

**MENOMINEE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN**

“It is the mission of the Menominee Area School Board to provide an education that best enables our students to compete successfully in today’s modern world as well as to provide a safe and challenging atmosphere while being fiscally responsible to our community.”

**PROPOSED**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

The Board of Education of the Menominee Area Public Schools met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board, Mr. Derek Butler at 6:00 p.m. members present:

Mr. Derek Butler, President  
 Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski, Vice President  
 Ms. Becky Thoun, Secretary  
 Ms. Nicole Myszak, Treasurer  
 Mr. Hunter Mans, Trustee in @ 6:11  
 Mr. Michael Maas, Trustee in @ 6:10  
 Mrs. Cindy Woods, Trustee  
 Mr. John Mans, Superintendent  
 Ms. Abbey Leinonen, Senior Student Representative  
 Ms. Anna Nerat, Junior Student Representative

Members absent: None

**ADOPT AGENDA:**

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the agenda be adopted as presented.  
 Motion Carried.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Derek Butler-Yes, Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski-Yes, Ms. Becky Thoun-Yes, Ms. Nicole Myszak-Yes,  
 Mr. Hunter Mans----, Mr. Michael Maas-----, Mrs. Cindy Woods-Yes

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Moved by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 8, 2021 be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Derek Butler-Yes, Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski-Yes, Ms. Becky Thoun-Yes, Ms. Nicole Myszak-Yes,  
 Mr. Hunter Mans-----, Mr. Michael Maas-----, Mrs. Cindy Woods-Yes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

♦ Jerry Derusha - 3214 14th Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858 - What is the disposition of the board regarding winter sports and the amount of fans/students they are allowing into the games.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

a.

**BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:**

Moved by Ms. Thoun, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole the Bill Warrants in the amount of \$764,747.84, from Payroll (11), \$264,565.77, from the General Fund; \$19,785.27, from the School Lunch Fund (25); \$-2,170.74, from the Trust and Agency Fund (61); \$69,119.31, from the Sinking Fund (43); for a grand total of \$1,116,047.45.

Motion Carried. (Appendix I to these minutes)

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Derek Butler-Yes, Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski-Yes, Ms. Becky Thoun-Yes, Ms. Nicole Myszak-Yes,  
Mr. Hunter Mans-Yes, Mr. Michael Maas-Yes, Mrs. Cindy Woods-Yes

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

**CENTRAL**

◆ Central Elementary School is in the middle of our winter PTO fundraiser; Saykly's Easter Chocolate and Candies! The PTO is hoping to use some of the funds to support classroom teachers in additional recess supplies.

◆ Central received a large donation of snow pants, hats, gloves, and scarves from Winsert. We appreciate the community partnership and the support for the littlest learners at Central.

◆ Central also received a large amount of snack crackers from JCI to give to our students who are hungry throughout

the day and do not have snacks. It takes a village and we are so happy that JCI is part of ours!

◆ Melissa Kloskey and her business had a "snack for kids drive" for the month of February. We received 3 full bags of

snacks and Valentine's Day candy! Thank you for helping Central students succeed!

◆ MAPS Cares received a \$2500 Farm Bureau Insurance Grant for food/snacks for all three schools. Kelly King wrote

the grant and worked with James Porras to help us receive these funds. This money will be used throughout the year to support our families in need.

◆ March is Reading Month! Central Elementary has many fun and exciting activities planned to encourage reading at home and at school.

**BLESCH**

◆ Picture Day was January 28th. This was a make-up for fall pictures.

◆ Blesch completed their Valentine's Day celebrations. Unfortunately, these celebrations looked different from previous years, but students were able to celebrate the occasion.

◆ Our online teachers made special Valentine's Day cards for each of their students and mailed them home before the holiday.

◆ Our 5th grade classes made Valentine's Day cards for 43 residents at the Harbors. All card distributions followed strict quarantine periods before being delivered to the residents.

◆ Blesch would like to thank the Pulver Family for their generous donation towards purchasing more Cereal City Science materials.

◆ Blesch would also like to thank all of the families who continue to donate clothing, hats, gloves, and shoes to students in need.

◆ Blesch would like to recognize Mrs. Rauch for applying for and receiving the Building Healthy Communities Grant. Specifically, this grant is allowing Blesch students the opportunity to participate in the Mileage Club. This grant also allowed Blesch to purchase materials to help promote overall school health.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT CONT:**

**JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH**

- ◆ The junior/senior high school was learning virtually for the week of February 8-12 due to a heating issue.
- ◆ Winter sports were able to start practicing February 8th.
- ◆ The basketball teams both had their first game on February 12th. Both teams are doing well, as is the wrestling team.
- ◆ Last week was homecoming week. The student council planned dress up days, lunch games, and ironman to keep the spirit of homecoming alive, without having the dance.
- ◆ Students began the process of scheduling their classes for next year.
- ◆ Seniors are busy with scholarships and have begun the early preparations for graduation - cap and gown order day was February 17th.
- ◆ The junior high and freshman through juniors were supposed to have NWEA testing two weeks ago, but it has been rescheduled to this week and last because we were virtual.
- ◆ Staff members, who wanted to be vaccinated, received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on Friday.
- ◆ As of today, we are in phase 5 of the COVID plan.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Moved by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the Board of Education approved the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Monday, February 8, 2021.  
Motion Carried. (Appendix II to these minutes)

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Derek Butler-Yes, Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski-Yes, Ms. Becky Thoun-Yes, Ms. Nicole Myszak-Yes,  
Mr. Hunter Mans-Yes, Mr. Michael Maas-Yes, Mrs. Cindy Woods-Yes

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the Board of Education approved the following new hires:

Lisa Homann - Para Aide - Central

Motion Carried. (Appendix III to these minutes)

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Derek Butler-Yes, Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski-Yes, Ms. Becky Thoun-Yes, Ms. Nicole Myszak-Yes,  
Mr. Hunter Mans-Yes, Mr. Michael Maas-Yes, Mrs. Cindy Woods-Yes

Moved by Mr. Mans, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the Board of Education approved the following district resignations:

Taylor Koon - Para Aide - Central

Autumn Desotell - Para Aide - Central

Motion Carried. (Appendix IV to these minutes)

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Derek Butler-Yes, Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski-Yes, Ms. Becky Thoun-Yes, Ms. Nicole Myszak-Yes, Mr. Hunter Mans-Yes, Mr. Michael Maas-Yes, Mrs. Cindy Woods-Yes

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Moved by Ms. Thoun, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the Board of Education approved the vote for Janice VanGasse for MASB Region 1 Board of Directors.

Motion Carried. (Appendix V to these minutes)

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Derek Butler-Yes, Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski-Yes, Ms. Becky Thoun-Yes, Ms. Nicole Myszak-Yes, Mr. Hunter Mans-Yes, Mr. Michael Maas-Yes, Mrs. Cindy Woods-Yes

Moved by Ms. Thoun, seconded by Mr. Mans, that the Board of Education approve the MAPS COVID-19 Learning Plan.

Motion Carried. (Appendix VI to these minutes)

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Derek Butler-Yes, Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski-Yes, Ms. Becky Thoun-Yes, Ms. Nicole Myszak-Yes, Mr. Hunter Mans-Yes, Mr. Michael Maas-Yes, Mrs. Cindy Woods-Yes

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:****CENTRAL**

♦ Central Elementary's Wellness Committee has many projects underway to encourage staff wellness from the \$2500

grant we received in November. We are looking at creating a space for new mothers, as well as a wellness area for staff to encourage physical and mental well being. In addition, we've also been watching short meditation videos to help us relax during meetings and highlight them each week.

♦ Central's SEL team met recently to discuss the SEL books, resources, and pacing guides that the ISD purchased to go

along with our social/emotional learning curriculum that we have been following/creating for the past year and a half. The team is looking at adding additional school wide positive behavioral challenges for school-wide rewards.

♦ Central's Building Team has been meeting bi-weekly to discuss Powerful Student Care and the ESA Strategic Plan/Vision for our district and school. We've spent a lot of time discussing and learning additional tools for Plan B conversations and Alsup's (which are proactive collaborative solutions to misbehaviors based on the work of Ross Greene). In addition, the team has been discussing the latest benchmark assessment data and will be focusing on school-wide interventions and enrichment activities to encourage growth in all students. We have a long way to go

but are on the way of getting there.

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- ◆ Our 5th grade classes made Valentine's day cards for 43 residents at the Harbors. All card distributions followed strict quarantine periods before being delivered to the residents.
- ◆ Blesch ended their annual fundraiser on February 9th. We would like to thank all community members who participated in the event.
- ◆ Differentiated instruction rotations have officially started for the third quarter. We are hoping the targeted support will help some of our students with lagging academic skills.
- ◆ Blesch would like to thank the Pulver family for their generous donation towards purchasing more Cereal City Science materials.

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS CONT:**

**BLESCH**

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- ◆ Blesch would like to recognize Mrs. Rauch for applying for and receiving the Building Healthy Communities Grant. Specifically, this grant is allowing Blesch students the opportunity to participate in the Mileage Club. This grant also allowed Blesch to purchase materials to help promote overall school health.
- ◆ MAPS has transitioned back to Phase 5, students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria and going outside for recess as long as they follow all required safety protocols.
- ◆ Thank you to the teachers for all you do!

**JR/SR HIGH**

- ◆ Tomorrow the bulk of the 2nd round of NWEA testing will be complete for 7-10th grade students.
- ◆ Student council organized some homecoming events last week. They included dress up days, Ironman Volleyball, lunchtime games, and live streamed dances.
- ◆ A second round of vaccines were given this past Friday. The whole process, the second round, seemed to go very Well.
- ◆ Winter sports are now underway. Maroon athletes are excited to be competing again.
- ◆ There was positive feedback from teachers on how well students did during our virtual week.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- ◆ Thank you Steve Sobay and his maintenance crew dealing with problems with the boilers.
- ◆ Town Hall meetings are being held this week with each building.
- ◆ We have been having great building team meetings.
- ◆ Thank you to all staff for all you do for Menominee Schools.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- ◆ Thank you sympathy from the family of Lorrie Desotell with the passing of her mother.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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JULIE KRAH, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

APPROVED AND ENTERED INTO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS DISTRICT  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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MR. JOHN MANS, SUPERINTENDENT