

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1715 5TH STREET W., MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 11, 2021 AT 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, October 11, 2021, in the Auditorium of the High School in Menomonie, Wisconsin.
- B. Roll Call and Quorum** – Roll call showed eight board members present: Tanya Husby, Clint Moses, Karl Palmer, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Angie Skillings, Mark Hillman, Charlie Schneider and David Styer. Chris Freeman was absent. President Styer declared a quorum and noted that the meeting had been duly noticed. Administrators in attendance were Joe Zydowsky, Brian Seguin, Sam Hoyt, Tonia Kowieski, Leah Theder. Student Representatives included Grace Hasse and Logan McCoy. Also in attendance were Recording Secretary Janet Quinn, videographer Steve Hanson and WQOW News 18. Electors and/or others registering attendance included Aaron Rue, Samantha Hoff, Abraham Smith, Brittany Weiker, Lisa Quinn-Lee, Bethany Risler, Ron Wilsey, Andrew Schbough, Arlene Jevne, Karen Jansen, Marc Hoppa, Michael Copper, Grace Hasse, Julie McRea, Damon Wilkinson, Charis Collins, Ginger Hoppa, Josie Pillman, Ruth Reneson, Jill Chase, Ryan Martin, Bobbie Stokke, Kari Sisko, Monica Berrier, Jerry Hui, Jennifer Bernud, Kathy Jacobson
- C. Pledge of Allegiance Reading of Mission Statement** - Styer led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the district’s mission statement.
- D. Agenda Order and Approval/Revision** – Motion made by Schneider, seconded by Palmer to table “Discussion Items V. (C) Segregation in Classrooms, (D) Gender Support Plan and (E) District Communications”. The motion passed by 5-3 electronic vote with Moses, Husby, Skillings casting “nay” votes.
- E. Recommendations and Commendations** - There were no recommendations and commendations.
- F. Highlight on Youth - Middle School** - The Menomonie Middle School highlighted their 3D Printing program.
- G. Student Representative Communication** - Grace Hasse and Logan McCoy reported on different events and activities at MHS.
- H. Community Communications** - Electronic communications were received from Sherry Luoma, Alexandra Hall, Alissabeth Schmidt, Paul Horvath, Christine Woodward, Gilda Bour, Lisa Quinn-Lee, Tawny Nelson, Sheila Thompson, Madison Olson. Other community communications in attendance included Josie Pillman, Samanth Hoff, Abraham Smith, Michael Cooper, Bobbie Stokke, Monica Berrier, Lisa Quinn-Lee, Damon Wilkinson, and Bethany Risler. Each speaker had three minutes to address the Board of Education regarding their topic or concern.
- I. Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Month Ended September 2021** - Business Director, Leah Theder presented the expenses by function, expenses by object, and revenue reports for September 2021.
- J. Monthly Employment Report (September 2021)** - The board reviewed the monthly non-certified staff employment report for September 2021, which included 1 transfer, 1 expanded, 4 new hires and 2 resignations.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action to Approve Consent Agenda** - Moses made a motion, seconded by Palmer, that the board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: 1) Special Meeting of September 27, 2021; 2) Financial Reports for September 2021; and 3) Donations Exceeding \$1,000 for September 2021. The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

III. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

A. Action to Approve Personnel Consent Agenda – Schneider made a motion, seconded by Moses, that the board approve the following personnel actions:

1. Resignations/Retirements: N/A
2. Request to Hire: Valerie Andrews

The motion passed by unanimous electronic vote.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

A. Action to Approve Optional Masking Policy for Grades 4K-12 - Skillings made a motion, seconded by Moses, that the board approves optional masking policy for Grades 4K-12, as presented. Skillings made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Moses. The motion to suspend the rules failed with a 4-4 vote with Riddle-Swanson, Styer, Schneider, and Palmer casting “nay” votes. Motion to approve optional masking for Grades 4K-12 failed with Riddle-Swanson, Styer, Husby, Schneider and Palmer casting “nay” votes.

B. Approve 2022 Health Insurance Renewal - Palmer made a motion, seconded by Schneider, that the board approve the 2022 renewal for district health insurance, as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.

C. Approve Final Budget Revisions for 2020-2021 - Hillman made a motion, seconded by Husby to approve the final budget revisions for 2020-2021, as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous electronic vote.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS/POLICY REVIEW

A. Early College Credit Requests for Spring 2022 – Dr. Zydowsky and Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Brian Seguin, provided an overview of Early College Credit Requests for Spring of 2022. It is not uncommon for individual students to make multiple requests for college credits based on unknown course availability at the post-secondary level. Students may take up to two courses. Early College Credit requests for spring 2022 were presented to the board. There were 253 requests for courses by 34 students.

B. 2021-2022 Budget Timeline – Dr. Zydowsky shared the timeline for developing the 2021-2022 budget and reminded school board members they will be considering the budget and setting the tax levy at the school board meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.

C. Segregation in Classrooms – Tabled

D. Gender Support Plan – Tabled

E. District Communications – Tabled

F. WASB Regional Election - Riddle-Swanson will be casting the vote on behalf of the SDMA Board.

G. Items Related to Next Meeting Dates, Board Committees, and Reports – Special School Board Meeting, on October 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at High School Auditorium, Regular School Board Meeting, on November 8, 2021 at 5:30 at ASC, and Special School Board Meeting on November 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at ASC.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Action to Adjourn – Hillman made a motion, seconded by Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

/s/ Clinton Moses

Clinton Moses, Clerk

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Minutes Approved: November 8, 2021