

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
215 PINE AVENUE E, MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

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, April 12, 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 eight board members present: Penny Burstad, Chris Freeman, Tanya Husby, Clinton Moses, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, David Styer, and James Swanson. Tricia Thompson was absent. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Samantha Hoyt, Leah Theder, Tonia Kowieski, and Brian Seguin. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary Jamie Krista. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Karl Palmer, Mike Mahoney, and Luke Mahoney.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Reading of Mission Statement** – Styer 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. Recommendations and Commendations** - A commendation was presented to MHS student Luke Mahony for being selected as a member of the 2020-2021 Wisconsin School Music Association Honors Jazz Ensemble.
- F. Student Representative Communications** - Student Council member Maisah Wilson reported on different events and activities at MHS.
- G. Community Communications** - There were no community communications.
- H. Board Member/Superintendent Communications** – Board members reported on their participation in recent board- and community-related activities, and communications they had received. District Administrator Zydowsky informed board members the April 12, 2021, DPI Legislative update was included for review as well as a statement from Menomonie Cares. President Styer thanked board members Burstad, Swanson, and Thompson for their years of service as school board members.
- I. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended March 2021** - Business Manager Leah Theder presented the expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for March 2021.
- J. Monthly Employment Report** – The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for March 2021, which included, 3 new hires, 2 resignations, and 1 retirement.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Action to Approve Consent Agenda – Moses made a motion, seconded by Swanson, that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: 1) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 8, 2021; 2) Financial Reports for March 2021; 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for March 2021; 4) Certification of School Safety Drills; and 5) CESA 11 Shared Service Contract for 2021-2022, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

III. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Modification to the 2020-2021 District Calendar-** Freeman made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, that the board approve modifications to the 2020-2021 district calendar, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

- B. Action to Approve 4K Programming Agreements for 2021-2022** - Moses made a motion, seconded by Freeman, that the board approve 4K programming agreements for 2021-2022, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- C. Action to Approve Staffing Plan for 2021-2022** - Swanson made a motion, seconded by Freeman, that the board approve the staffing plan for 2021-2022, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- D. Action to Approve SDMA Employee Compensation Plans and Contracts for 2021-2022** - Burstad made a motion, seconded by Schneider, that the board approve the employee compensation plans and contracts for 2021-2022 for Mark Anderson, Bart Boettcher, Shannon Branch, Casey Drake, Keila Drout, Samantha Hoyt, Kristin Humphrey, Michael Kennedy, Michelle Kloser, Tonia Kowieski, Katherine Krueger, Susan Mommsen, Perry Myren, Kale Proksch, Justin Schuenemann, Brian Seguin, Lori Smith, Leah Theder, Kevin Tomaszewski, and Joseph Zydowsky, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- E. Action to Approve Elementary Transportation for 2021-2022** - Schneider made a motion, seconded by Freeman, that the board approve elementary transportation for 2021-2022, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

IV. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda – Schneider made a motion, seconded by Burstad, that the board approve the following personnel action: 1) Resignation of Benjamin Mackie, special education teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective March 12, 2021; 2) Resignation of Honey Lee, grade 4 teacher, at River Heights Elementary, effective April 15, 2021; 3) Resignation of Holly Galbreath, business education teacher, at Menomonie Middle School, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; 4) Resignation of Kaylee Evergreen, emergency 1-year grade 5 teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; 5) Resignation of Brian Klein, emergency 1-year floating substitute, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; 6) Resignation of Raychel Menne, emergency 1-year grade 6 teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; 7) Resignation of Michael Hirschuber, emergency 1-year grade 5 teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; 8) Resignation of Marissa Anton, emergency 1-year floating substitute, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; 9) Employment of Constance Farmer, science teacher, at Menomonie High School, effective August 17, 2021; 10) Employment of Nickolas Peterson, social studies teacher, at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021; 11) Employment of Deanna Livingston, kindergarten teacher, at Downsville Elementary, effective August 17, 2021; 12) Employment of William Dingwall, science teacher, at Menomonie High School, effective August 17, 2021; 13) Employment of Lisa Mueller, kindergarten teacher, at River Heights Elementary, effective August 17, 2021; 14) Employment of Kimberly Navarro, Library Media Specialist, effective August 17, 2021; 15) Employment of Hayley Rau, grade 4 teacher, at Knapp Elementary, effective August 17, 2021; 16) Resignation of Rebecca Seichter, 50% math teacher, at Menomonie High School, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; 17) Employment of Abigail Hendrickson Xelhauntzi, grade 8 social studies teacher, at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 24, 2021; 18) Employment of Michael Sinz, special education teacher, at Menomonie High School, effective August 17, 2021; and, 19) Employment of Jessica Haselhuhn, special education teacher, at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021; as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

- A. Clerk's Report on the Results of the Spring Election** - Board Clerk Clinton Moses shared the results of the 2021 spring school board election with the Board. The Board of Canvassers for the School District of the Menomonie Area determined that candidates Mark Hillman, Karl Palmer, and Angela Skillings had been duly elected to the School District of the Menomonie Area Board of Education for three (3) year terms ending in April 2024, with total votes as follows: Hillman – 2,119, Palmer – 2,003, and Skillings – 1,996.
- 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 4,503 confirmed cases, 4,336 of those cases have been released from quarantine. Tracking by Dunn County Health Services indicates the activity level for Dunn County is high, with a burden level of 268, and the trajectory that is stable. Approximately 30% of the Dunn County population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and 19.6% of the population has completed the vaccination series. Dr. Zydowsky shared that approximately 70% of SDMA staff have indicated they have received a vaccination. The SDMA has seen 237 student cases (MHS-117, MMS-60, and ELEM-60) and 57 staff cases this SDMA this school year. There are currently 8 active student cases and 0 active staff cases, so 229 student cases and 57 staff cases have recovered and been released from isolation. Dr. Zydowsky shared data received from the 2021-2022 family survey. 1,063 responses were received and 1,027 indicated plans to attend school for in-person instruction. Results also showed that 56% of responses include some use of face coverings, and other mitigation efforts to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

C. Clean Energy Resolution - Board members discussed the proposed changes for a clean energy resolution. Freeman will submit an updated resolution for discussion at the next board meeting.

D. Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports - Reorganization of School Board, on April 26, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at the ASC, Special Board Meeting on April 26, 2021, immediately following the reorganization meeting, at the ASC, Regular Board Meeting on May 10, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the ASC, and Special Board Meeting on May 24, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the ASC.

VI. CLOSED SESSION - Action to move into closed session, for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes. - Burstad made a motion, seconded by Schneider, to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes as cited above for the following actions and/or discussions: a) Approve closed session minutes of January 25, 2021, and February 8, 2021; and, b) Discuss and action to approve preliminary notices of non-renewal. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote and the board convened in closed session at 6:35 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Burstad made a motion, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: May 10, 2021

*More information related to the Board meeting can be found through the [school district website](#).