

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, JUNE 1, 2020, 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, June 1, 2020, in the boardroom of the Administrative Service Center at 215 Pine Avenue E in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed eight board members present: Penny Burstad, Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, David Styer, James Swanson, and Tricia Thompson. Chris Freeman was absent. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary Jamie Krista.
- 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** – Swanson made a motion to move discussion item H. Clean Energy Resolution into an Action Item. The motion failed on a 3-5 roll call vote, with Burstad, Husby, Moses, Schneider, and Styer casting “nay” votes. The agenda was then approved as presented.
- E. Recommendations and Commendations** - Commendations were given to 2020 retirees: Mary Begley, Mark Case, Shirley Faber, Connie Harmon, Wendy Hastings, Wendy Hayes, Shirley Faber, and Tim Lutz.
- F. Community Communications** -There were no community communications.
- G. Board Member/Superintendent Communications** – Board members reported on their participation in recent board- and community-related activities. District Administrator Zydowsky congratulated students and staff on all of their hard work in light of the changes associated with COVID-19.
- H. Monthly Employment Report** – There was no employment report.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Action to Approve Consent Agenda – Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Swanson, that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2020, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Student/Parent Handbooks for 2020-2021** - Burstad made a motion, seconded by Moses, that the board approve the student/parent handbooks for 2020-2021, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- B. Preliminary Budget for 2020-2021** - Schneider made a motion, seconded by Burstad, that the board approve the preliminary budget for 2020-2021, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- C. Authorize District Administrator to Fill Teaching Vacancies for 2020-2021 School Year** - Swanson made a motion, seconded by Moses, that the board authorize the district administrator to fill teaching vacancies for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- D. Approve Meal Prices for 2020-2021** - Swanson made a motion, seconded by Moses, that the board approve the meal prices for 2020-2021, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. COVID-19 Report** – Dr. Zydowsky shared a report with the Board that discussed a number of items related to the school closure. Highlights included wrapping up the 2019-2020 school year, MHS graduation, summer school, and, planning for the 2020-2021 school year. Board members were asked for

input on possible scenarios for reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Board members were in agreement that the school district makes every effort, while complying with regulations and guidelines due to COVID-19, to reopen schools. The Board agreed that the district should prepare for a number of scenarios for the 2020-2021 school year that include opening with full enrollment, opening with partial enrollment, continuing with remote learning, and possibly offering a virtual option for families not willing to send their children to school.

- B. SDMA Global Scholars Program Review** - GEAC Coordinator Kathy Ruegnitz provided a slide show, student bios, and a short video highlighting the MHS 2020 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction certified Global Scholars.
- C. School Nutrition Report** - Director of School Nutrition Services Michelle Kloser reported that this year the district participated in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), National School Breakfast Program (NSBP), After School Snack Program, Special Milk Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). District participation in the lunch program was approximately 68%, up from 66% last year. Participation in breakfast is at 49%, which is up from 46% last year. During the school closure due to COVID-19, approximately 16,000 meals are being sent out each Friday from MHS, MMS, and Wakanda Elementary. Mrs. Kloser thanked her staff and community members for the overwhelming support and donations received for the free meal program.
- D. Strategic Plan Status Report** - Dr. Zydowsky shared the working copy of the major goals and activities report for the 2019-2020 school year. While there has been much progress, the school closure has impacted the district's ability to continue progress in some areas. Board member Schneider suggested that the final status report include data on measurable goals.
- E. District Insurance Renewals** - Board members reviewed the district workers compensation, property, and general liability insurance renewals for the 2020-2021 school year. Insurance renewals will be brought to the next board meeting for approval.
- F. Policy 343.45-Rule, Technical College Course Program (First Reading)** - Board members reviewed changes to Policy 343.34-Rule, Technical College Course Program, updating the enrollment date to February 1. The policy will be brought back for approval at the next board meeting.
- G. Policy 343.46 Early College Credit Program (First Reading)** - Board members reviewed changes to Policy 343.46, Early College Credit Program, updating the enrollment date to February 1. The policy will be brought back for approval at the next board meeting.
- H. Clean Energy Resolution** - Schneider made a motion, seconded by Burstad, to table the clean energy resolution until February 22, 2021. The motion passed on 5-3 roll call vote, with Riddle-Swanson, Swanson, and Thompson casting "nay" votes.
- I. Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** - Special School Board Meeting, on June 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., Regular School Board Meeting, on July 13, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., and Special School Board Meeting on July 27, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

V. 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, and, for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. - Riddle-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) Action to Approve Minutes of Closed Session on May 11, 2020; b) Board Member Evaluation of District Administrator, and, c) Parent Legal Claim. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote and the board convened in closed session at 7:17 p.m.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT** - Burstad made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: July 13, 2020

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