

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
1715 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET W., MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN  
SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 2021, in the Auditorium of the High School in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Chris Freeman, Mark Hillman, Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Karl Palmer, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, Angie Skillings, David Styer. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Lori Smith, Sam Hoyt, Kale Proksch, Brian Seguin, 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 Kari Davis, Bethany Riser, Betsy Wolbert, Abe Smith, Amy Callyn, Tricia Thompson, Angela Klatt, Chris Dee Kuck, Sifia Jevne, Charis Collins, Kathy Jacobson, Brenda Vasey, Dan Paulson, Kathleen Remund, Laurie Jean Christianson, Alexandra Hall, Lois Shackleton, Amy Zuber-Seguín, Michelle Dupree, Tanya Staatz, Kelly Sandberg, Sara Anderson, Brianna Craker, Ruth Reneson, Victoria Johansen, Tiffany Ehlert, Jessica Graham, Dick Shackleton, Amber Jackson, Joel Jackson, Lori Wilsex, Ron Wilsey, Kathy McNally, Sheila Thompson, Rebecca Woodhull, Brian Woodhull, Joanne Keays, James Stewart, Mary Oehler, Ali Bauer, Tera Ellison, Karen Styer, Monica Berrier, Paul Horvath, Jesse Kuck, and Zach Arnold.
- C. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – After Husby requested clarification on two items, the Board proceeded with the agenda as presented.
- D. Recommendations and Commendations** - There were no recommendations and commendations.
- E. Community Communications** - Electronic communications were received from Tiffini Taggart, Alexandra Hall, Julie Bendel, Ryan Jones, Jaclyn Arnold, Christine Woodward, Nicole Trainor, Jen Flanders, Darin Witucki, and Barbara Flom. There were sixteen speakers present for the community communications; Amy Zuber-Seguín, Tera Ellison, Tanya Staatz, Michelle Dupree, Kari Davis, Sara Anderson, Allison Bauer, Breanna Craker, Kelly Sandberg, Jen Flanders, Abe Smith, Victoria Johansen, Jess Graham, Monica Berrier, Aaron Vasey, and Kathleen Ramon. Each speaker had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding their concern on COVID-19 in the district.

**II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda** – No action needed.

**III. ACTION AGENDA**

- A. Action to Approve K-12 Mask Mandate** – Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Freeman, to approve K-12 mask mandate, as presented. Riddle-Swanson amended the motion, accepted by Freeman, to update the SDMA COVID-19 Plan that will require the use of masks for all students in grades K-6 until students in those grade levels have the opportunity to become fully vaccinated.

The motion passed by a 5-4 electronic vote, with Styer, Moses, Hillman and Skillings casting “nay” votes.

- B. Action to Approve District Banking Extension** – Schneider made a motion, seconded by Husby, that the board approves the updates to the district banking extension, as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.  
Board Member, Chris Freeman exited the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW**

- A. Energy Plans** – Energy Manager, Justin Schuenemann was unable to attend and discuss the reports due to family emergency. The energy plans will be brought back to a future meeting for review and discussion.
- B. Timeline for SDMA Solar Project** – Energy Manager, Justin Schuenemann was unable to attend and discuss the reports due to family emergency. The timeline for SDMA Solar Project will be brought back to a future meeting for review and discussion.
- C. Athletics and Activities Report** – Dr. Zydowsky reviewed the Athletics and Activities report with the Board.
- D. Exhibit 371 – District Sponsored Student Activities and Organizations** – Dr. Zydowsky reviewed the changes to Exhibit 371, District Sponsored Student Activities and Organizations.
- E. Community Education Report** – SDMA Community Education Director, Kale Proksch gave an overview of the Community Education program and the challenges they faced in 2020-2021. They continue to provide services and will remain focused on providing the community with safe facilities and active opportunities.
- F. Student Enrollment Update** – Board members reviewed the preliminary 2021 student enrollment which reported 3,267 students. This is not the final 3rd Friday in September count that will be reported to the DPI; calculations still need to be updated
- G. Achievement/Annual SLO Report for all Grades** – Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Brian Seguin, shared an overview of the SLO goals for this year with the Board. In alignment with pillars 1, 2, and 3, district and building level academic and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL/PBIS) School Learning Outcomes (SLO) goals have been developed by building level data teams for the upcoming school year. In addition to developing SLOs for the upcoming year, building teams have reviewed local screening and state assessment data to develop action plans to be implemented and reviewed throughout the year at designated intervals. This will be done in cooperation with the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction for progress monitoring of building level goals.
- H. 2022 Health Insurance Renewal** – The board reviewed the 2021 health insurance renewal bid. The renewal was reviewed by the district health/medical committee on September 13, 2021. The 2022 health insurance renewal will be brought back on October 11 for approval.
- I. Final Budget Revisions for 2020-2021** – Leah Theder discussed and reviewed final budget revisions for 2020-2021. The revisions will be brought back on October 11 for approval.
- J. 2022 State Education Convention** - The 2022 State Education Convention will be held in Milwaukee from January 19-21, 2022. Board members should contact Janet Quinn if they plan to attend so accommodations can be made.
- K. Extracurricular Activities Report** – The board reviewed extracurricular contract requests from August 21, 2021 through September 24, 2021.

**L. Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports -**  
Regular School Board Meeting, on October 11, 2021 at 5:30 at ASC, and Special School Board Meeting on October 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at ASC, Regular School Board Meeting, on November 8, 2021 at 5:30 at ASC, and Special School Board Meeting on November 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at ASC.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action to Adjourn** – Hillman made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: October 11, 2021