

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1715 5TH STREET W., MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order** – President David Styer called the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of the Menomonie Area to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021, in the Auditorium of the High School in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Chris Freeman, Mark Hillman, Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Karl Palmer, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, Angie Skillings, David Styer. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Sam Hoyt, Brian Seguin, Katie Krueger, Tonia Kowieski, and John Samb, Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Janet Quinn, videographer Steve Hanson and WQOW News 18. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Kurtis Brown, Fran Smestuen, Karlee Witzel, Tony Flom, Brittany Weiker, Lois Shackleton, Jodie Olson, Larry Mollan. Josie Pillman, Laurie Jean Christianson, Ruth Reneson, Jill Chase, and Lori Mollan.
- C. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – The agenda order was approved as presented.
- D. Recommendations and Commendations** - There were no recommendations and commendations.
- E. Community Communications** - There were no electronic communications received. There were four speakers present for the community communications; Lucy Rudenborg, Fran Smestuen, Josie Pillman, and Andrew Schlough . 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** – No action needed.

III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Minutes from September 13, 2021** – Palmer made a motion, seconded by Hillman, that the board approves the September 13, 2021 meeting minutes, as presented. The motion passed by a 7-0-2 electronic vote, with Schneider and Freeman abstaining.
- B. Action to Approve Addition to 2021-2022 Staffing Plan** – Freeman made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, that the board approves the addition of one paraeducator to the 2021-2022 staffing plan. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.
- C. Approve Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget** - Schneider made a motion, seconded by Hillman, that the board approves the 2021-2022 budget, as presented. The motion passed by a 8-1 electronic vote, with Moses casting a “nay” vote.
- D. Approve Certification of 2021-2022 Tax Levy** - Palmer made a motion, seconded by Freeman, that the board approves the 2021-2022 tax levy, as presented. The motion passed by a 8-1 electronic vote, with Moses casting a “nay” vote.
- E. Approve 66.0301 Special Education Cooperative Agreement** - Husby made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, that the board approves 66.0301 Special

Education Cooperative Agreement with Eau Claire. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. Energy Plans** – Energy Manager, Justin Schuenemann discussed the newly created energy plans for the district. According to Schuenemann, district electricity use was 110,500 kWh (26%) below the 2016-2019 4-year average for the September billing cycle. Natural gas usage was 5,500 therms (63%) below the 2016-2019 4-year average for the September billing cycle. The approximate total avoided energy expenses were approximately \$14,600
- B. Timeline for SDMA Solar Project** – Energy Manager, Justin Schuenemann discussed the timeline for SDMA Solar Project. The middle school was chosen as a potential site for the project based on school size, site layout, and utility rate structure. Fall 2021, the staff will determine an estimated budget for the project and consider grant funding sources. After approval by the Board, an RFP will be sent to qualified contractors for design and installation and a project completion is anticipated summer 2022.
- C. Virtual Education Report** – The Board reviewed the virtual education report prepared by SDMA Director of Academic Support, John Samb. The addition of the Wisconsin Virtual School K-5 Pilot program was the most significant change this year.
- D. 2021 State Assessment Report** – The Board was updated on the key takeaways of each of the assessments given in the SDMA. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Brian Seguin, shared the assessment results for the 2021 school year for the WI Forward and Statewide ACT that were released early October 2021. Mr. Seguin addressed strengths, opportunities for growth, and next steps.
- E. MHS Course Offering Timeline for 2022-2023** – Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Brian Seguin, shared the staffing and course offering timeline for planning the 2022-2023 school year.
- F. Extracurricular Activities Report** – The board reviewed extracurricular contract requests from September 22, 2021 through October 21, 2021.
- G. Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** - Regular School Board Meeting, on November 8, 2021 at 5:30 at High School Auditorium, and Special School Board Meeting on November 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at ASC, and Regular School Board Meeting, on December 13, 2021 at 5:30 at ASC.

V. TABLED ITEMS

- A. Segregation in Classroom** - No action was taken to move this item off the table.
- B. Gender Support Plan** - No action was taken to move this item off the table.
- C. District Communications** - No action was taken to move this item off the table.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Action to Adjourn – Freeman made a motion, seconded by Hillman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: November 8, 2021