

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
215 PINE AVENUE E, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023, 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, May 8, 2023, in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center at 215 Pine Avenue E, Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Amy Riddle-Swanson, Mark Hillman, Rachel Henderson, Abe Smith, Angie Skillings, Karl Palmer, Dale Dahlke, and Amber Kersting. Dominique Stewart arrived at 5:46 p.m. President Henderson declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. The administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Leah Theder, Samantha Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Brian Seguin, Bart Boettcher, Casey Drake, Lori Smith, and Michelle Kloser. Also in attendance were recording secretary Jenny Mikesell and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and others registering attendance included Josie Pillman, Joyce Uhlir, Ray Martinson, Katrina Drazkowski, and James Stewart.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance 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. Recommendations and Commendations** - 2023 SDMA Retirees received commendation certificates. Trisha Holmstadt also received a commendation certificate.
- F. Student Representative Communications** - Katrina Drazkowski and Rebekah Oehler reported on different events and activities at MHS.
- G. Community Communications** - Community communications in attendance included Joyce Uhlir. She had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding her topic or concern.
- H. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended April 2023** - The board reviewed the monthly expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for April 2023.
- I. Monthly Employment Report (April 2023)** - The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for April 2023.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda** - Palmer made a motion, seconded by Smith, that the board approve the following consent agenda items: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2023; and Special Meetings of April 24, 2023; 2) Financial Reports of April 2023; 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for April 2023; and 4) Travel Abroad Request for MHS World Language Department, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.

III. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda** – Dahlke made a motion, seconded by Kersting, that the board approve the following personnel actions: 1) Retirement of Paul Verdon, 8th-grade teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. 2) Employment of Kylene Lichucki, District Instructional Coach at the Administrative Service Center, effective August 15, 2023. 3) Employment of Wyatt Rottier, 8th-grade science teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 15, 2023. 4) Employment of Ashley Lynch, 3rd-grade teacher at Wakanda Elementary School, effective August 21, 2023. 5) Employment of Leah Larson, Special Education Teacher at River Heights Elementary School, effective August 15, 2023. 6) Employment of Rebekah

Angle, Special Education teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 15, 2023. The motion passed 9-0 by electronic vote.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Approve 4K Programming Agreements** - Smith made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, that the board approve 4K programming agreements as presented. The motion passed by 9-0 by electronic vote.
- B. **Approve Meal Prices for 2023-2024** - Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dahlke, that the board approves meal prices for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. The motion passed 9-0 by electronic vote.
- C. **Approve 2022-2023 Budget Revisions** - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Palmer, to approve the 2022-2023 budget revisions as presented. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.
- D. **Approve Revisions to Policy 163.1, School Board Memberships** - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Dahlke, to end the National School Boards Association membership effective July 1, 2023. After discussion, Smith made a motion, seconded by Kersting, to postpone action until the June 26, 2023, board meeting. The motion passed 8-1, with Skillings voting no.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. **SDMA Environmental Site Update** - Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum Brian Seguin provided the board with an update on ongoing projects associated with the environmental site, including the winter's logging/timber sale. Seth Stanchik shared what he does with groups coming to the site.
- B. **Discuss District Health Insurance for 2023-2024** - Director of Business Services Leah Theder shared an update on the district health insurance for 2023-2024. The group's medical claims continue to trend high. Another rate projection based upon additional claims data will be run in late June/July, which will give us a better indication for the September 1st increase. However, based on limited claims data through January, the actuary is currently recommending an 11% rate increase for September 1, 2023 or 15% increase January 1, 2024.
- C. **Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** – May 10, 2023, Transportation Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., ASC. May 22, 2023, Special School Board Meeting at 5:45 p.m., ASC. May 24, 2023, Retirement Mixer, 4:00 p.m. Middle School Commons. May 28, 2023, Menomonie High School Graduation. 2:00 p.m., MHS. May 29, 2023, Memorial Day, no school for students or staff. June 2, 2023, Last day of school for students. June 12, 2023, Regular School Board Meeting, 5:45 p.m., ASC Board Room. June 26, 2023, Special School Board Meeting 5:45 p.m., ASC Board Room.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Hillman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

/s/ Dominique Stewart

Dominique Stewart, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: June 12, 2023