

Minutes of Special Board Meeting

Menahga Public School District No. 821

Monday, September 28, 2026, 5:30 PM, District Conference Room

Chair Howard called the September 28, 2026 special meeting of the Menahga Public School Board to order at 5:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission and Vision Statement.

Members present: Andrea Haverinen, Julia Kicker, Katie Howard, Sara Makela, Cherie Peterson and David Treinen. Also present: Superintendent, Jay Kjos.

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY David Treinen VOTE carried unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

The Board discussed Menahga Open Ed Online School.

MOTION BY David Treinen SECONDED BY Andrea Haverinen VOTE carried unanimously to approve the following as presented:

- 3.12. FCCLA Advisor, Jolene Harris, step 4;
- 3.13. BPA Advisor, Randy Thompson, step 4;
- 3.14. NHS Advisor, Tim Wurdock, step 2;
- 3.14.1. NHS Co-Advisor, Ashley Lynn, step 2;
- 3.15. FFA Advisor, Maria Ness, step 10;
- 3.16. HS Student Council Advisor, Sara Kinyoun, step 2;
- 3.16.1. HS Student Council Co-Advisor, Logan Gerdes, step 1;
- 3.17. Elementary Student Council Advisor, Molly Peterson, step 10;
- 3.18. Senior Class Advisor, Ali Schmitz, step 2;
- 3.18.1. Senior Class Co-Advisor, Baileigh Baumgart, step 1;
- 3.19. Junior Class/Prom Advisor, Rilee Michaelson, step 2;
- 3.19.1. Junior Class/Prom Co-Advisor, Tori Komulainen, step 2;
- 3.20. Yearbook Advisor, Shalom Crook, step 1;
- 3.21. Spelling Bee Advisor, Laura Takkunen, step 3;
- 3.22. Speech Coach, Michelle Koch;
- 3.23. One Act Play Advisor, Tanya Carney, step 5;
- 3.24. Drama Club Advisor, Tanya Carney, step 4;
- 3.25. Band Advisor, Beth Hahn, step 10;
- 3.26. Vocal Music Advisor, Logan Gerdes, step 2;
- 3.27. Special Olympics Advisor, Isaiah Hahn, step 10;
- 3.27.1. Special Olympics Co-Advisor, Brad Schultz, step 10;
- 3.29. Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Taija Pinoniemi, step 2;
- 3.37. Head Softball Coach, Emily Huotari, step 1;
- 3.38. UNC Head Girls Wrestling Coach, Maija Aho, step 1;

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY Sara Makela VOTE carried unanimously to approve 3.33. Technology Coordinator Handbook, David Lindquist as presented.

MOTION BY David Treinen SECONDED BY Julia Kicker VOTE carried unanimously to approve the following as presented:

- 3.1. Full-time Head Cook and Concessions Manager, David Pearson;
- 3.2. POS Clerk, Ramona Johnson;
- 3.3. Full-time Kitchen, Gia Duclos;
- 3.4. Full-time Kitchen, Samantha Rasmussen;
- 3.5. Full-time Bus Driver, Kevin Nickolauson;
- 3.6. Part-time Custodian, Trena Kallinen;
- 3.7. Long Term Substitute, Amy Hawn, September 14, 2026 to November 24, 2026;
- 3.8. Paraprofessional, Isabel Ellingson;
- 3.9. Paraprofessional, Alyssa Little;
- 3.10. Paraprofessional, Ellen Grangroth;
- 3.11. Online Speech-language Pathologist, Casey Brudvik;
- 3.28. Online Speech-language Pathologist, Katrina Loy;
- 3.30. Part-time Paraprofessional, Kevin Nickolauson;
- 3.31. Online Special Education Case Manager, Sue Miller;
- 3.32. Online Special Education Case Manager, Jana Timm;
- 3.34. Community Education Assistant, Mary Weaver;
- 3.35. Food Service Bookkeeper, Peggy Hillukka;
- 3.36. POS Clerk, Joyce Kallinen;
- 3.39. Secretary, MaKenzie Jurmu, step 1;

MOTION BY Julia Kicker SECONDED BY Andrea Haverinen VOTE carried unanimously to approve the Fullmind Contract in the amount of \$35,290.80 for services used.

MOTION BY Julia Kicker SECONDED BY Sara Makela VOTE carried unanimously to approve the School Nutrition Consultant Program Agreement as presented.

MOTION BY Cherie Peterson SECONDED BY Sara Makela VOTE carried unanimously to request proposals from the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) for assistance with the superintendent search.

MOTION BY Julia Kicker SECONDED BY Sara Makela VOTE carried unanimously to adjourn the September 28, 2026 special meeting of the Menahga Public School board at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,