

**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, AUGUST 15, 2022, 5:45 P.M.**

**I. OPENING ITEMS**

- A. Call to Order** – President Charlie Schneider called the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of the Menomonie Area to order at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2022, in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center at 215 Pine Avenue E., Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed eight board members present: Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, Angie Skillings, Dominique Stewart, Abe Smith, Mark Hillman, Rachel Henderson and Karl Palmer. President Schneider declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Dr. Joe Zydowsky, Brian Seguin, Katie Krueger, Leah Theder, Samantha Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Casey Drake, and Kristin Humphrey. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Jenny Mikesell, and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Chelsea Lovejoy, Andrew Williams, Stewart Parsons, Alex Hall, Dale Dahlke, James Stewart, Jodie Olson, Sharon Tripp, Jim Tripp, Josie Pillman, Scott Parker, Ruth Reneson, and Dan Wengel.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance Reading of Mission Statement** - Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the district's mission statement.
- D. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – The agenda was approved as presented.
- E. Recommendations and Commendations** - There were no recommendations or commendations.
- F. Community Communications** - Community communications in attendance included Josie Pillman, Stewart Parsons, and Alexandra Hall. Each speaker had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding their topic or concern. School Board candidates in attendance included Chelsea Lovejoy, Dale Dahlke, Jim Tripp, Dan Wengel, and Scott Parker. Each candidate had three minutes to provide comments to the board.
- G. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended July 2022** - The board reviewed the monthly expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for July 2022.
- H. Monthly Employment Report (July 2022)** - The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for July 2022.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda** - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Skillings, that the board approve the following consent agenda items: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 11, 2002; Special Meeting of July 25, 2022; and Special Meeting (3pm) of June 27, 2022; 2) Financial Reports of July 2022; 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for July 2022; and 4) Special Education Services 66.0301 Cooperative Agreement, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.

**III. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda** – Palmer made a motion, seconded by Hillman, that the board approve the following personnel actions: 1) Resignation of Riley Sutton, 8th Grade Math Teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective July 22, 2022; 2) Resignation of Audric Buhr, Director of Vocal Music and Theater Studies at Menomonie High School, effective August 5, 2022; 3) Resignation of Andrea Worthey, Art Teacher at Menomonie High School, effective August 10, 2022; 4) Resignation of Ross Wargula, Special Education Teacher at River Heights, effective August 16, 2022; 5) Employment of Susan

Keller, District Speech & Language Pathologist, effective August 16, 2022; 6) Employment of Stacy Heath, District Speech & Language Pathologist, effective August 16, 2022; 7) Employment of Shannon Young, 8th Grade Math Teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 16, 2022; 8) Employment of Jocelyn Wilterdink, emergency one-year Special Education Teacher at Wakanda Elementary, effective August 17, 2022; and 9) Employment of Grant Singer, Choir & Theater Teacher at Menomonie High School, effective August 16, 2022. The motion passed 7-0-1 by electronic vote with Dominique Stewart abstaining.

#### **IV. ACTION AGENDA**

- A. Consider the Appointment of a New School Board Member** - The district received letters of application for the current Board vacancy from the following people: Dale Dahlke, Chelsea Lovejoy, Amber Kersting, Scott Parker, James Tripp, Brittany Weiker, and Dan Wengel. Schneider gave an overview of the ballot voting process and asked how the board would like to proceed. The board had a lengthy discussion. Skillings made a motion to move into closed session. Motion not seconded; motion failed. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Stewart to suspend the rules to include the top 3 vote totals if there is not a majority vote. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Board members voted by paper ballot with each board member signing his/her ballot. Recording secretary Jenny Mikesell then received and read the votes out loud as follows: Round #1: Dale Dahlke - 4; Chelsea Lovejoy - 4. The Board then went into closed session.

#### **V. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Action to move into closed session, for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social or personal histories of specific persons 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, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wisconsin Statutes.** Skillings made a motion to move to closed session at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Smith. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

#### **VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION** - The Board reconvened into open session at 6:50 p.m.

#### **VII. ACTION AGENDA**

- A. Consider the Appointment of a New School Board Member** - The board continued to discuss the appointment of a new board member. Hillman made a motion, seconded by Skillings to vote again. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Board members voted by paper ballot with each board member signing his/her ballot. Recording secretary Jenny Mikesell received and read the votes out loud as follows: Round #2: Dale Dahlke - 4; Chelsea Lovejoy - 4. Smith made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, to suspend the rules and flip a coin to break the tie. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Dale Dahlke won the coin flip and was announced as the new board member.
- B. Approve Reduction in School Meal Prices for the 2022-2023 School Year** - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Palmer to approve the reduction in school meal prices by waiving meal fees for all students who qualify for reduced lunch prices, and decrease lunch prices by \$0.50 for each paid meal for students who do not qualify for free or reduced meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year. Breakfast in the SDMA will remain free for all students. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.
- C. Approve Addition to 2022-2023 Staffing Plan- Food Service** - Henderson made a motion, seconded by Stewart to approve addition to 2022-2023 staffing plan- food service, as presented. Motion carried unanimously by electronic vote.

## VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. Discuss the 2022-2023 Work Plan** – The Board reviewed the measurable goals and the draft work plan. The board will approve the work plan and measurable goals at the next board meeting scheduled for August 22, 2022.
- B. Review Legal Services Report** - SDMA Director of Business Services, Leah Theder, presented the annual Legal Services report.
- C. Review Updates to SDMA School Safety Assessments** - The updated school safety assessments were shared with the board. Building principals collaborated with local law enforcement officials and the Director of Buildings and Grounds to review and update the school safety assessments for each school in the SDMA. Recent improvements and safety assessments include: providing the Menomonie Police Department with access to live security camera feeds in the event of an emergency; removing overgrown vegetation around schools (especially near access areas); ordering new and improved signage to be installed on school grounds; and adding new or updated labels on doors and windows for quicker identification of location or problems with broken windows.
- D. Review Items for Annual Meeting** - The board discussed the upcoming annual meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022 at Menomonie High School. The powers of the annual meeting are defined in state statute 120.10.
- E. Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** – SDMA lunch for new staff on August 18, 2022 at 11:30 a.m., Menomonie High School. Special School Board Meeting on August 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., Menomonie High School Library; and Annual Meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m., Menomonie High School Tiered Lecture Hall. First day of school on September 1, 2022. Regular School Board Meeting on September 12, 2022 at 5:45 p.m., ASC. Special School Board Meeting on September 26, 2022 at 5:45 p.m., ASC.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Palmer made a motion, seconded by Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

/s/ Abe Smith

Abe Smith, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: September 12, 2022