

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MENOMONIE HIGH SCHOOL
1715 5TH STREET W, MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
AUGUST 23, 2021 - 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021, in the Auditorium of the High School at 1715 5th Street W, 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, and David Styer. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Shannon Branch, Keila Drout, Kristin Humphrey, Lori Smith, Sam Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Katie Krueger, Brian Sequin, and Leah Theder. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Janet Quinn and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Josie Pillman, Alexandra Hall, Bruce Trimbball, Chelsea Lovejoy, Abraham Smith, Thomas Pearson, Ryan Martin, Laurel Madsen, Sheila Thompson, Casey Martin, Eric Gates, Al Leipnitz, Carol Leipnitz, Yvonne Yaughn, Billie Walleen, Arhet Jongson, Justin Fults, Erin Alexander, John Alexander, Margaret Breisch, Joanne Keays, Brenda Vasey, Madison Olson, Sara Ohman, Rachel Henderson, Karen Styer, Jeanne Rothaupt, Mandy Little, Innisfree McKinnon, Sherpa Jacobs, Julie McRea, Mary Burketi, Julie Beston, Brent Creaser, Nancy Creaser, Warren Lang, Kelley Gowling, Mitch Ogden, Natalie Topper, Erika Svanve, Arthur Kneeland, Erik Evensen, Laurel Fraher, Leni Marshall, Ryan Jones, Melissa Jones, Amy Zuber-Seguine, Tiffany Ehlert, Stephanie May, Tina Lee, Emily Beck, John Michael Starling, Gretchen Yonka, Ellen Ochs, Michael Cooper, Jun Colline, Leslie Norris, Wayne Quilling, Katrina Anderson, Dana Leipnitz, Judy Kahl, Elizabeth Wolbert, Jim Uhlir, Aaron Vasey, James Stewart, Jamie Pond, Jeff Witt, Jan Witt, Joyce Uhlir, Amanda Prochnow, Tony Flom, Kathy Jacobson, Nick Arvold, Alisha Arvold, Zach Arvold, Mike Kennedy, Dan Paulson, Tom Bablick, Mark Jacobson, Gianna Bessert, Kathy McNally, Penny Burstad, Frederick Ochs, Andrew Williams, Chelsea Andrew, Rochelle Holmes, Charles Jones, Candy Anderson, Jenny Dickman, Laurie Christianson, Ariel Cafarelli, Avigdor Edminster, Jodie Olson, Kurt Wang, Nathan Gaide Alexia Babrie, Michael Husby, Chad Barfknecht, Kjerstin Lee, Alison Feller, Bonnie Trimble, Karlee Witzel, Brian Teague, Todd Zimmerman, Patrick Pesek-Herriger, Amy Zwolanek-Laird, Ruth Reneson, Lisa Quinn-Lee, Dana Wanzer, Tonya Wiedenman, Richard Rothaupt, Jean Enyeart, Chad Bartlett, Jennifer Benrud, Cassandra Kopp, Emily Kopp, Marc & Ginger Hoppa, Christine Woodward, Jeff Sweat, June Woodward, Marion Lang, Mary Oehler, Dominique Stewart, Angela Ruchti, Nita Fitzgerald, Emi Stuemke, and Brandon Schenk.
- C. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – The agenda order was approved as presented.
- D. Recommendations and Commendations** - There were no recommendations and commendations.
- E. Community Communications** - Electronic communications were received from Danika Freiberg and read by recording secretary Janet Quinn, regarding the COVID-19 plans for 2021-2022 school year. Josie Pillman, Alexandra Hall, Bruce Trimbball, Chelsea Lovejoy, Abraham Smith and Thomas Pearson each used their allotted 3 minutes to address the board.

II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda** – Moses made a motion, seconded by Palmer, that the board approve the following personnel actions:
1. Resignations/Retirements:
 - a. Resignation of Tracy Danovsky, Business Education at Menomonie High School, effective August 11, 2021.

- b. Resignation of Chad Murray, 7th Grade Science Teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021.
- 2. Requests to Hire:
 - a. Employment of Alex Auden, Music teacher, for Downsville and Knapp Elementary as well as the High School, effective August 23, 2021.
 - b. Employment of Lucas Nolte, 6th grade Science teacher, for Middle School, effective August 23, 2021.
 - c. Employment of Nanette Goodman, Business Education teacher, for Menomonie High School, effective August 23, 2021.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Action to Approve Addition to the 2021-2022 Staffing Plan** - Schneider made a motion, seconded by Husby, that the board approve an increase in the services needed for special education and to add 0.5 FTE of additional paraprofessional staffing for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion to approve additional paraprofessional staffing passed by unanimous roll call vote.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. **COVID-19** – District Administrator, Dr. Zydowsky provided an overview of COVID-19 within the district and community. A recent survey of SDMA staff revealed 86.4% of 374 people who responded to the survey are fully vaccinated. Zydowsky shared the administrative team’s recommendation that a mask mandate be considered at the start of the school year based on reports from Mayo, Prevea, Public Health, the CDC and information predicting an anticipated surge in cases. Board members discussed masks and COVID-19 in addition to Dr. Zydowsky’s mask recommendation.
- B. **Review District Energy Plans** - District Administrator, Dr. Zydowsky, gave an overview and recommended the board review the plans SDMA Energy Manager Justin Schuenemann compiled. Mr. Schuenemann will be invited to a Board meeting this fall to discuss the plans and answer questions.
- C. **Review Extracurricular Staff Contracts Requests** - The board reviewed extracurricular contract requests from May 21, 2021, through August 20, 2021.
- D. **Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** – Regular Board Meeting on September 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the ASC, Special School Board Meeting, on September 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the ASC, and Regular Board Meeting on October 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the ASC and Special Board Meeting October 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the ASC.

V. RECESS

- A. Board President, Styer, stopped the meeting for a 10 minute recess before starting the Annual Meeting at 6:00. The Special Board meeting reconvened at 9:02 and went into Closed Session.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. 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), and Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1) (f)
- B. Action to Approve Closed Session Minutes of July 26, 2021.
- C. Bus Stop Complaint

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Action to Adjourn – Palmer made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

 /s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: September 13, 2021