

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Menahga Public School District No. 821

Monday, April 28, 2025, 6:30 PM, HS Media Center

The April 28, 2025 regular meeting of the Menahga Public School board called to order by Vice Chair Peterson at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Julia Kicker, Katie Howard, Sara Makela, Cherie Peterson and David Treinen. Others present: ES Principal Lisa Parrish, HS Principal Michelle Koch and Superintendent Jay Kjos.

Motion by Katie Howard to adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Fifth Grade students shared on their interest fair experience.

Industrial Technology Teacher Toby Weston gave a tour of the shop department.

Judy Maninga shared on behalf of the Pickle ball committee.

Motion by David Treinen to approve the following consent items:

1. March 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes; March 25, 2025 special meeting minutes; April 4, 2025 pairing and sharing committee minutes; April 7, 2025 policy committee minutes; April 7, 2025 board retreat minutes;
2. Activity fund and monthly claims in the amount of \$ 8,235,021.95
3. Notice of assignments for the following extracurricular coach/advisors for the 2024-2025 School Year: Dan Gaughan, Junior High Baseball Coach step 1; Mike Weerts, Assistant Baseball Coach step 4; Cody Pulju, Summer Rec Director, for the 2025 Summer Season; Cody Pulju, Interim Head Baseball Coach Step 4; Chris Davis, Assistant Baseball Coach step 1; Brandon Kupfer, Assistant Baseball Coach step 1;

Seconded by Katie Howard and carried unanimously.

Motion by Katie Howard to approve the Kimball Midwest Invoice in the amount of \$809.52 as presented. Seconded by Julia Kicker and passed 4-0-1, David Treinen abstained.

Motion by Katie Howard to approve the copier contract agreement for the amount of \$68,540.00 as presented. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Motion by David Treinen to approve the purchase of the 2025 Transit Van in the amount of \$63,056.00 as presented. Seconded by Sara Makela and carried unanimously.

Motion by Sara Makela to approve the roofing proposal to replace the existing EPDM roof in the amount of \$47,670.00 as presented. Seconded by Katie Howard and carried unanimously.

Motion by Katie Howard to accept the resignation from Becky Hedstrom, Paraprofessional, effective April 13, 2025. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Motion by Julia Kicker to accept the resignation from Alaina Heinonen, Paraprofessional, effective April 17, 2025. Seconded by David Treinen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Katie Howard to accept the resignation from Abby Hoverson, Elementary Teacher, effective May 27, 2025. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Motion by Sara Makela to accept the resignation from Randy Thompson, Yearbook Advisor, effective May 27, 2025. Seconded by Katie Howard and carried unanimously.

Motion by David Treinen to accept the resignation from Jodi Tolkkinen, Co-Head Volleyball Coach, effective May 27, 2025. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Motion by Julia Kicker to accept the resignation from Nicole Skoog, Co-Head Volleyball Coach, effective May 27, 2025. Seconded by Sara Makela and carried unanimously.

Motion by Katie Howard to approve the request for unpaid leave up to one year starting on or about August 25, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Motion by Cherie Peterson to eliminate AD and Community Education Director position at the end of June 2025. Seconded by Katie Howard and carried unanimously.

Motion by Katie Howard to approve the MOU Health Insurance agreement as presented. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

The following resolution was introduced by Katie Howard

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, MS 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS, MS 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance

shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full."; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Menahga Public School Dist 821 gratefully accept the following donations as identified below:

The Turtle and field tarp valued at \$10,000 from:
Fargo Baseball LLC, DBA Fargo Moorhead Red Hawks
1515 15th Ave. North, Fargo ND 58102

Resolution seconded by Sara Makela

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

voting aye: Sara Makela, Julia Kicker, Cherie Peterson, Katie Howard, and David Treinen

voting nay:

absent:

Whereupon, said resolution was declared duly adopted.

Motion by Katie Howard to approve the 2025-2026 calendar as presented.

Seconded by Sara Makela and carried unanimously.

Motion by Katie Howard to approve a calendar change for May 23, 2025 from a full day to an early release at 1:30 p.m. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Motion by David Treinen to approve the first reading of policies: 301 School District Administration, 302 Superintendent, 303 Superintendent Selection 304 Superintendent Contract, Duties, and Evaluation, 305 Policy implementation, and 306 Administrator Code of Ethics as presented. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Katie Howard read the Superintendent Evaluation Report.

Motion by Katie Howard to adjourn the April 28, 2025 regular meeting of the Menahga Public School board at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Sara Makela and carried unanimously.