

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
215 PINE AVENUE E, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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 6:00 pm on Monday, April 28, 2025, in the Board Room at the Administrative Service Center, 215 Pine Avenue E., Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum–** A roll call indicated that eight board members were present: Rachel Henderson, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Abe Smith, Emily Hines, Dale Dahlke, Dominique Stewart, and Angela Wolf. Michelle Dupree appeared by telephone. Amber Kersting was absent. President Henderson declared that a quorum was established and noted that the meeting had been properly announced. The administrators in attendance included Joe Zydowsky, Samantha Hoyt, Brian Seguin, Tonia Kowieski, Eric Nelson, Casey Drake, and Mike Kennedy. Community members present were Josie Pillman, Ray Martenson, Mike Cooper, and Kennedy Waddell. 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. Recommendations and Commendations-** There were no recommendations or commendations.
- F. Community Communications-** Community communications in attendance included Josie Pillman, and Mike Cooper. They each had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding their topic or concern.

II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda–** Stewart made a motion, seconded by Smith, to approve the following Personnel Consent Agenda items, as presented: 1) The resignation of Kayla Hundt, Counselor at Menomonie High School, effective June 30, 2025; 2) The resignation of Amy Wamboldt, District Instructional Coach/Behavior Specialist, effective the end of the 2024-25 school year; and 3) The employment of Dylan Hein, 7th-grade Social Studies teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 13, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

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.** Smith made a motion, seconded by Wolf, to Approve the 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 with a vote of 9-0.
- B. Resolution Calling for More School Funding in the State Biennial Budget-** Hines made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, to Approve the Resolution Calling for More School Funding in the State Biennial Budget, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. Update on Transition for Downsville Students & Staff-** Dr. Zydowsky provided an update on the efforts to support the transition for Downsville Elementary School students, families, staff, and the community. These efforts include establishing boundary assignments and expediting in-district transfer requests. Building tours and parent meetings have also been held at Knapp, Oaklawn, and River Heights. Later this spring, a committee will be formed to discuss the future of the school building.
- B. Quarterly Review of District Work Plan-** The Board reviewed the updates for the third quarter of the 2024-25 SDMA Work Plan, and MHS Principal Casey Drake discussed the progress made at the high school.
- C. SDMA Strategic Planning Update-** Committee member and Middle School Teacher Kennedy Waddell provided an update on the committee's efforts and progress, highlighting key themes from the feedback received from the survey.
- D. Review Changes to the SDMA Employee Handbook for 2025-26-** The board reviewed recommended changes to the SDMA Employee Handbook for the 2025-26 school year. The updated handbook will be presented to the board for consideration at the meeting on May 12, 2025.
- E. Review Policy 163.1, School Board Memberships-** Dr. Zydowsky provided details about joining the Wisconsin Public Education Network. The board will decide at the next meeting whether to add this to their memberships.
- F. Legislative Advocacy-** The board reviewed Dr. Zydowsky's advocacy letter addressed to the Joint Finance Committee and local legislators.
- G. Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports-** April 30, 2025- Hmong Heritage Month Presentation & Performance, 1:30 PM in the MHS Auditorium. May 12, 2025- Regular School Board Meeting, 5:45 PM, ASC. May 14, 2025- SDMA Strategic Planning Steering Committee, 6:00 PM, ASC. May 21, 2025, Retirement Mixer- 4:00 PM, MMS. May 25, 2025- Graduation, 2:00 PM, MHS. May 26, 2025-, Memorial Day- No School. May 26, 2025- NO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. May 28, 2025- Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Virtual.

V. ADJOURNMENT-

- A. Action to Adjourn-** Smith made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

/s/Dominique Stewart

Dominique Stewart, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: May 12, 2025