

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, December 20, 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 Thoun, Secretary
 Ms. Nicole Myszak, Treasurer
 Mrs. Cindy Woods, Trustee
 Mr. Peter Mayhew, Interim Superintendent
 Ms. Halee Malinski, Junior Student Representative
 Ms. Jaelyn VanBeek, Senior Student Representative

Members absent: Mrs. Dawn Wesolowski, Vice President, Mr. Hunter Mans, Trustee, Mr. Michael Maas, Trustee

ADOPT AGENDA:

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the agenda be adopted as presented.
 Motion Carried. (4-0)

APPROVE MINUTES:

Moved by Ms. Thoun, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 13, 2021 be approved as presented.
 Motion Carried. (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

◆ Debbie Wellner, 3400 10th Street, Menominee, MI 49858 - Concerns over mask wearing

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Recognition - Julie Noha
- b. Covid Update
- c. Neola - First Reading

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Ms. Thoune, that the Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole the Bill Warrants in the amount of \$807,509.86, from Payroll (11), \$129,576.41, from the General Fund; \$65,915.17, from the Capital Projects Fund, \$16,775.67 from the School Lunch Fund (25); \$17,285.59, from the Fiduciary Activity Fund (29); \$434.20, from the Student Activity Fund (43); \$6,000.00, from the Scholarship Fund (51); for a grand total of \$1,043,496.90.

Motion Carried. (4-0) (Appendix I to these minutes)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

CENTRAL

- ◆ Students in Ms. Philipps' class enjoyed making homemade butter for B week.
- ◆ Students in Ms. Cole's 1st grade and Mrs. Cole's 2nd grade had some visitors from Mrs. Howell's environmental science classes this month.
- ◆ Ms. Teske's 1st graders enjoyed decorating "ugly" holiday sweater cookies on our dress up day.
- ◆ Ms. Martin enjoyed a directed drawing lesson in Mrs. Towle's 1st grade this month.
- ◆ This first grader loved making watercolor winter hats in Ms. Cole's class.
- ◆ Mrs. Mead's 2nd graders had a visitor this month for Show-N-Tell. Meet honey buns, the bunny.
- ◆ Students in Mrs. Spink's GSRP class enjoyed the large snow hills on the playground after this month's big snow storm.
- ◆ Mrs. Butler was able to bring back her annual angel tree this year. Three children will be able to celebrate Christmas this year due to the generosity of her class.
- ◆ Mrs. Herald's class enjoyed making homemade ice cream to end the letter I week.
- ◆ Students in Mrs. HW's resource room made snowstorms in a jar and had an absolutely amazing time doing so.
- ◆ The students had a very busy month in Ms. Kewley's 1st grade class. They decorated gingerbread men for the freshman class to use for their hallway for the holiday open house. They were invited over to see the final product and were shown around the school. They learned Feliz Navidad to sing to our ELL teachers. The students played a review game to get ready for NWEA. They worked with partners to try and solve the task cards around the room. The students earned 2,000 dojos and earned their first pizza party.
- ◆ Students at Central and Blesch loved the 13 days of December dress ups this month. The joy brought to our students and staff by something as simple as reindeer antlers, makes it all worthwhile.
- ◆ All students have been participating in "Make Math Moments Matter" since Thanksgiving break. Check out the progress the students have made (1 rocketship=10 minutes of completed sessions on MobyMax numbers or Rocket Math)
- ◆ Every classroom has had (or will have) the opportunity to record their holiday music program shared on Dojo. It's wonderful to see the students all dressed up and singing their hearts out with the classics.
- ◆ Dave Higbee donated over 15 trees to help decorate the outside of Central elementary again this year.
- ◆ Peer-to-peer buddies has been going very well meeting multiple times per week. Some of the buddies got to decorate cookies last week.

BLESCH

- ◆ Blesch would like to thank NWTC for their generous donation of hats and mittens.
- ◆ Blesch would like to thank our local church groups for their generous donations of hats and mittens.
- ◆ Blesch will be recording their holiday programs today and tomorrow. Videos will be posted on individual teacher's class dojo.
- ◆ Door decorating took place over the last several weeks at Blesch. Each classroom decorated their door with a Christmas related topic.
- ◆ Blesch and Central participated in the 13 days of holiday spirit.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT CONT:

BLESCH

◆ The student council held a food drive and Blesch was able to donated 922 items to families in need. Food collected was donated to a local food pantry. Thank you to Rich Blake for delivering the donations. Our 4th grade students won the competition by donating a grand total of 331 items.

JR/SR HIGH

- ◆ Blood drive was a great success with lots of blood donated.
- ◆ Winter sports, girls and boys basketball and wrestling are underway and doing great.
- ◆ Holiday open house was a great success with 1st graders singing us songs too.
- ◆ Turkey project fed families in need at Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Penpals will begin next month.
- ◆ Play cast list is out. Everyone is excited to see the play, dates to come!

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Ms. Thoune, that the Board of Education approve district resignations:

Olivia Walters - Kitchen Aide
Corrine Krueger - Kitchen Aide
Alexandra Ramos - Supervisor - Central

Motion Carried. (4-0) (Appendix II to these minutes)

Moved by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Ms. Myszak, that the Board of Education approve district retirement:

Cindy Jones - Secretary - Central
Julie Noha - Library Assistant - Central

Motion Carried. (4-0) (Appendix III to these minutes)

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the Board of Education approve Ingallston Township Treasurer and Menominee Township Treasurer to perform Summer Tax Collection at a rate no greater than \$2.50 per parcel. Tax Levy form L4029 to be approved at the May Board meeting.

Motion Carried. (4-0) (Appendix IV to these minutes)

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Ms. Thoune, that the Board of Education approve the boiler bid to Valley Mechanical for the Jr/Sr High School.

Motion Carried. (4-0) (Appendix V to these minutes)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

CENTRAL

- ◆ 2nd grade students have been working hard during the morning literacy boost since Thanksgiving break. Approximately 12 students have spent an extra 30 minutes each morning focusing on their reading using Edmentum's Reading Eggs program. The students have completed an average of 5-6 lessons per week. Each lesson has 10 mini-lessons focusing on the skills they are working on.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS CONT:

CENTRAL

- ◆ Central PTO was very involved this month. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the first annual holiday gift shop a huge success for our students. Every child was given the opportunity to shop for family and friends for the holiday season.
- ◆ NWEA testing is almost completed, with just some makeup testing left. Acadience Reading in Kindergarten is completed with just some makeup testing left.
- ◆ Central has so much to be thankful for this holiday season!
Thank you to Robin Thom for bringing Birdie (Great Dane puppy) to the classroom on Friday, Dec 17th. With the increased security, puppy cuddles and kisses were welcomed and enjoyed by all.
Thank you to an anonymous community donor who purchased presents for 4 of our students.
Thank you to Christ Lutheran church for purchasing presents for 2 of our student.s
Thank you to Junior Women's club for the donation of blankets and books for 27 students.
Thank you to the Menominee City Police Department for the "Shop with a Cop" event that allowed 10 students to bring holiday joy home to their families.

BLESCH

- ◆ Blesch students completed NWEA and Acadience testing last week. We will be looking at the data when we return from break and making adjustments in our differentiated instruction and to our small group instruction.
- ◆ Some of our ELA teachers will be piloting Book Worms to see if this program is an ELA program we want to use moving forward.
- ◆ Math teachers are continuing to design and build UbD units on professional development days.
- ◆ Last Friday was a very interesting day for parents, students and staff as we dealt with the repercussions of a Tik Tok challenge. Many parents faced a difficult decision on whether or not to send their child to school. Bleach was roughly 53% attendance. While walking through the classrooms some of the 5th grade students were having a discussion about this incident. They indicated that an education was a privilege and that the Tik Tok post was like a bully trying to take that privilege away. They said they wanted to come to school because they did not want the bully to dictate their life and their chance at an education. I thought this was a very powerful message from some of our students that attended class on Friday.
- ◆ We would like to give a special thank you to Diane from Accent. Unfortunately, we have been having a very difficult time filling the janitorial duties on the day shift at Blesch. Diane continues to work extra hours because she wants the students to have a clean school. We greatly appreciate her dedication to our district and our students.
- ◆ I would like to offer a special thank you to the Blesch staff. From secretaries, to paraprofessionals, to teachers they continue to show up and give everything they have for the students. Our day to day teaching continues to get weirder and weirder based on many situations outside our control. However, their dedication and drive to help students show up on a daily basis and continue to impress. So I would like to say thank you and have a great holiday break.

JR/SR HIGH

- ◆ Student council with donations, were able to feed 75 families for thanksgiving.
- ◆ Billy Ballenger assembly was a huge success.
- ◆ December 10 blood drive went very well.
- ◆ December 15 holiday open house.
- ◆ Students are adjusting well to the new safety protocols.
- ◆ Winter athletics are successfully underway.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: NONE

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

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COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Ms. Thoune, that the Board of Education retired into closed session to discuss working conditions for Permanent Substitutes at 6:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Derek Butler-Yes, Dawn Wesolowski-Absent, Becky Thoune-Yes, Nicole Myszak-Yes, Hunter Mans-Absent, Michael Maas-Absent, Cindy Woods-Yes

Board came out of closed session at 7:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Ms. Myszak, seconded by Mrs. Woods, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
Motion Carried. (4-0)

JULIE KRAH, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

MR. PETER MAYHEW, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT