

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
215 PINE AVENUE E, MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021, in the boardroom of the Administrative Service Center at 215 Pine Avenue E in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Penny Burstad, Chris Freeman, Tanya Husby, Clinton 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, Samantha Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Leah Theder, and Brian Seguin. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary Jamie Krista. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Donna Thibado.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Reading of Mission Statement** – Styer led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the district’s mission statement.
- D. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – The agenda was approved as presented.
- E. Recommendations and Commendations** - There were no recommendations or commendations.
- F. Student Representative Communications** - Student Council members, Kira Nevin and Logan McCoy, reported on different events and activities at MHS.
- G. Community Communications** - There were no community communications.
- H. Board Member/Superintendent Communications** – Board members reported on their participation in recent board- and community-related activities, and communications they had received. District Administrator Zydowsky informed board members the February 1, 2021; DPI Legislative update was included for review. Dr. Zydowsky shared information about decisions related to school closures and noted that the very cold temperatures forecasted for the week will be watched closely.
- I. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended January 2021** - Business Manager Leah Theder presented the expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for January 2021.
- J. Monthly Employment Report** – The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for January 2021, which included 3 resignations, 5 new hires, and 1 transfer.

II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda – Burstad made a motion, seconded by Schneider, that the board approve the following personnel action: 1) Resignation of Jennifer Breault, Special Education teacher at Menomonie Middle School, at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Action to Approve Consent Agenda – Moses made a motion, seconded by Freeman, that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2021, and Special Board Meeting of January 25, 2021; 2) Financial Reports for January 2021; and, 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for January 2021, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve 30-Year Capital Maintenance Plan**- Swanson made a motion, seconded by Moses, that the board approve the 30-year capital maintenance plan, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- B. Action to Approve Policy 431, Student Attendance** - Swanson made a motion, seconded by Schneider, that the board approve Policy 431, Student Attendance, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

- C. **Action to Approve Policy 751.1, Bus Routing and Scheduling** - Moses made a motion, seconded by Burstad, that the board approve Policy 751.1, Bus Routing and Scheduling, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

V. **DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW**

- A. **COVID-19 Report** – Dr. Zydowsky shared a report with the board that included information on the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Dunn County Health Department website continues to update current information on a daily basis. Dunn County currently has 4,135 confirmed cases, 4,008 of those cases have been released from quarantine. Tracking by Dunn County Health Services indicates the activity level for Dunn County is very high, with a burden level of 491, and the trend is stable. The SDMA has seen 194 student cases (MHS-99, MMS-49, and ELEM-46) and 57 staff cases this SDMA this school year. There are currently 6 active student cases and 1 active staff cases, so 188 student cases and 56 staff cases have recovered and been released from isolation. Dr. Zydowsky shared that 70 SDMA staff members have been identified for immediate vaccination in Group 1a and it is anticipated the remainder of SDMA employees should qualify in Group 1b.
- B. **Professional Development Report** -Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Seguin shared an overview of professional development activities taking place this year. Seguin reported that during the 2020-2021 school year, time for staff planning and collaboration, as well as training on blended/remote instructional tools and methods have been prioritized during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- C. **PE Credit Replacement Policy** - Mr. Seguin shared information on Wisconsin State Statute 118.33 (1) (e) which may allow a pupil who participates in sports or in another organized physical activity, as determined by the school board, to complete an additional 0.5 credit in English, social studies, mathematics, science, or health education in lieu of 0.5 credit in physical education. After discussion, the board directed Dr. Zydowsky to draft a sample policy for a first reading at the February 22, 2021, board meeting.
- D. **Preliminary Staffing and Course Offering Timeline for 2021-2022** - The staffing and course offering timeline for 2021-2022 was shared with the board. Dr. Zydowsky shared that many discussions are taking place at the building, department and district levels and asked board members if they have any staffing suggestions to be considered.
- E. **Resolution on Private School Vouchers** - Board member Swanson shared a proposed resolution, regarding private school vouchers, he drafted for the board to review. Board members discussed the resolution and offered suggestions for updates. Board members will submit suggestions to Dr. Zydowsky by February 15, and Swanson will update the resolution to be included on the agenda for the February, 22, 2021, board meeting.
- F. **Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** - Primary Election, on February 16, 2021, Special School Board Meeting, on February 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the ASC, Regular School Board Meeting, on March 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the ASC, SDMA Spring Break, March 15-19, 2021.

VI. **CLOSED SESSION**

Action to move into closed session, for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes. - Swanson made a motion, seconded by Burstad, to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes as cited above for the following actions and/or discussions: a)Teacher Resignation. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote and the board convened in closed session at 7:05 p.m.

- VII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Swanson made a motion, seconded by Burstad to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: March 8, 2021

*More information related to the Board meeting can be found through the [school district website](#).