

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MENOMONIE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMONS
920 21ST STREET SE, MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025, 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 5:45 pm on Monday, January 27, 2025, in the Commons at Menomonie Middle School, 920 21st Street SE, Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum**– A roll call indicated that eight board members were present: Rachel Henderson, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Abe Smith, Michelle Dupree, Emily Hines, Amber Kersting, and Dale Dahlke. Angela Wolf was absent. President Henderson declared that a quorum was established and noted that the meeting had been properly announced. Dominique Stewart arrived at 5:46 pm. The administrators in attendance included Joe Zydowsky, Samantha Hoyt, Brian Seguin, Tonia Kowieski, Eric Nelson, Katie Krueger, Bart Boettcher, Stacy Lee, and Casey Drake. Community members present were Josie Pillman, Angelica Maxwell, Kenneth Maxwell, and Rene Bailey. Also, in attendance were recording secretary Jenny Mikesell and videographer Steve Hanson.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Reading of Mission Statement**- Rachel 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**- During community communications, a parent addressed the Board of Education regarding her concerns.

II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda**– Smith made a motion, seconded by Stewart, to approve the following Personnel Consent Agenda items, as presented: 1) The retirement of Jodi Preston, School Psychologist at Wakanda Elementary School, effective the end of the 2024-25 school year. 2) The retirement of Heidi Karrmann, 2nd-grade teacher at Oaklawn Elementary School, effective the end of the 2024-25 school year. 3) The resignation of Justin Kretz, 7th-grade Social Studies teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective the end of the 2024-25 school year. 4) The resignation of Zoe Hodges, 1st-grade teacher at Oaklawn Elementary School, effective the end of the 2024-25 school year.

III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve 30-Year Capital Improvement Plan**- Smith made a motion, seconded by Stewart, to Approve the 30-year Capital Improvement Plan, as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.
- B. Action to Approve Number of Regular and Special Education Spaces Available for Open Enrollment**- Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Dupree, to Approve the Number of Regular and Special Education Spaces Available for Open Enrollment, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Action to Approve Home Sweet Menomonie Program**- Stewart made a motion, seconded by Kersting, to Approve the Home Sweet Menomonie Program, as presented. The motion passed unanimously via electronic vote.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. Student Enrollment Update (Second Friday in January count)**- The board reviewed the January 2025 enrollment report, which reflects 3,209 students attending school in the SDMA.

- B. Summer School Discussion-** Downsville Principal Stacy Lee presented plans for the 2025 Summer School Programming, which will start June 16 and include several new class offerings. Online registration opens on Monday, April 7.
 - C. Review Strategic Planning goals and Major Activities for 2024-25-** The board reviewed the progress of the district work plan. Principal Casey Drake presented efforts focused on improving student attendance, achievement and growth at the high school. The board requested a comprehensive assessment of the elementary playgrounds. An objective to upgrade the playground equipment will be included in the work plan, and the board will receive an update at the next meeting.
 - D. Review Preliminary Staffing and Course Offering Timeline for 2025-26-** Brian Seguin, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the timeline for staffing and course offerings for the upcoming school year. Students interested in the early college credit program for the summer session must submit their applications by February 1. The administration will present the recommended initial courses at the meeting scheduled for February 10.
 - E. Review Annual Professional Development Report-** Brian Seguin presented the Professional Development Report for 2024-25, outlining strengths and areas for improvement in PD offerings.
 - F. Review Board/Administration State Education Convention Reports-** Board members and administration shared their feedback and key takeaways from the annual state school board convention.
 - G. Review Annual Board Member Attendance Report-** The board looked at the attendance of members over the past three years.
 - H. Review Extracurricular Staff Contract Requests-** The board reviewed requests for extra and co-curricular staff contracts from October 25, 2024, to January 23, 2025.
 - I. Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports-** SDMA Health/Medical Insurance Committee Meeting on January 30, 2025, at 3:50 pm, ASC. SDMA QIC Meeting on February 3, 2025, at 3:50 pm., ASC. No School for Students and Staff on February 7, 2025. No School for Students/PD Day for Staff on February 10, 2025. Regular Board Meeting on February 10, 2025, at 5:45 pm, Oaklawn Elementary School. Special Board Meeting on February 24, 2025, at 5:45 pm, River Heights Elementary School. Regular Board Meeting on March 10, 2025, at 5:45 pm, Wakanda Elementary School. No School March 17-21, 2025. Special Board Meeting on February 24, 2025, at 5:45 pm, Knapp Elementary School.
- V. ADJOURNMENT-**
- A. Action to Adjourn-** Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm, which was seconded by Henderson. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

/s/Dominique Stewart

Dominique Stewart, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: February 10, 2025