

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 6:30 PM, HS Media Center

The November 12, 2024 special meeting of the Menahga Public School board called to order by Chair Haverinen at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Cherie Peterson to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by David Treinen and carried unanimously.

Brian Stavenger from Eide Bailly presented the FY 2024 Audit.

Motion by Katie Howard to approve the draft of the audited financial statements and single audit, contingent upon no significant changes to the document. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Isabelle Brockpahler shared her experience from the FCCLA National Conference that was held in Seattle, Washington.

Motion by Andrea Haverinen to remove the following from the consent agenda: November 4, 2024 Policy Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Katie Howard and carried unanimously.

Motion by Cherie Peterson to approve the following consent items:

1. October 21, 2024, regular meeting minutes;
2. Activity fund and monthly claims in the amount of \$5,424,826.64;
3. Notice of Assignments for the following extra-curricular coach/advisors for the 2024-2025 School Year: Travis Ostby, Junior High Wrestling Coach step 5, Rebecca Hedstrom, Fall Cheerleading Coach step 1, Rebecca Hedstrom, Winter Cheerleading Coach step 1;
4. Notice of Assignment with Andria Bristow, District Assessment Coordinator for the 2024-2025 School Year;
5. Work Assignment for Sarah Lusti, Full-Time Executive Assistant District Secretary, per Executive Assistant District Secretary Employee Handbook;
6. Notice of long-term substitute assignment for Kimberly Makela, per EMM Master Agreement, for the period beginning October 7th and continuing as needed, ending no later than November 29th, 2024. Seconded by David Treinen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Andrea Haverinen to approve the November 4, 2024, Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Jason Kjos, Superintendent, discussed the pairing and sharing meeting that was held on November 6, 2024.

Strategic plan overview and progress report presented by Michelle Koch, High School Principal, Lisa Parrish, Elementary School Principal and Jason Kjos, Superintendent.

Break at 7:48 p.m.

Reconvened meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Katie Howard to approve the first reading of Policy 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies as presented. Seconded by Cherie Peterson and carried unanimously.

The following resolution was introduced by member Katie Howard;
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 821, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 5, 2024, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 5,152 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Julia Kicker	1,342
Sara Makela	1,280
Cherie Peterson	930
Helen Lehto	770
Dennis Anderson	588
Write-In	242

3. Julia A. Kicker, Sara Makela and Cherie Peterson, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2025.

4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part. (Attach Abstract and Return of Votes Cast)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member David Treinen.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Katie Howard, David Treinen, Cherie Peterson, Julia Kicker and Andrea Haverinen.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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: Pumpkin Party Donations from: Coborns, Menahga First Responders, Viking Coca-Cola, KLN Family Brands, Astera Health, Jan's Hair Affair, Shell Gas Station, Gateway Lions Club, Sunnybrook Auto Sales, Todd Wadena, West Central Communications, Community First Bank, Glistner Excavating, Common Spirit, Tru-Built Industries, Menahga VFW, A1A Sandblast, VFW Auxiliary Post, K&K Auto, Lamb Weston, Citizens National Bank, Senior Citizens Center, Kenmark Screen Printing, Wolf Lake Wolf Pack, Tracey Treinen, Wevley Funeral Home, Jones Pearson Funeral Home, and Jessi Wattenhofer; \$1,835.00 from Cloud N9ne Club Incorporated to the Menahga Band Program. Resolution seconded by Julia Kicker

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows: voting aye: David Treinen, Cherie Peterson, Julia Kicker, Andrea Haverinen and Katie Howard. Whereupon, said resolution was declared duly adopted.

Motion by Cherie Peterson to accept, with gratitude, the following grant(s): Innovative Schools Project Grant processed by the Menahga Education Foundation in the amount of \$5000.00. Seconded by David Treinen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Julia Kicker to adjourn the November 12, 2024 special meeting of the Menahga Public School board at 8:14 p.m. Seconded by Katie Howard and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Katie Howard, School District Clerk