

**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
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024, 5:45 P.M.**

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order** – President Rachel Henderson 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, February 26, 2024, in the Administrative Service Center Board Room, 215 Pine Avenue E., Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Dale Dahlke, Rachel Henderson, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Abe Smith, Dominique Stewart, Karl Palmer, Mark Hillman, Angie Skillings, and Amber Kersting. President Henderson declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. The administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Samantha Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Katherine Krueger, Leah Theder, Kevin Tomaszewski, Bart Boettcher, Diane Schofield, and Casey Drake. Also, in attendance were recording secretary Jenny Mikesell and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and others registering attendance included Ruth Reneson, Rebecca Hoffman, Josie Pillman, and Ray Martenson.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Reading of Mission Statement-** Henderson 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. Community Communications-** Ruth Reneson, Josie Pillman, and Rebecca Hoffman were present for community communications. Each had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding their concerns.

II. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Approve 2024-2025 MHS Course Recommendations-** Palmer made a motion, seconded by Kersting, that the board approve the 2024-2025 MHS Course Recommendations, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.
- B. Approval of 2023-2024 Staffing Plan Additions-** Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Dahlke, to approve the 2023-2024 Staffing Plan Additions, as presented. The motion passed 9-0 by electronic vote.
- C. Consider Bids for MHS Pool Repair Project-** Smith made a motion, seconded by Kersting, to approve option #4 as presented and recommended, including repairing the maintenance tunnel and diving boards, replacing the filtration system but delaying tile work to a later date, and applying optional deductions of the UV filter option, in-house painting, and bleachers. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

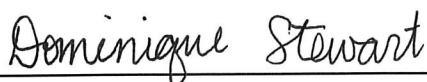
- A. Review Clerk's Report of the Referendum Election-** Board Clerk Dominique Stewart shared her report of the Referendum Election results. The board of canvassers met on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 10:30 am in the Boardroom of the Administrative Service Center to review the ballot tapes. Members present were Carly Preusse, Dominique Stewart, and Jenny Mikesell. The canvassers determined the total number of votes was 4,659. The referendum did not pass. The total number of YES votes was 1,891, and the total number of NO votes was 2,768. The referendum election results were certified.

- B. Review School District Plans Related to Upcoming State Tournaments-** The MHS wrestling team became the first team in school history to qualify for the team state tournament. The wrestlers will compete beginning at 5:30 pm on Friday, March 1. A total of 15 staff members requested time off, so school officials plan to keep schools open on March 1.
- C. Review the Pupil Non-Discrimination and Equality of Educational Opportunity Self-Evaluation Report-** Wis. Admin. Code § PI 9.06 requires school boards to evaluate the status of nondiscrimination and equality of educational opportunity in the school district at least once every five years and report the results to the Department of Public Instruction. To meet the reporting requirements, the administration team evaluated the status of nondiscrimination and equality of educational opportunity in several areas. Director of Student Services Tonia Kowieski provided the board with the 2023 Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report.
- D. Recommendations for Policy 343.1, Class Size and Combined and Split Grades-** The board heard recommendations and discussed the next steps for possibly revising district Policy 343.1. They agreed to blend content from the current policy language and the new recommendations. The next step will be for the board to review the 1st revision of this policy at the next meeting in March.
- E. Review CESA 10 Shared Services Contracts-** The board reviewed the CESA 10 contracts for the next school year. The board will consider approval of the contracts at the next board meeting in March.
- F. Review CESA 11 Shared Services Contract-** The board reviewed the CESA 11 contract for the next school year. The contracts will be approved at the next board meeting in March.
- G. Review Extracurricular Staff Contract Requests-** The board reviewed extracurricular staff contract requests from January 18, 2024, through February 21, 2024.
- H. Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports-** Spring Break-No School from March 11-15, 2024. Regular School Board Meeting, ASC, March 18, 2024, 5:45 pm. No School on March 29, 2024. Spring Election on April 2, 2024. Joint PAC/Board Meeting on April 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm, in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin. A Regular School Board Meeting is on April 8, 2024, at 5:45 pm, ASC. No School for Students & Professional Development Day for Staff, April 15, 2024. Reorganization of the Board Meeting & Special School Board Meeting, April 22, 2024, starting at 5:00 pm, ASC.

IV. CLOSED SESSION-

- A. Action to Move to Closed Session for the purpose of 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, pursuant to Section 19.85(f)** The board took a five-minute recess at 7:24 pm before moving into a closed session.

- V. ADJOURNMENT-** Following the closed session, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.



Dominique Stewart, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: March 18, 2024