

**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  
APRIL 26, 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 5:45 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 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: Chris Freeman, Mark Hillman, Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Karl Palmer, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Charlie Schneider, Angie Skillings, and David Styer. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Samantha Hoyt, Katie Krueger, Tonia Kowieski, Leah Theder, and Brian Seguin. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Jamie Krista, and videographer Steve Hanson. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Mark Pruett, Bonnie DeHoff, Nita Fitzgerald, Tim Fitzgerald, Jason Collins, LeAnne Talberg, Lynda Paulson, Audric Buhr, Lisa Buhr, Halle Buhr, Laurel Madsen, and Jill Zydowsky.
- C. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – Amy Riddle-Swanson made a request to move Employment of Logan Seymour, eighth-grade social studies teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021, from the personnel consent agenda to the action agenda. Freeman made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson to move Employment of Logan Seymour, eighth-grade social studies teacher at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021, from the action agenda to closed session. The motion to move to closed session failed on a 4-5 roll call vote, with Hillman, Husby, Schneider, Skilling, and Styer casting “nay” votes. The agenda order was then updated in accordance with Policy 171.2.
- D. Recommendations and Commendations** - There were no recommendations or commendations.
- E. Community Communications** - An electronic communication was received from Laurel Fraher, and read by recording secretary Jamie Krista, regarding the reassignment of MMS teacher Jason Collins. Mark Pruett, and Bonnie Dehoff addressed the board regarding Mr. Collins, and Halle Buhr addressed the board regarding a request for payment of college level courses.
- F. Board Member/Superintendent Communications** – There were no board member/superintendent communications.

**II. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

**Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda** – Freeman made a motion, seconded by Schneider, that the board approve the following personnel actions: 1) Employment of Raychel Menne, first-grade teacher, at River Heights Elementary, effective August 24, 2021; 2) Employment of James Aerts, band teacher, at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021; 3) Employment of Kate Gallman-Delong, Family & Consumer Science teacher, at Menomonie High School, effective August 17, 2021; and, 4) Employment of Melinda Rieland, emergency one-year math interventionist, at Oaklawn Elementary School, effective August 17, 2021, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

**III. ACTION AGENDA**

- A. Action to Approve Clean Energy Resolution** - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Freeman, that the board approve the Clean Energy Resolution, as presented. Riddle-Swanson made and accepted a friendly amendment to use the word “will” in the second to the last paragraph, where a suggestion was still included. The motion failed on a 4-5 electronic vote, with Styer, Husby, Schneider, Hillman and Skillings casting “nay” votes.

- B. Action to Approve MMS Easement** - Freeman made a motion, seconded by Palmer, that the board approve the MMS Easement, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.
- C. Action to Approve Mask Protocols for Spring Sports** - Riddle-Swanson made a motion, seconded by Palmer, that the board approve the Mask Protocols for Spring Sports, as presented. The motion passed by a 8-0-1 electronic vote, with Freeman abstaining.
- D. Action to Approve Employment of Logan Seymour, eighth-grade social studies teacher, at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021** - Schneider made a motion, seconded by Husby, to approve the employment of Logan Seymour, eighth-grade social studies teacher, at Menomonie Middle School, effective August 17, 2021, as presented. Freeman then made a motion, seconded by Riddle-Swanson, to table this item until the May 10, 2021, regular board meeting. The motion to table failed by a 3-6 roll call vote, with Hillman, Husby, Moses, Schneider, Skillings, and Styer casting “nay” votes. The original motion passed by a 6-3 electronic vote, with Freeman, Palmer, and Riddle-Swanson casting “nay” votes.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW**

- A. Transition Program Report** - SDMA Transition Coordinator Jill Zydowsky, shared information with the Board regarding the transition programming at MHS. Transition services are required for all students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Zydowsky shared the transition coordinator helps prepare students for life after high school by serving as a link between the school district, community, local business, and resource providers.
- B. Annual Technology Department Report** - Director of Technology Katie Krueger provided an overview of the Technology Services Department. Highlights include, technology coaches had the opportunity to complete Google Certification, 1:1 classroom Chromebooks for K-5 students, refreshed 6-12 Chromebooks, updated bandwidth, replaced district wide phones, updated district wireless, formalized cyber incident plan. Upcoming goals and projects include, implementing new hyper converged storage solutions, update district wireless, move Skyward to cloud hosting, promote effective technology integration in the curriculum, provide flexible professional development opportunities, and phase our current phone RPI’s with our provider.
- C. 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 4,594 confirmed cases, 4,508 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 243, and a trajectory that is stable. The SDMA has seen 247 student cases (MHS-121, MMS-63, and ELEM-63) and 57 staff cases this SDMA this school year. There are currently 6 active student cases and 0 active staff cases, so 241 student cases and 57 staff cases have recovered and been released from isolation. Approximately 34% of the Dunn County population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and 25% of the population has completed the vaccination series. Approximately 70% of SDMA staff has indicated they have received the vaccination.
- D. SDMA COVID-19 Instructional Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year** – District Administrator Zydowsky shared the proposed instructional portion of the COVID-19 Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. This portion of the plan will be brought to the May 10, 2021, board meeting for approval, so planning can continue with staffing, virtual school registrations, etc. The following timeline for plan approval and registration for the virtual school option would include:
  - April 26 - Board review of instructional options
  - May 10 - Board approval of instructional options
  - June 1 - Early virtual application deadline
  - August 6 - Virtual application deadline
  - August 9 - Board Approval of full COVID-19 Plan
- E. COVID-19 Funding Report** - Director of Business Services Leah Theder, reporting on COVID-19 funding. The business department will be making recommendations to the board related to funding.

- F. **2020-2021 Budget Revisions** - Leah Theder presented an overview of the budget revisions for 2020-2021.
- G. **Review Extracurricular Staff Contract Requests** - The board reviewed extracurricular contract requests from February 19, 2021, through April 22, 2021.
- H. **Review Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports** –Regular School Board Meeting, on May 10, 2021, Special School Board Meeting on May 24, 2021, Regular School Board Meeting, on June 14, 2021, and Special School Board Meeting on June 28, 2021.

V. **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), and Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1) (f) as cited above for the following actions and/or discussions: a) Approve closed session minutes of April 12, 2021; and, b) Deliberate over parent appeal for district payment of college courses. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote and the board convened in closed session at 7:52 p.m.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Action to Adjourn** – Husby made a motion, seconded by Hillman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 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