

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."

APPROVED**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, October 25, 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
Ms. Becky Thoune, Secretary
Ms. Nicole Myszak, Treasurer
Mr. Hunter Mans, Trustee
Mr. Michael Maas, Trustee
Mrs. Cindy Woods, Trustee
Mr. Steve Martin, Interim Superintendent
Ms. Haley Bouty, Junior Student Representative
Ms. Jaelyn VanBeek, Senior Student Representative

Members absent: Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski, Vice President

ADOPT AGENDA:

Moved by Mr. Mans, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Motion Carried. (6-0)

APPROVE MINUTES:

Moved by Mr. Mans, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 27, 2021 be approved as presented.
Motion Carried. (6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- ◆ Debbie Wellner, 3400 10th Street, Menominee, MI-Concerns regarding students/staff wearing masks.
- ◆ Stefanie Ehle, 1710 14th Avenue, Menominee, MI- Thank you to the board for implementing mask wearing.
- ◆ Derek Butler, 1013 17th Avenue, Menominee, MI-Proud to be a Maroon. All of the love and support for Miles Sorensen was diagnosed with leukemia. Thank you to Menominee families to support this family.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Recognition - Wendy Rauch
- b. District Audit
- c. Review Bond Sale - Craig Kahler
- d. Special Board Meeting Agenda, October 26th
- e. Covid Update

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BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:

Moved by Mr. Mans, 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 \$1,076,120.84, from Payroll (11), \$227,054.11, from the General Fund; \$43,415.84, from the School Lunch Fund (25); \$3,343.12, from the Fiduciary Activity Fund (29); \$2,000.00, from the Scholarship Fund (51); for a grand total of \$1,351,933.91.

Motion Carried. (6-0) (Appendix I to these minutes)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

CENTRAL

- ◆ Students in Mrs. Anderson's class created toothpick towers as a stem activity and to practice the letter T.
- ◆ Mrs. Butler's class has been busy creating autumn masterpieces to decorate our hallway, as well as making homemade applesauce & learning all there is to know about fall.
- ◆ Students in Mrs. Herrild's class had another visitor from the community this month. Thank you to Dr Herrild (chiropractor) coming to demonstrate how the spine helps keep your body healthy.
- ◆ Ms. Philipps' class had a special visitor this month, a new puppy. A student in her class brought in her puppy for show and tell and the students got to enjoy some puppy kisses.
- ◆ Ms. Furton's class (and quite a few others) had a friendly visitor this month as well -- Meet Todd, the skunk. He is a pet of one of our students and likes to visit the kiddos around the holidays. Don't worry, his smelly glands have been removed, and he's as cuddly as a kitten.
- ◆ Students in Ms. Cole's class have been independent and partner reading as they practice their new phonics and decoding skills learned in class each week.
- ◆ Students in Ms. Kewley's class made baby Yoda's for Miles, a local 1st grader recently diagnosed with leukemia to help brighten his day.
- ◆ Walk to school day was October 6th-Mrs. Rauch and the specials teachers took the entire grade level out to the track to enjoy a beautiful and safe 45 minutes of walking. Afterwards, students were invited to the gym for fruit and water to encourage healthy refueling. Students were encouraged to wear school spirit colors.
- ◆ Firefighters visited-Thank you to the Menominee Fire Department for bringing the fire station to Central this year. The students loved seeing the equipment, the fire truck, and learning about safety. The 1st graders even got to hear a real call and saw how quickly the firemen must leave for a call.
- ◆ Unity Day-October 20: Students wore orange for Unity Day where we celebrate acceptance, kindness, and Anti-bullying.
- ◆ Congratulations to the October Students of the Month, who will be enjoying a treat with the principal this week.
Kindergarten: Chloe Vargo, Vincent Wall, Lincoln Wells, Gavin Jurkiewicz, Hailee Guay; 1st Grade: Aurora Katchenago, Hayden Kakuk; 2nd Grade: Easton Anderla, Jade Lloyd, Mya Marquardt, Sophia Pellinen

BLESCH

- ◆ Blesch held Parent-Teacher conferences on October 6th & 7th. 74.3% of our parents attended.
- ◆ Blesch used \$3,000 from the student activities account to purchase books from Scholastic.
- ◆ Blesch is in the process of starting/implementing their Peer-2-Peer program. This program is a great opportunity to help students build positive relationships with one another.
- ◆ Picture day was October 12.
- ◆ Blesch was awarded a fall 2021 project healthy schools wellness grant. This grant will cover the cost of PHS reusable water bottles (one per student), toe tokens and colored chains to be used as incentives for the EZ walk/run program the students use during lunch recess. Bleach school was awarded a five year grant to incorporate the EZ walk/run program last year, and fruits and vegetables for healthy snacks during wellness activities.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT CONT:

JR/SR HIGH

- ◆ Homecoming was a great success. The homecoming assembly went smoothly with the raising of \$4,100 for Miles, and 16 people who voluntarily shaved their heads. I think all of the students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.
- ◆ Cross Country had UP Finals. Attica Brandt took 4th and the team overall did great. Lots of boys hti personal records.
- ◆ Picture day was October 22.
- ◆ The football team have playoffs this coming Friday at home at 6:00 pm
- ◆ Girls volleyball district playoff game is next Monday.
- ◆ The girls volleyball game raised about \$2,000 and split it. \$1,000 to the breast cancer center and \$1,000 to the Miles fundraiser.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Ms. Thoune, that the Board of Education approved the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Monday, October 11, 2021.

Motion Carried. (6-0) (Appendix II to these minutes)

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Mr. Mans, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the Board of Education approve the following new hires:

Thomas Breilein - Special Education Teacher
William Ragnone - Band/Choir Teacher
Mason Kewley - Student Council Advisor - HS
Wendy Schuette - Kitchen Aide
Tracy Waelchli - Classroom Tech

Motion Carried. (6-0) (Appendix III to these minutes)

Moved by Mr. mans, seconded by Ms Myszak, that the Board of Education approve the following resignations:

Jean Kosewski - Van Driver - Cafeteria
Wendy Schuette - Kitchen Aide

Motion Carried. (6-0) (Appendix IV to these minutes)

Moved by Mr. Mans, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the Board of Education approve the District Audit for 2020-21 and place them on file.

Motion Carried. (6-0) (Appendix V to these minutes)

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Ms. Thoune, that the Board of Education approve the ratification resolution provided by Thrun Law Firm, that affirms the actions taken by administration were given authority in order to proceed with the bond issue.

Motion Carried. (6-0) (Appendix VI to these minutes)

Moved by Mr. Mans, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the Board of Education approve graduation date, May 21, 2022, Saturday before Memorial weekend.

ACTION ITEMS CONT:

Moved by Ms. Thoun, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the Board of Education approve Interim Superintendent contract - Pete Mayhew.

Motion Carried. (6-0) (Appendix VII to these minutes)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

CENTRAL

- ◆ Students have been participating in Differentiated Instruction at Central for the past 3 weeks. This is 45 minutes of instruction targeted to their precise reading developmental stage utilizing the program designed by Sharon Walpole. Every teacher, permanent substitutes, and Title I para were trained by Ashley Karkkainen, early literacy coach, this summer/fall on using Walpole's "How to Plan Differentiated Instruction", and every student is receiving the appropriate instruction at their level. Walpole's recommendation is that Kindergarten students begin this program after the first nine weeks of school, so they will be jumping on board in the next few weeks.
- ◆ Kelly King and Dulcey Heinzelman-White are starting up STAR Buddies at Central. This is a peer-to-peer program from Michigan's START project which is designed to match a student with ASD with a general education student to foster positive peer relationships and socialization opportunities, which many students with Autism Spectrum Disorder struggle to achieve. They are presenting an overview of the STAR Buddies program to all classes this week using child-friendly learning around Autism Spectrum Disorder, and why the program is such a success and enhancement to our STAR positive support system. Buddies will be matched within the next two weeks and activities will begin to be implemented.
- ◆ Central's Read-A-Thon will be November 1st - 15th this year. The students and staff are so excited to dive into reading early in the school year, as opposed to reading month in March. Last year our students read/listened to over 160,000 minutes of literature. Our goal for this school year is 200,000 minutes. Please check out central's page at https://www.read-a-thon.com/school/Central-Elementary-School_43086.
- ◆ Central's Parent-Teacher Organization has had two meetings this year and have many fun projects in the works. Information will be coming out soon including a gift wrapping palooza for monetary donations the weekend of December 18th. Plus a fun spring fun event for all families. We are lucky to have such an active group of parents and teachers wanting to help create a caring community for our littlest learners.

BLESCH

- ◆ We are in full swing of our Differentiate Instruction time at Blesch.
- ◆ 5th grade students were able to earn an extra recess once a week due to their significant progress made in Khan Academy.
- ◆ 6th grade students have their instruments and have started full band instruction.
- ◆ Student council had their first meeting last week. Due to the Covid restrictions we will not be able to have a Veteran's day assembly. Therefore, student council members will be making posters with the names of all veterans who have served their country. These will be displayed around the school and we will post pictures of them on our website.
- ◆ Blesch and Central will be working together to find a new Reading Resource. Unfortunately our subscription to Reading Street (our current program) runs out this year. We have developed a timeline plan and have started the process with staff.

JR/SR HIGH

- ◆ Covid testing
- ◆ PSAT testing - October 13
- ◆ Office realignment meetings continue. Exciting to see it all come together.
- ◆ Had our 1st staff meeting/special ed meeting/guidance meeting
- ◆ Picture day was October 22

✦ Cross country had their GNC and UP finals. Football playoffs will start Friday.

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- ✦ Bus arms are installed.
- ✦ Update radios for liaison officer.

COMMUNICATIONS: Sympathy thank you from the family of Marye Mathieu.
Sympathy card for John Mans from NMU School of Education.
Donation check in honor of John Mans from Thrun Law Firm.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Mr. Mans, that the Board of Education retire into closed session at 7:12 pm for the purpose of:

AFL-CIO Negotiations

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Came out of closed session at 7:57 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
Motion Carried. (6-0)

JULIE KRAH, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

APPROVED AND ENTERED INTO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS DISTRICT
_____, 2021

MR. STEVE MARTIN, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT