

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
215 PINE AVENUE E, MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
AUGUST 9, 2021

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, August 9, 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: Chris Freeman, Mark Hillman, Clint Moses, Karl Palmer, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, Angie Skillings, Tanya Husby and David Styer. Clint Moses connected via the call in option. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Brian Seguin, Sam Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski and Leah Theder. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Janet Quinn, videographer Steve Hanson and WQOW News 18. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Bruce Trimble, Bonnie Trimble, Nancy Moynihan, Alexandra Hall, Jennifer Strong, Dana Leipnitz, Todd Leipnitz, Ryan Martin, Abe Smith, KT Gallagher, Lois Shackelton, Ian Thompson, Jodie Olson, Tammy Giljohann, Chelsea Lovejou, Angie Prince, Amy Smiskey, Paul Horvath, Jesse Keck, Mike Pechmiller, Ron Wilsey, Laci Cook, Melinda Duncan, Dustin Weiker, Missy Friest, Crystal Bahr, Jen Collins, Chad Bahr, Chris Lee, Sandy Winter, Amy Zwolanek-Laird, Karlee Witzel, Vickie Wagner, Bobbie Stokke, Pete Thompson, Fran Smestuen, Kim Leach, Scott Leach, Kathy Jacobson, Leni Marshall, Rochelle Holmes, Justin Fults, Jennifer Sakry, Karla Flesberg, Tony Flom, Sheila Thompson, Matt Freist, Neil Laberee, Michael Cooper, Cecilia Cooper, Nick, Alisha, and Zach Arvold.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance Reading of Mission Statement** - Styer led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the district's mission statement.
- D. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – Husby requested minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 26, 2021 be moved from Consent Agenda to Action Agenda after Item B, Action to Approve Employee Handbook Updates for 2021-2022.
- E. Recommendations and Commendations** - There were no recommendations and commendations.
- F. Community Communications** - Electronic communications regarding the COVID-19 plans for fall 2021-2022 school year were received from Anne Moiarly, Christine Woodward, Davis Woodward, Dennis Spader, Elisabeth Woodward, Elizabeth Spader, Fiona Georgakopoulos, Jeffrey Sweat, Kari, Megan Bayrd, Menomonie Education Association, Nels Paulson, Rachel Henderson, Sarah Lambert-Freeman, and Thomas Pearson. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Skillings to have all electronic community communications added as a record but not read aloud due to the number of speakers who attended the meeting in person. There were sixteen speakers present for the community communications; Nancy, Moynihan, Bruce Trimble, Gretchen, Finoa Goergakopoulos, Josie Pillman, Alexandra Hall, Jennifer Strong, Todd Leipnitz, Ryan Martin, Abraham Smith, Bobbie Stockie, Kim Leach, Linda Marshall, Maggie Vinapol, Gina Bessert, and Jennifer Flanders. Each speaker had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding their topic or concern.
- G. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended July 2021** - Business Director, Leah Theder presented the expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for July 2021.
- H. Monthly Employment Report (July 2021)** - The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for July 2021, which included 2 transfers, 9 new hires and 5 resignations.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda** - Palmer made a motion, seconded by Skillings, that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July

12, 2021, 2) Financial Reports for July 2021; and, 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for July 2021, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote. Chris Freeman was not present to vote.

III. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda – Schneider made a motion, seconded by Skillings, that the board approve the following personnel actions:

1. Resignations/Retirements: Resignation of Alyson Frey, music teacher, at Downsville and Knapp elementary as well as the High School, August 2, 2021.
2. Request to Hire: Employment of Zach Slowiak, social studies teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021; Paul Bielmeier, physical education teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021; and Kennedy Kerg, special education teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021

The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

A. Action to Approve COVID-19 Plan for 2021-2022 - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Husby, that the board approve the COVID-19 plan for 2021-2022 by adopting Plan A: SDMA Plan for Basic COVID-19 Mitigation with Full Enrollment. After lengthy discussion, the motion to approve COVID-19 Plan A with optional masking for grades 4K - 12 and contact tracing completed by the Dunn County Health Department for grades 4K - 12 passed on a 5-4 electronic vote with Freeman, Schneider, Palmer and Riddle-Swanson casting “nay” votes.

B. Action to Approve Employee Handbook Updates for 2021-2022 - Freeman made a motion, seconded by Hillman, that the board approve the updates to the Employee Handbook, as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.

C. Action to Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2021 - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Freeman to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2021 as presented. The motion passed by a 7-0 roll call vote. Hillman was not present to vote and Husby abstained.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

A. Legal Services Report – Director of Business Services, Leah Theder, provided the annual report of legal expenditures for 2020-21.

B. Review Items for Annual Meeting - Meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School. Board President Styer gave an overview of the agenda and expectations of the board members, as well as the community members.

C. Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports – Special School Board Meeting, on August 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., at Menomonie High School in the library, and Annual Meeting, on August 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Menomonie High School in the tiered lecture hall, Regular School Board Meeting, on September 13, 2021 at 5:30 at ASC, and Special School Board Meeting on September 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at ASC.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Action to Adjourn – Freeman made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses
Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: September 13, 2021