

**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, JUNE 9, 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 5:46 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, in the boardroom at the Administrative Service Center, 215 Pine Avenue E., Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed six board members present: Dale Dahlke, Amber Kersting, Rachel Henderson, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Dominique Stewart, and Angela Wolf. Abe Smith, Michelle Dupree, and Emily Hines were absent. 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, Mark Anderson, Keila Drout, and Mike Kennedy. Also, in attendance was recording secretary Jenny Mikesell. Electors and others registering in attendance included Josie Pillman, Mike Cooper, Mollie Erdman, Marisa Winder, Sara Anderson, Brooke Creaser, and Brook Bundy.
- 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** – Henderson requested that the contract added under the personnel consent agenda on June 9, 2025, be moved to closed session for discussion.
- E. Recommendations & Commendations**- The board recognized River Heights Elementary School for receiving the High Impact School award from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).
- F. Highlight on Youth** - The board reviewed the June Highlight on Youth presentation.
- G. Community Communications** - Community members Josie Pillman and Mike Cooper were in attendance and each addressed the board for three minutes to share their topics or concerns.
- H. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended May 2025**- The board reviewed the revenue and expenditure reports for the month ended May 2025.
- I. Monthly Employment Report (May 2025)**- The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for May 2025.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda**- Stewart made a motion, seconded by Kersting, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: 1) Minutes of the Reorganization of the Board Meeting on April 28, 2025, and Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2025; 2) Financial Reports for May 2025; 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for May 2025; 4) Revised School Nutrition Policies to Include Updated USDA Non-Discrimination Statement; 5) Student/Parent Handbooks for 2025-26; and 6) WIAA Renewal, as presented. The motion passed 6-0 by electronic vote.

III. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda**– Wolf made a motion, seconded by Kersting, to approve the following personnel actions, as presented: 1) The employment of Ingrid Lyberg, School Counselor at Menomonie High School, effective August 13, 2025. 2) The employment of Scott Mattison, Band teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 13, 2025. 3) The employment of Sara Nerbonne, Special Education Teacher at Knapp (.5 FTE) and District Special

Education Evaluator (.5 FTE), effective August 19, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by electronic vote.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. **Annual Energy Report-** Steven Thomas, Energy Manager, presented the annual Energy Report to the Board. His report included a detailed review of district energy consumption trends, an update on the middle school solar project, and a summary of key energy efficiency improvements and initiatives implemented over the past year.
- B. **School Nutrition Report-** Stacy Nelson, the School Nutrition Director, presented the annual School Nutrition Report. This report included an update on the Angel Fund, program goals, and meal pricing for the upcoming school year, recommending for board approval a \$0.10 increase in lunch prices: \$2.50 for K-5, \$2.60 for 6-12, and \$4.85 for adults.
- C. **Student Services, Support, and Initiatives Report-** Director of Student Services Tonia Kowieski presented the Student Services Report to the Board, outlining the support systems, curriculum, and resources used at each school building. She also highlighted key community partnerships and external resources available to student support and well-being.
- D. **Policy 345.4, Student Grade Placement and Promotion (First Reading)-** Teachers and school staff developed a new Student Grade Placement and Promotion Policy (345.4) to replace the old SDMA policy. This policy complies with current laws and WI Act 20, offering clear guidelines for promoting and retaining students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. The policy will be brought back for board approval.
- E. **Review Preliminary Budget for 2025-26-** Director of Business Services Eric Nelson shared the preliminary budget for 2025-26.
- F. **Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports-** Special School Board Meeting on June 23, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. Regular Board Meeting on July 14, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. Special School Board Meeting on July 28, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC

VI. ADJOURNMENT-

- A. **Action to Adjourn-** The Board took a short recess at 6:59 pm before moving into a closed session.

/s/Dominique Stewart

Dominique Stewart, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: July 14, 2025