

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
215 PINE AVENUE E, MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order** – President David Styer called the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of the Menomonie Area to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, in the boardroom of the Administrative Service Center at 215 Pine Avenue E in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed nine board members present: Penny Burstad, Chris Freeman, Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, David Styer, Jim Swanson, and Tricia Thompson (via telephone). President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Casey Drake, Samantha Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Leah Theder, and Brian Seguin. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Donna Thibado, Tyler Miller, Cole James, and Tony Menard.
- C. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – The agenda was approved as presented.
- D. Recommendations and Commendations** - Commendations were presented to Cole James, and Tony Menard, head coach of the Chippewa Falls/Menomonie Co-op Girls Hockey Team.
- E. Community Communications** - There were no community communications.
- F. Board Member/Superintendent Communications** – Board members reported on their participation in recent board- and community-related activities. District Administrator Zydowsky informed board members the February 15, 2021; DPI Legislative update was included for review. Zydowsky also informed board members about an upcoming road project by the middle school.

II. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Resolution on Private School Vouchers** - Swanson made a motion, seconded by Freeman, that the board approve the Resolution on Private School Vouchers, as presented. The motion failed by a 4-5 electronic vote, with Burstad, Styer, Moses, Husby, and Schneider casting “nay” votes.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. Clerks Report of the Results of the Primary Election** - Board Clerk Moses shared the board of canvassers’ results of the 2021 primary school board election. The canvassed results were Palmer receiving 1042 votes, Thibado - 794 votes, Swanson - 788 votes, Hillman - 775 votes, Burstad – 723 votes, Skillings - 587 votes, Scharlau - 441 votes, and Enger - 139 votes. Candidates Scharlau and Enger will not advance to the spring election. Drawing of lots took place at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, to determine the ballot order for the spring election. Jamie Krista drew names and the following individuals witnessed: James Swanson, Donna Thibado, and Dr. Zydowsky. The names will appear on the ballot as follows:
 - 1. Angie Skillings
 - 2. Mark Hillman
 - 3. Penny Burstad
 - 4. Donna Thibado
 - 5. Jim Swanson
 - 6. Karl Palmer
- B. COVID-19 Report** – Dr. Zydowsky shared a report with the board that included information on the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Dunn County Health Department website continues to update current information on a daily basis. Dunn County currently has 4,232 confirmed cases, 4,140 of those cases have been released from quarantine. Tracking by Dunn County Health Services indicates the activity level for Dunn County has dropped from “very high” to “high”, with a burden level of 241, and a trajectory that is stable. The SDMA has seen 199 student cases (MHS-101, MMS-51, and ELEM-47) and 57 staff cases this SDMA this school year. There are currently 3 active student cases and 0 active staff cases, so 196 student cases and 57 staff cases have recovered and

been released from isolation. Dr. Zydowsky shared that 70 SDMA staff members have been identified for immediate vaccination in Group 1a and it is anticipated the remainder of SDMA employees should qualify in Group 1b. Dr. Zydowsky presented the new recommendations for opening schools during the pandemic that were published by the CDC. Much of the phased mitigation recommended by the CDC is already included in the SDMA Reopening Plan. Board members were asked if they would like to make any changes to the SDMA Reopening Plan as planning for the 2021-2022 school year continues. Board members were in agreement that the current plan has worked very well and would like to see the plan continued into the 2021-2022 school year as much as possible.

- C. **Virtual Presentation on WASB Superintendent Evaluation Framework** – Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) consultant, Francis Finco, shared information and answered questions about WASB’s new superintendent evaluation tool. Board members will review information and consider adopting the evaluation tool at a future board meeting.
- D. **Review 2021-2022 MHS Course Recommendations** - Menomonie High School Principal Casey Drake shared a preliminary course recommendation with the Board which included a list of courses with less than 15 student requests that are expected to run, and a list of courses not expected to run during the 2021-2022 school year. Final recommendations will be shared with board members at the March 8, 2021, meeting, and it is expected the board will take action.
- E. **Policy 345.64, Physical Education Credit Option (First Reading)** - Board members reviewed the first reading of Policy 345.64, Physical Education Credit Option. The policy will be brought to the next board meeting for approval.
- F. **Policy 432, Elementary Attendance Areas (First Reading)** - Board members reviewed recommended changes to Policy 432, Elementary Attendance Areas. The policy will be brought to the next board meeting for approval.
- G. **Discuss 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget Estimate** - Director of Business Services Leah Theder shared with the board the preliminary budget estimate for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Zydowsky noted that the budget will change significantly as more becomes known about the state budget, additional funding for COVID-19, staffing, and compensation for next year.
- H. **CESA 10 Shared Services Contract 2021-2022** - The board reviewed the CESA 10 proposed shared services contract for 2021-2022. Approval of the 2021-2022 contract will be placed on the next agenda.
- I. **Employee Handbook Update - Administrator Sub Pay** - Board members reviewed recommended changes to substitute pay wages for substitute administrators. Director of Human Resources Samantha Hoyt shared justifications for the increase. The new wage rate will be brought to the next meeting for approval.
- J. **Clean Energy in the SDMA** - Board members reviewed the Clean Energy Resolution presented by board member Swanson at the June 1, 2020, board meeting as well as a proposed policy update received from board member Schneider. Board members discussed both the resolution and the policy update and board members will submit suggested changes to Dr. Zydowsky by March 1. Swanson will update the resolution and Schneider will update the policy. Both will be included as separate items on the action agenda for the March 8, 2021, board meeting.
- K. **Review Extracurricular Staff Contract Requests** - The board reviewed extracurricular contract requests from January 22, 2021, through February 18, 2021.
- L. **Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** –Regular School Board Meeting, on March 8, 2021, Spring Break, March 15-19, 2021, Spring Election, on April 6, 2021, Regular School Board Meeting on April 12, 2021, and Reorganization of the School Board and Special School Board Meeting on April 26, 2021.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Action to Adjourn – Freeman made a motion, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: March 8, 2021