

**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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, 5:45 P.M.**

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order** – President Rachel Henderson called the meeting of the School District of the Menomonie Area Board of Education to order at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025. The meeting was held in the boardroom of the Administrative Service Center, located at 215 Pine Avenue E., Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call confirmed the presence of seven board members: Amy Riddle-Swanson, Angela Wolf, Abe Smith, Emily Hines, Rachel Henderson, Michelle Dupree, and Amber Kersting. Board members Dale Dahlke and Dominique Stewart were absent. President Henderson declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance included Joe Zydowsky, Samantha Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Brian Seguin, Eric Nelson, Stacy Lee, Matt Riley, Diane Schofield, Bart Boettcher, and Casey Drake. Also, present was recording Secretary Jenny Mikesell and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and other registered attendees included Josie Pillman, Joyce Uhler, and Melinda Long.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Reading of Mission Statement** – President 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, with no revisions.
- E. Recommendations & Commendations** – Melinda Long was recognized for her outstanding work as a teacher leader and Reading Interventionist at Wakanda Elementary School.
- F. Highlight on Youth** – The Board reviewed the September *Highlight on Youth* slide presentation.
- G. Student Representative Communications** – The Board received an update on recent and upcoming activities at Menomonie High School.
- H. Community Communications** - Community member Josie Pillman addressed the board on her topic of concern.
- I. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended August 2025-** The board reviewed the monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports for August 2025.
- J. Monthly Employment Report (August 2025)-** The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for August 2025.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda-** Smith made a motion, seconded by Hines to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 11, 2025, and Minutes of Special Board Meeting of August 25, 2025, and Minutes of the Annual Meeting from August 25, 2025; 2) Financial Reports for August 2025; 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for August 2025; 4) 2025-26- 66.0301 Cooperative Agreement (Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teacher) between Chippewa Falls Area School District and Menomonie Area School District; 5) MHS Choral Department travel request to the Dorian Vocal Festival, Luther College - Decorah IA, January 11-12, 2026; and 6) MHS Honors Orchestra travel request to the Dorian Orchestra Festival, Luther College - Decorah, IA, February 8-9, 2026. The motion passed 7-0 by electronic vote.

III. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda** – There were no personnel consent agenda items presented for approval at this time.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. **Buildings & Grounds Annual Report** – Kevin Tomaszewski presented the annual Buildings & Grounds Report, highlighting several facility improvements completed over the past year. At Menomonie High School, initial work on the pool project commenced, the track was resurfaced, tennis courts were upgraded, and gym lighting was replaced. Additional maintenance included parking lot repairs at Oaklawn Elementary and the Administrative Service Center (ASC), as well as the replacement of exterior doors at River Heights Elementary. Maintenance staff also coordinated the relocation of furniture and supplies from Downsville Elementary to both Oaklawn and River Heights.
- B. **Summer School Report** – Stacy Lee, Director of Academic Services, presented the summer school Report. The program served over 1,800 students district-wide and offered more than 100 course options, supported by 115 certified staff members. Menomonie Transportation provided free busing throughout the full seven-week session. Additionally, the School Nutrition Department offered free breakfast and lunch to all community members under the age of 18.
- C. **Program Resource Reviews Timeline** – Brian Seguin, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, provided an update on the Program Resource Review process. Instructional programs within the School District of the Menomonie Area are reviewed on a rotating basis. For the 2025–2026 school year, the focus will be on reviewing the Social Studies and Environmental Education programs, including those offered at the SDMA Environmental Education Site.
- D. **Discussion of Process and Timeline for the 2026 Medical Insurance Renewal** – Eric Nelson, SDMA Director of Business Services, shared the timeline for the 2026 medical insurance renewal. Over the coming months, SDMA will collaborate with TIC to review the current plan and if needed propose any recommended changes. The Board is scheduled to review and approve the plan in October. Benefit presentations and open enrollment will take place in November, with the plan becoming effective on January 1, 2026.
- E. **Report on SDMA Role on Joint Review Board** – Vice President Abe Smith provided an overview of the Joint Review Board, explaining the fundamentals of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Tax Increment Districts (TIDs), as well as the Board's role in the TID approval process. He also gave an update on the currently active TIDs.
- F. **Planning for the 2026 State Education Convention** – The WASB Convention is scheduled to take place in Milwaukee from January 21–23, 2026. Dominique Stewart will serve as the delegate, with Emily Hines appointed as the alternate delegate.
- G. **Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports-** Downsville Exploratory Committee Meeting on September 17, 2025, 6:00 pm, ASC. Special Board Meeting on September 22, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. Health/Medical Committee Meeting, September 25, 2025, 3:50 pm, ASC. Homecoming is on September 26, 2025. QIC Meeting, October 6, 2025, 3:50 pm, ASC. No School for Students and Staff on October 10, 2025. No School Students and Professional Development for Staff on October 13, 2025. Regular Board Meeting, October 13, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. Health/Medical Committee Meeting, October 23, 2025, 3:50 pm, ASC. Special Board Meeting, October 27, 2025, 5:45 pm, ASC. WASB Regional Meeting, October 28, 2025.

VI. ADJOURNMENT-

- A. **Action to Adjourn** – At 7:04 p.m., President Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amber Kersting. The motion carried unanimously.

/s/Dominique Stewart

Dominique Stewart, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: October 13, 2025