

**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, NOVEMBER 9, 2020, 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, November 9, 2020, in the boardroom of the Administrative Service Center at 215 Pine Avenue E in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Penny Burstad, Chris Freeman, Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, David Styer, James Swanson, and Tricia Thompson. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky and Brian Seguin. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Jamie Krista, and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Erin Liljedahl, Mary Oehler, Joe Labuda, and Dr. Jim Walker.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Reading of Mission Statement** – Styer 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** - Board member Amy Riddle-Swanson received a plaque from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) for receiving Level V in the WASB Member Recognition Program.
- F. Student Representative Communications** - Maisah Wilson and Madelyn Klimek reported on different events and activities at MHS.
- G. Community Communications** - Electronic communications were received from the following: Matthew Ellis, Kristi Hendrickson, Tianna Glenna, Jill Greenwood, Jesse Singerhouse, Nola Westphal, Michael Brewer, Kristin Imsadne, Melissa Harper, Chris Schrantz, Alexandra Hall, and Mark Dahms. Virtual communications participants included: Jesse Singerhouse, Kinsey Singerhouse, Kate Westphal, Shannon Mason, Madeline Bailey, and Melody Greenwood. Community communications were read by recording secretary Jamie Krista.
- H. Board Member/Superintendent Communications** – Board members reported on their participation in recent board- and community-related activities. District Administrator Zydowsky addressed the recent district network outage and shared that a report will be shared with the Board after a full analysis of the situation is completed.
- I. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended October 2020** - Dr. Zydowsky presented the expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for October 2020.
- J. Monthly Employment Report** – The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for August 2020, which included 2 resignations, 5 new hires, and 1 transfer.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Action to Approve Consent Agenda** – Swanson made a motion, seconded by Burstad, that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 12, 2020, and Special Board Meeting of October 26, 2020; 2) Financial Reports for October 2020; and, 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for October 2020, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

**III. ACTION AGENDA**

- A. Approve Staff Reimbursement for Personal Data Use During Network Shutdown** - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Thompson, that the board approve staff reimbursement for personal data use during the network shutdown, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote..

- B. Approve the Completion of Fall Athletics Seasons** - Burstad made a motion, seconded by Husby, to approve the completion of fall athletics seasons, as presented. After a lengthy discussion, Burstad called the question to continue with voting. President Styer asked for any objections, hearing none, voting was held. The motion passed by a 6-3 electronic vote, with Freeman, Riddle-Swanson, and Swanson casting “nay” votes.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW**

- A. COVID-19 Report** – Dr. Zydowsky shared a report with the board that included information on the current COVID-19 pandemic. Dunn County currently has 1,628 confirmed cases, 1,130 of those cases have been released from isolation. There are currently 498 active cases in Dunn County. According to tracking by DHS, the current COVID-19 activity level for Dunn County is very high, the burden level is 1,063 and the trajectory is increasing. District administrators have developed a dashboard for tracking district data related to COVID-19, with the priority focus on student and staff cases and school exclusions. Dr. Zydowsky continues to share this information with staff and families in his weekly updates. MHS will move to a virtual learning environment beginning on November 11, lasting until at least November 30, 2020. The SDMA will continue to provide free meals for all children attending school in-person and those in the virtual environment. Dr. Zydowsky also addressed technology, virtual school enrollment, staff workload and student activities. The district is planning to provide 9-12 grade teachers time on November 11-13 to provide individual virtual support to students and prepare for the beginning second quarter in the virtual learning environment. There will be no school for K-8 students on November 23-24 to provide staff members planning time. When asked, no school board members objected to the plan.
- B. Discuss Facility Access for Youth Sports** - Dr. Zydowsky shared that due to the recent spike of COVID-19 cases in Dunn County, the district plans to wait until at least December 1 before considering any of the facility use requests for any higher-risk sports and activities (i.e. youth basketball and youth wrestling).
- C. Discuss New Course Proposals for 2021-2022** - Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Brian Seguin shared an update on the course/program development process as well as updates planned for courses at the high school level within the Physical/Health Education and Math departments for the 2021-2022 school year. The changes for next year include course name changes in Physical/Health Education and a request to expand Algebra II to include a fully online format for this existing course.
- D. Discuss 2021-2022 School District Calendar** - The board reviewed a draft calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. The calendar is similar to what has been used over the past few years. The draft calendar will be discussed with the staff before a final draft is presented to the board. Board members had no objections or suggestions for change.
- E. Annual Free & Reduced Meals Eligibility Report** - Business Manager Leah Theder provided the free and reduced count by building as of October 30, 2020. The district-wide count, 42.5%, is 6.95% higher than last school year.
- F. Set Date for Mid-Year Budget Hearing** - Board members discussed the option of continuing to hold a mid-year budget hearing. Burstad suggested foregoing the meeting and Swanson would like to continue holding the meeting as in previous years. Schneider suggested holding the mid-year budget hearing in February, after the state budget is released. Dr. Zydowsky and Leah Theder will provide more information regarding the budget at the next meeting so a decision can be made.
- G. Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** - Special School Board Meeting, on November 23, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., Regular School Board Meeting, on December 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., at the ASC.

- V. ADJOURNMENT** - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Moses to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses  
Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: December 14, 2020

\*More information related to the Board meeting can be found through the [school district website](#).