

**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, MAY 23, 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 23, 2022, in the boardroom of the Administrative Service Center at 215 Pine Avenue E., Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed six board members present: Rachel Henderson, Mark Hillman, Tanya Husby, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, Abe Smith, and Dominique Stewart. Karl Palmer was absent. Angie Skillings arrived late at 6:06 p.m. President Schneider declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Tonia Kowieski, Katie Krueger, Leah Theder, Kristin Humphrey, John Samb, Bart Boettcher, and Casey Drake. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Jenny Mikesell, and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Laurie Jean Christianson, Steve Christianson, Natasha Bade, Mary Ann Hitz, Scott Parker, James Stewart, Jodie Olson, Suzette Nieman, Michele Gibson, and Jane Redig.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Reading of the 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** - Jane Redig, volunteer translator, was recognized for her work with Spanish speaking families who need an interpreter and advocacy services. Commendations were presented to the following retiring staff members: Pat Bundy-21 years of service, Michele Gibson-29 years of service, Mary Ann Hitz-21 years of service, Tim Miller-27 years of service, Carol Diser-Ropella-29 years of service, Jay Stanley-28 years of service, and Sheila Stori-19 years of service.
- F. Community Communications** - An electronic community communication was received, and shared with board members from Josie Pillman. There were also two speakers present for the community communications; Suzette Nieman, and Scott Parker. Each speaker had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding their concerns.

**II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda** - Smith made a motion, seconded by Hillman, that the board approve the personnel consent agenda, as presented:
1. Resignations/Retirements: Resignation of Courtney Jones-Bilal, Special Education Teacher at Menomonie High School, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
  2. Request to Hire: Employment of Christina Korger, 7th Grade Math Teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 16, 2022. Employment of Jessica Lamb, Emergency one-year Business & Marketing Teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 23, 2022. Employment of Emma Truitt, ELA Teacher at Menomonie High School, effective August 16, 2022. Expanded contract for Mike Berg, MHS Special Education Teacher, for one period of overload scheduled for one semester during the 2021-2022 school year.

Employment of McKenna Erickson, 6th Grade ELA Teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 16, 2022. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

### III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Approve Movement into Master's Teacher Lane for National Board Certification** – Henderson made a motion, seconded by Hillman, that the board approves the movement into master's teacher lane for National Board Certification. Motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote.
- B. **Approve Transportation Contract for 2022-2023** - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Hillman, that the board approves the transportation contract for 2022-2023, as presented. Motion passed 8-0 by electronic vote.
- C. **Approve Bid for Inventory and Appraisal Services** - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Husby, that the board approves the bid for inventory and appraisal services, as presented. Motion passed 8-0 by electronic vote.

### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. **Discuss Student/Parent Handbooks for 2022-2023** - Handbook updates for the 2022-2023 school year were shared with the board. Updated handbooks will be placed on the agenda for approval in June.
- B. **Discuss and Review Preliminary Budget for 2022-2023** – Director of Business Services, Leah Theder, shared the preliminary 2022-2023 school district budget. The preliminary budget will be brought back for Board approval in June ahead of the Annual Meeting. The budget will be reviewed and revised in the fall to include the fall pupil count, property valuation, and state aid calculation.
- C. **Review Changes to the Employee Handbook for 2022-2023** – Handbook updates for the 2022-2023 school year were shared with the board. The updated handbook will be placed on the agenda for approval in the next meeting.
- D. **Review Proposed Revisions to Policy 163.1, School Board Memberships (First Reading)** – Skillings proposed that the board modify policy 163.1 to discontinue membership with the National School Board Association. The board had a lengthy decision and decided to bring the item back for further discussion at the next board meeting.
- E. **Discuss and Review WASB Annual Board Development Tool Survey** - The survey is designed to help boards identify their areas of strength and alignment as well as where further dialogue and discussion is needed. This tool is complimentary for all WASB members and the board agreed to take the online survey by May 30th.
- F. **Review Extracurricular Staff Contract Requests** - The board reviewed extracurricular staff contract requests for the period of March 22, 2022 through May 19, 2022.
- G. **Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** - May 25, 2022, Retirement Mixer, 4:00 p.m., Menomonie Middle School - Commons; May 29, 2022, High School Graduation, 2:00 p.m., Menomonie High School. June 6, 2022, Board Retreat, 5:30 p.m., Jake's Supper Club; June 13, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., ASC; June 27, 2022, Special School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., ASC. July 11, 2022, Regular School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., ASC; July 25, 2022, Special School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., ASC.

- V. **CLOSED SESSION - Action to move into closed session, for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (c), Wisconsin Statutes.** The board took a short recess at 7:02 p.m. before moving into closed session.

- VI. **ADJOURNMENT** - Following discussion during closed session, Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

/s/ Abe Smith

Abe Smith, Clerk

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Approved: June 13, 2022