

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMONS
920 21ST STREET SE., MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
NOVEMBER 8, 2021 AT 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, November 8, 2021, in the Commons of the Middle School in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Chris Freeman, Mark Hillman, Angie Skillings, Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Karl Palmer, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, and David Styer. 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, Katie Krueger, Leah Theder, Casey Drake and Bart Boettcher. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Janet Quinn, videographer Steve Hanson and WQOW News 18. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Abe Smith, Brittany Weiker, Grace Hasse, Craig Olson, Madison Olson, Kevin Leach, Amy Leach, David Leach, Leslie Schmidt, Mary Burkett, Ashton Keene, Heidi Corr, Deirdre Corr, Lori Mollan, Mike Cooper, Logan McCoy, Laurie Jean Christenson, Ruth Reneson, and Jodie Olson.
- 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 item “#4. 66.0301 Cooperative Agreement between SDMA and SDCF” be removed from Consent Agenda and be placed as Action Item 5.E.
- E. Recommendations and Commendations** - SDMA Board Members recognized the following:
1. Kevin Leach has recently been recognized as a National Merit Semi-Finalist with a score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in the top 1% of all high school seniors in the country. Kevin’s character, hard work, and overall achievement are all at a high level and the SDMA is proud of his accomplishments.
 2. Mrs. Heidi Corr, Mrs. Leslie Schmidt, Mr. Mike Sinz, and Mr. Perry Myren - This group of educators in the MHS Special Education Program and MHS Athletics Department are recognized for providing MHS students with extraordinary experiences this fall with the Menomonie Mustangs football team.
 3. Girls Cross Country Coaching Staff and Team - The MHS Girls Cross Country Team recently placed 5th as a team at the D-1 State Meet after winning the Big Rivers Conference, the WIAA Sectionals, and several other meets along the way. Coaches Craig Olson, Ashton Keene, and Gregg Anderson led the team that included 11 seniors who during their four years won 4 BRC titles, earned 25 separate all-conference honors, were ranked in the Division 1 top 20 every week, and competed at state in each of the past two years.
- F. Highlight on Youth - Knapp** - Knapp Elementary prepared a video to highlight bullying and celebrate October as the National Bullying Prevention Month.
- G. Student Representative Communication** - Logan McCoy and Grace Hasse reported on different events and activities at MHS.
- H. Community Communications** - Electronic communications were received from Alex Hall, Monica Berrier, Thomas Pearson, Damon Wilkinson, Lisa Quinn-Lee, and Josie Pillman. Other community communications in attendance included Scott Parker, Lucy Rudenborg, Andrew Schlough, Suzette Wallen, Abraham Smith, and Brittany Weiker.
- I. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended October 2021** - Business Director, Leah Theder presented the expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for October 2021.

- J. Monthly Employment Report (October 2021)** - The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for October 2021, which included 7 new hires and 5 resignations.

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Action to move into closed session, for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wisconsin Statutes; and for 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 Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes.** Riddle Swanson made a motion to move to closed session at 6:05, seconded by Freeman. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
- B. Review Legal Advice Related to a Due Process Complaint**

III. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION - Reconvened into open session at 6:25 pm.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda** - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Schneider, that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: 1) Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 25, 2021; 2) Financial Reports for October 2021; and 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for October 2021. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.

V. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting of October 11, 2021** - Moses made a motion, seconded by Skillings, that the board approves the minutes from Regular Meeting of October 11, 2021, as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.
- B. Approve SDMA COVID-19 Plan, Mask Optional Policy** - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Hillman, that the board approve the SDMA COVID-19 Plan, mask optional policy. The motion failed 4-5 with Riddle-Swanson, Styer, Freeman, Schneider, and Palmer casting “nay” votes. Palmer made a motion to set December 13, 2021 as date to make masking optional, seconded by Riddle-Swanson. Motion passed 5-4 with Freeman, Moses, Hillman, Skillings casting “nay” electronic votes.
- C. Approve SDMA Solar Project** - Hillman made a motion, seconded by Freeman to approve the SDMA Solar Project and adding the project to the district’s capital improvement plan, as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.
- D. Approve After School Academic Support Pilot at MMS** - Freeman made a motion, seconded by Schneider to approve the After School Academic Support Pilot program at the Menomonie Middle School, as presented. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- E. 66.0301 Special Education Cooperative Agreement between SDMA and the CFSD** - Palmer made a motion, seconded by Skillings to approve 66.0301 Special Education Cooperative Agreement between SDMA and CFSD, as presented. The motion passed by 8-0-1 with Husby abstaining.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. 2022-2023 School District Calendar** – The board reviewed a draft calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. The calendar is similar to what has been used over the past few years. The draft calendar will be discussed with the staff before a final draft is presented to the board. Board members had no objections or suggestions for change.
- B. Annual Free and Reduced Meals Eligibility Report** – Dr. Zydowsky provided the free and reduced count by building as of October 31, 2021. After an increase in students qualifying over last year, 43.51% of the students in the SDMA now qualify for free or reduced meals.
- C. Discuss Purchase of Land Parcel Adjoining the SDMA Environmental Site** – It has been brought to the attention of SDMA administration that a small portion of the road used to access the SDMA Environmental Site crosses an adjoining property. This information came forward as a result of a landowner survey that was recently conducted. The landowner has approached administration about the possibility of the district purchasing the property.
- D. Set Date for Mid-Year Budget Hearing** – Board members had no objections to continuing to hold a mid-year budget hearing. Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2022.

- E. Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** – Special School Board Meeting, on November 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at ASC, Regular School Board Meeting, on December 13, 2021 at 5:30 at ASC, Mid-Year Budget Hearing Meeting, on January 10, 2022 at 5:00 at ASC and Regular School Board Meeting on January 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at ASC.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Action to move into closed session, for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes; and 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.** Moses made a motion to move to closed session at 7:18 pm, seconded by Schneider. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
- B. Action to Approve Minutes of Closed Session on October 11, 2021**
- C. Review Parameters for Possible Purchase of Land Parcel Adjoining the SDMA Environmental Site**
- D. Review Contracts of District Directors**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Action to Adjourn – Palmer made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: December 13, 2021