

**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, APRIL 22, 2024, 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 6:03 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Administrative Service Center Board Room, 215 Pine Avenue E., Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum**– Roll call showed nine board members present: Dale Dahlke, Rachel Henderson, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Abe Smith, Dominique Stewart, Emily Hines, Angela Wolf, Michelle Dupree, and Amber Kersting. President Henderson declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. The administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Samantha Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Katherine Krueger, Leah Theder, Bart Boettcher, Keila Drout, and Casey Drake. Also, in attendance were recording secretary Jenny Mikesell and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and others registering attendance included Ruth Reneson, Josie Pillman, Ray Martenson, and Nichole Manson.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and 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. Community Communications**- Josie Pillman was present for community communications. She 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 Dahlke, to approve the following personal consent agenda items as presented: The resignation of Madalyn McCabe, Spanish & Other World Cultures teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year. The resignation of Valerie Andrews, Special Education teacher at River Heights Elementary School, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year. The employment of Sara Nerbonne, Special Education teacher at Downsville and Knapp Elementary, effective August 13, 2024. The employment of Anthony Cantu, ELA teacher at Menomonie High School, effective August 13, 2024. The employment of Kelly Vavra, School Psychologist, effective August 13, 2024. The employment of William Graf, Technology Education/STEAM teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 13, 2024. The motion passed 9-0 by electronic vote.

III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds, The Establishment Of An Escrow Account With Respect To And the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Dated December 28, 2017**- Hines made a motion, seconded by Smith, to Approve Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds, The Establishment Of An Escrow Account With Respect To And the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Dated December 28, 2017, as presented. The motion passed 9-0 by electronic vote.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. SDMA Environmental Site Update**- Brian Seguin, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, and Paul Larson, Environmental Site Coordinator, shared a site update.
- B. Quarterly Review of District Work Plan**- Dr. Zydowsky provided a status update on the District Work Plan.

- C. **Review Action Plan for Selecting Broker for District Benefits Programs-** Director of Business Services Leah Theder provided the timeline for selecting benefit brokerage services for 2024-2025.
- D. **Review of Correspondence Related to the District Budget-** The Board reviewed community feedback regarding the district budget and discussed future input opportunities.
- E. **Review Extracurricular Staff Contract Requests-** The board reviewed extracurricular staff contract requests from February 22, 2024, through April 17, 2024.
- F. **Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports-** Diversity Committee Meeting, April 29, 2024, at 3:45 pm., ASC. Regular School Board Meeting, ASC, May 13, 2024, 5:45 pm. Retirement Mixer, May 22, 2024, at 4:00 pm, Menomonie Middle School Commons. Graduation, May 26, 2024, 2:00 pm. Menomonie High School. No school or board meeting is on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

V. **CLOSED SESSION-**

- A. **Action to move to 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 five-minute recess at 7:12 pm before moving into a closed session.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT-** Following the closed session, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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Minutes Approved: May 13, 2024