

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
215 PINE AVENUE E, MENOMONIE, WI
MONDAY, MAY 12, 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 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the Board room at the Administrative Service Center, 215 Pine Avenue E., Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Dale Dahlke, Amber Kersting, Abe Smith, Rachel Henderson, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Emily Hines, Michelle Dupree, Dominique Stewart, and Angela Wolf. 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, Brian Seguin, Katie Krueger, Eric Nelson, Casey Drake, Bart Boettcher, and Shannon Branch. Also, in attendance were recording secretary Jenny Mikesell and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and others registering in attendance included Kim Roberts, Elizabeth Schuster, Heidi Karrmann, Colette LaBuda, Amy Schoeder, Maria Drazkowski, Greg Drazkowski, Megan Abel, Jodi Preston, Josie Pillman, and Tera Ellison.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance Reading of Mission Statement-** Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the district's mission statement.
- D. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – There were recommended changes to the agenda.
- E. Recommendations & Commendations-** The board recognized this year's retirees by presenting them with commendation certificates. The retirees for the 2024-25 school year are: Tina Buchholtz, Maria Drazkowski, Heidi Karrmann, Ralph Haas, Linda Jolicoeur, Colette LaBuda, Michelle Latz, Jodi Preston, Kimberly Roberts, Amy Schoeder, Elizabeth Schuster, Randall Smith, Kelly Steinmeyer, Kim Winchester, and Kaylene Wolfe.
- F. Highlight on Youth** - The board reviewed the May Highlight on Youth presentation.
- G. Student Representative Communications** - The board heard from Student Council representative Tehya Johnson, and Max Buhr about current activities at Menomonie High School.
- H. Community Communications** - Community communications in attendance included Josie Pillman. She had three minutes to address the board with her topic or concern.
- I. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended April 2025-** The board reviewed the revenue and expenditure reports for the month ended April 2025.
- J. Monthly Employment Report (April 2025)-** The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for April 2025.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda-** Hines made a motion, seconded by Smith, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2025, and Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 28, 2025; 2) Financial Reports of April 2025; and 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for April 2025, as presented. The motion passed 9-0 by electronic vote.

III. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda–** Smith made a motion, seconded by Dupree, to approve the following personnel actions, as presented: 1) The resignation of Allison Kocik, School Psychologist, effective June 9, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Action to Approve the SDMA Employee Handbook for 2025-26-** Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Wolf, to Approve the SDMA Employee Handbook for 2025-26, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. **Action to Approve Update to Policy 163.1, School Board Memberships-** Kersting made a motion, seconded by Dupree, to Approve Update to Policy 163.1, School Board Memberships, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. **Action to Approve the Transportation Contract for 2025-26-** Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dupree, to Approve the Transportation Contract for 2025-26 as presented. The motion passed 9-0 by electronic vote.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. **Discuss the Creation of the Downsview School Exploratory Committee-** Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Brian Seguin provided an update regarding the formation of an exploration committee. This committee will investigate potential future educational uses for the Downsview School Building. The board also reviewed a draft participation for individuals interested in serving on the committee.
- B. **Review SDMA Progress on Act 20- Wisconsin's Reading Law-** Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Brian Seguin, and District Reading Specialist, Tera Ellison, provided a progress update regarding the first year of Wisconsin Act 20 Reading Law within the SDMA.
- C. **Discuss High School Engineering Classroom and Fab Lab Project-** MHS Principal Casey Drake and Career and Technical Education Coordinator Ryan Sterry provided an overview of the ongoing improvements in the High School Engineering Classroom and the existing Fab Lab. These enhancements have been made possible through a partnership with 3M and Heart of America.
- D. **Review Student/Parent Handbooks for 2025-26-** The school principals provided updates to the Student/Parent Handbooks for the upcoming school year. The board will approve these updates at its next meeting in June.
- E. **Review Annual Technology Department Report-** Katie Krueger, the Director of Technology, shared a report for 2024-25 detailing departmental accomplishments, goals, and upcoming projects.
- F. **Discuss High School Improvement Plan-** The Board reviewed the High School Improvement Plan and discussed the recent administrative check-in at the High School.
- G. **Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports-** SDMA Strategic Planning Steering Committee on May 14, 2025, 6:00 pm, ASC. 3M Ribbon Cutting at MHS on May 21, 2025, 8:30 am. Retirement Mixer at MMS on May 21, 2025, 4:00 pm. Graduation is May 25, 2025, 2:00 pm, Menomonie High School. Memorial Day is May 26, 2025- No School for staff or students and no board meeting. Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting on May 28, 2025, 6:00 pm, virtual. Last day of School for Students on June 5, 2025. Professional Development and Last Day for Staff on June 6, 2025. Regular School Board Meeting on June 9, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. Special School Board Meeting on June 23, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC.

VI. ADJOURNMENT-

- A. **Action to Adjourn-** Kersting made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

/s/ Dominique Stewart

Dominique Stewart, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: June 9, 2025