language Pathologist, at MHS and River Heights, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, and 10) Resignation of Steve Jennings, Technology Education Teacher, at MHS, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The motion passed by unanimous electronic and roll call votes.

III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Approve Waiver from DPI of Instructional Hours for the 2019-2020 School Year** - Swanson made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, that the board approve the waiver from DPI of instructional hours for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic and roll call votes.
- B. Approve Revised Teacher Compensation Scale for 2020-2021** - Burstad made a motion, seconded by Freeman, that the board approves the revised teacher compensation scale for 2020-2021, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic and roll call votes.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. **Discuss Contract with Menomonie Transportation** - The Board discussed the contract with Menomonie Transportation and possible terms for extending the contract beyond the 2020-2021 school year. The Board discussed the addition of a provision for providing some funding for school closures, but Freeman encouraged the Board to be mindful of the uncertainty of future funding for public education.
- B. **COVID-19 School Closure Report** – Dr. Zydowsky shared a report with the Board that discussed a number of items related to the school closure. The district is working through the current school closure and planning ahead for additional challenges in the 2020-2021 school year. A webcast created by Mrs. Julie Eiden was also shared with the Board to provide one example of what virtual instruction looks like in the SDMA.
- C. **Policy 443, Student Behavior-Code of Conduct (First Reading)** – Dr. Zydowsky shared with the Board the work that he and Freeman had completed related to the SDMA Student Bill of Rights. It was recommended that Policy 443 be revised to include a reference to the newly created Exhibit 443. Policy 443 will be brought back to the Board in May for consideration.
- D. **Exhibit 443 - Student Bill of Rights** - Exhibit 443 was written to include a listing of general student rights in the SDMA. Burstad suggested that the reference to student beliefs be changed to student rights.
- E. **Policy 411.1, Harassment and-or Bullying of Students (First Reading)** – It was recommended that Policy 411.1 be revised to include the Board’s Value Statement on Bullying and to reference to the newly created Exhibit 411.1(3).. Policy 411.1 will be brought back to the Board in May for consideration.
- F. **Exhibit 411.1(3) - Student Bullying Bill of Rights** -.Exhibit 411.1(3) was written to include a listing of student rights in the SDMA related to bullying. Burstad suggested that the reference to student beliefs be changed to student rights, and Schneider suggested a grammatical improvement. Exhibit 411.1(3) will replace the Board Value Statement on Bullying which will be included in Policy 411.1.
- G. **Clean Energy Resolution** –.The Board discussed the Clean Energy Resolution, the definition of clean energy, how expectations related to clean energy could best be included in district planning, and concerns related to potential costs related to the clean energy goals. It was determined that it would be best to have Swanson, Freeman, Moses, and Schneider meet to conduct more research and discussion related to clean energy and then bring that information back to the Board in June.
- H. **Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** – Regular School Board Meeting, on May 11, 2020, Regular School Board Meeting, on June 1, 2020, and Special Board Meeting on June 15, 2020.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Action to Adjourn – Swanson made a motion, seconded by Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: May 11, 2020