

**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, MAY 9, 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, May 9, 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: Rachel Henderson, Mark Hillman, Tanya Husby, Karl Palmer, Charlie Schneider, Angie Skillings, Abe Smith, and Dominique Stewart. Amy Riddle-Swanson arrived at 7:00 p.m. President Schneider declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Dr. Joe Zydowsky, Brian Seguin, Sam Hoyt, Katie Krueger, Leah Theder, Lori Smith, Casey Drake, and Shannon Branch. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary Jenny Mikesell, and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and/or others registering attendance included James Stewart, Suzette Nieman, Jerry Waller, Grace Hasse, Kevin Leach, Katrina Drazkowski, Jodie Olson, Mike Cooper, Stephanie Steinmeyer, Justin Steinmeyer, Heidi Anderson, Mae Simpson, and Josie Pillman.
- 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** - The district and board recognized Elementary Science Olympiad parent volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the success of students and the Science Olympiad program.
- F. Highlight on Youth - Oaklawn Elementary** - Nicole Cook, AIM Director, talked briefly about the AIM program and projects at Oaklawn Elementary School as part of AIM’s partnership with SDMA. Crystal Booth, Intervention Specialist at Oaklawn created a video for the board to view showcasing Oaklawn students and staff incorporating AIM programs into their daily writing lessons.
- G. Student Representative Communication** - Grace Hasse and Kevin Leach reported on different events and activities at MHS.
- H. Community Communications** - Community communications in attendance included Scott Parker, Mike Cooper, and Suzette Nieman. Each speaker had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding their topic of concern.
- I. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended April 2022** - The board reviewed the monthly expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for April 2022.
- J. Monthly Employment Report (April 2022)** - The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for April 2022, which included three resignations, and three transfers.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda** - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Husby, that the board approve the following consent agenda items: 1) Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2022; Reorganization Meeting of April 25, 2022; and Special Board Meeting of April 25, 2022; 2) Financial Reports for April 2022; and 3) Donations exceeding \$1,000 for April, 2022, as presented. The motion passed by an electronic vote 7-0-1, with Hillman abstaining.

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 Amanda Cruz, School Social Worker for River Heights and Wakanda Elementary, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year; 2) Resignation of Amanda Harrison, 6th Grade ELA Teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year; 3) Resignation of Kyle Rundquist, Dean of Students at Menomonie High School, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year; 4) Resignation of Amanda Gates, 4th Grade Teacher at Oaklawn Elementary, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year; 5) Employment of Caitlin Burton, Emergency One-Year 2nd Grade Teacher at River Heights Elementary, effective August 16, 2022; 6) Employment of Jordan Klatt, Kindergarten Teacher at Oaklawn Elementary, effective August 16, 2022; 7) Employment of Ross Wargula, Special Education Teacher at River Heights Elementary, effective August 16, 2022; 8) Employment of Bretta Snyder, School Counselor for Knapp and Downsville Elementary, effective August 16, 2022; and 9) Employment of Andrea Gores, Business/Marketing Education Teacher at Menomonie High School, effective August 16, 2022, as presented. The motion passed 8-0 by electronic vote.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Approve Meal Prices for 2022-2023** - Palmer made a motion, seconded by Husby, to approve meal prices for 2022-2023, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous 8-0 electronic vote.
- B. Approve 2021-2022 Budget Revisions** - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Henderson, to approve the 2021-2022 budget revisions, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- C. Approve Additions to the 2022-2023 Staffing Plan** - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Hillman, to approve the additions to the 2022-2023 staffing plan. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- D. Approve Seasonal and Substitute Wage Rates for 2022-2023** - Henderson made a motion, seconded by Skillings, to approve seasonal and substitute wage rates for 2022-2023, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.
- E. Approve Bid for School Forest Timber Sale** - Palmer made a motion, seconded by Smith, to approve Bid for School Forest Timber Sale, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. Movement into Master’s Teacher Lane for National Board Certification** – The board discussed pursuing a master’s degree program. The district is investigating the possibility of prioritizing National Board Certification for SDMA teachers. Not only would this encourage ongoing professional development for SDMA teachers, but it would also provide teachers with a new less expensive option for advancement in the SDMA Teacher Compensation Plan. The board agreed to bring this item back for approval at the next board meeting.
- B. Membership in the National School Board Association** - The board had a lengthy discussion about membership in the National School Board Association and agreed not to make any changes at this time.
- C. Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** – Special School Board Meeting, May 23, 2022, 5:45 p.m., at ASC. High School Graduation will be May 29, 2022. School Board Retreat, June 6, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at Jake’s Supper Club. Regular School Board Meeting, June 13, 2022, 5:45 p.m. at the ASC. Special School Board Meeting, June 27, 2022, 5:45 p.m. at ASC.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Action to move into closed session, for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes.** The board took a short recess at 6:58 p.m. and convened into closed session at 7:04 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Following discussion during the closed session, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

/s/ Abe Smith

Abe Smith, Clerk

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Approved: June 13, 2022