

**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, JUNE 23, 5:45 P.M.**

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order–** President Rachel Henderson called the special meeting of the School District of the Menomonie Area Board of Education to order at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025, in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center, located at 215 Pine Avenue East, Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum–** A roll call confirmed the presence of eight Board members: Rachel Henderson, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Abe Smith, Emily Hines, Dale Dahlke, Dominique Stewart, and Michelle Dupree. Angela Wolf was absent. President Henderson declared that a quorum was present and confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed. District administrators in attendance included Dr. Joe Zydowsky, Samantha Hoyt, Brian Seguin, Katie Krueger, Tonia Kowieski, Eric Nelson, Stacy Lee, Casey Drake, and Kevin Tomaszewski. Community members present were Josie Pillman, Ray Martenson, and Ryan Sterry. 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-** No community communications were received or presented.

II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda–** Dahlke made a motion, seconded by Hines, to approve the following Personnel Consent Agenda items, as presented: 1) The resignation of Susan Gallagher, District EL Teacher, effective the end of the 2024-25 school year; 2) The resignation of Leah Larson, Special Education Teacher at River Heights Elementary School, effective June 15, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve the Preliminary Budget for 2025-26.** Smith made a motion, seconded by Dupree, to Approve the Preliminary Budget for 2025-26, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Action to Approve Policy 345.4, Student Grade Placement and Promotion-** Kersting made a motion, seconded by Hines, to Approve Policy 345.4, Student Grade Placement and Promotion, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Action to Approve Meal Prices for 2025-26-** Motion by Smith, seconded by Dahlke, to approve the meal prices for the 2025–2026 school year, as presented: Elementary lunch: \$2.50; Middle School and High School lunch: \$2.60; Reduced lunch: Free; Adult meal: \$4.85; and Universal K–12 breakfast: Free. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. Report on Summer Maintenance-** Kevin Tomaszewski shared an update on summer maintenance projects across the district. Some of the work includes: Fixing and maintaining blacktop areas at Oaklawn, ASC, and River Heights. Repairing and replacing doors at Wakanda. Fixing the chiller system at the high school. Resurfacing the track, improving tennis courts, and making pool upgrades at the high school. Moving classroom supplies from Downsville to Oaklawn and River Heights. Moving the outdoor learning area at Knapp. Deep cleaning classrooms, cleaning carpets and floors, and light maintenance as needed.

- B. Review SDMA Education for Employment Plan- MHS** Technology Education Teacher and CTE Coordinator Ryan Sterry, along with Brian Seguin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented the annual update of the district's Education for Employment (E4E) Plan to the Board of Education. Following board approval at the next meeting, the plan will be made available on the district's website.
- C. Review Strategic Planning Goals & Major Activities for 2024-25-** Dr. Zydowsky provided a brief overview of fourth-quarter progress on the Strategic Planning Goals and Major Activities Work Plan. A more detailed update will be presented to the Board by the Strategic Planning Committee in July.
- D. Discuss Plans for Teacher Compensation in the SDMA -** Recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers remains a top priority for the school district and community. In response to ongoing teacher shortages and changing compensation trends, a Teacher Compensation Committee will be formed this fall to review the current pay scale and support future planning.
- E. Calendar of Board Reports-** The Board reviewed the initial draft of the 2025–26 board reports calendar. Board members should submit any suggested changes to Dr. Zydowsky. A revised version of the calendar will be presented for further review at the next meeting.
- F. Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports-** Regular Board Meeting on July 14, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. Special Board Meeting on July 28, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. Regular Board Meeting on August 11, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. Special Board Meeting and Annual Meeting on August 25, 2025, starting at 5:45 pm, MHS.

V. ADJOURNMENT-

- A. Action to Adjourn-** At 6:57 p.m., Henderson requested a brief recess before the board entered into closed session.

/s/Dominique Stewart

Dominique Stewart, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: July 14, 2025