

**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, November 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  
Mrs. Cindy Woods, Trustee  
Mr. Steve Martin, Interim Superintendent  
Ms. Marin Park, Junior Student Representative  
Ms. Jaelyn VanBeek, Senior Student Representative

Members absent: Mr. Hunter Mans, Trustee, Mr. Michael Maas, Trustee

**ADOPT AGENDA:**

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried. (5-0)

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 26, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried. (5-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

♦ Debra Wellner, 3400 10th Street, Menominee, MI 49858 - Concerns regarding mandating mask wearing.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Recognition
- b. Covid Update

**BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:**

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole the Bill Warrants in the amount of \$835,779.76, from Payroll (11), \$273,254.29, from the General Fund; \$27,000.98, from the School Lunch Fund (25); \$17,824.21, from the Fiduciary Activity Fund (29); \$1,991.78, from the Student Activity Fund (43); \$6,550.00, from the Sinking Fund; for a grand total of \$1,162,401.02.

Motion Carried. (5-0) (Appendix I to these minutes)

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

**CENTRAL**

- ◆ Students in Ms. Kewley's 1st grade class worked as engineers this week creating Macy's Day Parade Floats! They then paraded down the hall to showcase their floats to the Kindergarten classrooms.
- ◆ Students in Mrs. Anderson's kindergarten class used many ways to practice the letter C this month. Here are students frosting paper Cakes in class.
- ◆ Students in Mrs. Butler's kindergarten class did science experiments for the letter C - mixing primary Colors to make secondary colors.
- ◆ Students in Mrs. Mead's 2nd grade class had a special visitor this month: meet Flower, the chocolate skunk.
- ◆ Students in Mrs. HW's resource room made clay turkeys for the upcoming holiday. This was a great hands on sensory activity and all students participated.
- ◆ Students in Ms. Cole's 1st grade class had the pleasure of having a 2nd grader visit and read to them during snack time last week.
- ◆ Anti-bullying water bottles: Every student K-2 received a reusable water bottle from our anti-bullying grant. One side says "Mini Maroons" with the Maroon M and the other side says "Be Kind".
- ◆ Butterball visits Central: We had a special visitor at Central for the upcoming holiday season, Butterball the turkey.
- ◆ Hunt Down Hunger: Central held a canned food drive last week. Our school donated over 800 non-perishable items to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in Menominee. Students dressed up in orange or camouflage on Friday to Celebrate.
- ◆ Future Fund: Kindergarten and 1st Grade students had an assembly with Paula Gruzynski from the M&M Community Foundation. They give every area kindergarten student a \$50.00 savings bond, with a promise of every year receiving \$5 more until graduation to be used for post high school.

**BLESCH**

- ◆ Specials teachers held their before Thanksgiving break pin bomb tournament.
- ◆ Picture retake day is scheduled for Tuesday.
- ◆ Blesch had before Thanksgiving break dress-up days: Wednesday-Flannel Day, Thursday-Camo Day, Friday-PJ Day, Monday-Orange Day, Tuesday-Maroon spirit day.
- ◆ Students and staff are looking forward to Thanksgiving break and will complete mid-year assessments the second week of December.

**JR/SR HIGH**

- ◆ Student council activities - Raked leaves for the community; Holiday open house is happening December 15th.
- ◆ Turkey feathers are being sold for support, and feeding the community for Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Upcoming blood drive is December 10th.
- ◆ Play - Everyone is extremely excited for Into the Woods.
- ◆ Campus litter pick up.
- ◆ Winter athletics and extracurriculars have started up.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Moved by Ms. Thoune, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the Board of Education approved the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Monday, November 8, 2021.

Motion Carried. (5-0) (Appendix II to these minutes)

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

Mary Zwickey - Spec Ed Aide - Central

Olivia Walters - Kitchen Aide - Central

Alexandra Ramos Rivera - Hot Lunch Supervisor - Central

Emily L'Huillier - Kitchen Aide - HS

James Porras - Theatrical Director

Motion Carried. (5-0) (Appendix III to these minutes)

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the Board of Education approve the AFL-CIO Contract.

Motion Carried. (5-0) (Appendix IV to these minutes)

Moved by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the Board of Education approve the resolution for Juul litigations.

Motion Carried. (5-0) (Appendix V to these minutes)

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:**

**CENTRAL**

◆ Central met our Read-A-Thon goal! Our students read, listened to, or practiced reading for 251,150 minutes!! We

also raised \$5,875.00 for our student activity fund! I am so proud of all of our students and staff for participating and logging all of those minutes.

◆ Our wellness team received the Building Healthy Communities grant again this school year. Our school will be receiving a recess cart, fully loaded with structured activities for recess. We also received opportunities for Social and Emotional Learning for our staff. This also includes \$1500 towards staff incentives.

◆ Central PTO is very ambitious this month and has many events planned prior to holiday break. Be on the lookout for the newly formed Central PTO Facebook page. Gift wrapping fundraiser December 10: Drop off gifts in a laundry basket or tote with a suggested donation with pick up on December 11 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Holiday Shoppe at Central December 16 & 17. All students will be invited to purchase holiday gifts for their families. Holiday Angel Tree: Each grade level adopted a family for the holiday season with PTO's support. The school community is purchasing gifts requested for each child in the family through December 3. Virtual family event: Stocking decorating. Students are encouraged to decorate a stocking at home and return to school to decorate the Hallways.

◆ Central has so much to be thankful for this holiday season. Thank you to Spies Library for the Bookwalk event that

we were able to participate in & for the donation of over 200 books for our students and staff. Thank you to Debby

Hofer for your donation of supplies. Thank you to students, staff, and families of Central . We couldn't do what we do without all of you.

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS CONT:**

**BLESCH**

- ◆ Student council worked really hard to prepare our Veterans day presentation. They created a bulletin board outside the office listing veterans related to our staff and students. Pictures of our bulletin board have been shared with families on Class Dojo.
- ◆ Mr. Bardowski presented to two of our 4th grade classes on Veterans day.
- ◆ Student council is working with student representatives from the high school. Because of Covid they are working together to build some common projects between our two buildings.
- ◆ 5th graders are going to do bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 7 from 4-7 at Jacks.
- ◆ Students are really engaging with our science program (Cereal City). Teachers report significant student engagement with the interactive experiments.
- ◆ Blesch had a busy day of student studies. This was an opportunity for teachers to bring students they have concerns about to the table to figure out how we can best meet their needs moving forward.
- ◆ We will have more student data to report in January once we get our mid-year assessments back.

**JR/SR HIGH**

- ◆ They did not have any testing!!!
- ◆ PD Day-Science, Math, ELA teachers continue to work disciplinary literacy; CTE advisory committee meeting, SEL and Trauma Training, New English Series.
- ◆ NWTC Engineering Day
- ◆ SIT/BHAT Team
- ◆ Peggy Grille has been extremely helpful with teacher observations. Great to have her on the team.
- ◆ COVID Testing update

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- ◆ Would like to recognize the amazing administrative team. Thank you for everything you do.
- ◆ OSHA ruling has been canceled per Thrun.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Thank you from Huntington Company for the opportunity to serve the district as an underwriter on our School Building & Site Bonds.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mary Kay Donovan, N1596 County Road 577, Menominee, MI 49858 - Concerns regarding code yellow in the buildings. Was Mr. Martin assaulted by a student physically or verbally?

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:54 p.m.  
Motion Carried. (5-0)

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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. PETER MAYHEW, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT