

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Menahga Public School District No. 821

Monday, January 26, 2026, 6:30 PM, HS Media Center

The January 26, 2026 regular meeting of the Menahga Public School board called to order by Chair Howard at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission and Vision Statement.

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

Not present: Cherie Peterson.

Motion by Julia Kicker to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Andrea Haverinen and carried unanimously.

Randy Thompson shared on the paid internship program.

Motion by Andrea Haverinen to remove the following from the consent agenda: #1 January 5, 2026 organizational meeting minutes; Seconded by David Treinen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Julia Kicker to approve the following consent items:

1. December 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes; December 17, 2025 paraprofessional negotiation meeting minutes; January 5, 2026 paraprofessional negotiation meeting minutes; January 5, 2026 board work session minutes;
2. Activity fund and monthly claims in the amount of \$5,484,486.43
3. Notice of assignments for the following extra-curricular coaches/advisors for the 2025-2026 school year: Kris Koll, Head Baseball Coach step 4; Brandon Kupfer, Assistant Baseball Coach step 2; Isaiah Usher, Assistant Baseball Coach step 1; Chris Davis, Assistant Baseball Coach step 2; Randy Thompson, Junior High Baseball Coach step 10; Dan Gaughan, Junior High Baseball Coach step 2;
4. Notice of additional contract with Kristi Lundsten, per EMM Master Agreement;
5. Notice of long-term Substitute Assignment with Addison Lindow, per EMM Master Agreement, for the period beginning February 2026;
6. Notice of assignment with Chris Davis, bus garage maintenance, per paid intern program;
7. Notice of assignment with Austin Stein-Schmitz, custodian, per paid intern program;
8. Notice of assignment with Lori Alajoki, full-time bus driver, per Transportation Handbook, beginning January 1, 2026; Seconded by Sara Makela and carried unanimously.

Motion by Andrea Haverinen to correct the January 5, 2026 organizational meeting minutes. Seconded by Sara Makela and carried unanimously.

Motion by Julia Kicker to approve the Kenmark invoice in the amount of \$742.00 as presented. Seconded by Andrea Haverinen and carried 4-0-1 with David Treinen abstaining.

Motion by Andrea Haverinen to approve the Kimball Midwest invoices in the amount of \$194.16 as presented. Seconded by Sara Makela and carried 4-0-1 with David Treinen abstaining.

Motion by David Treinen to accept the letter of resignation from Lisa Folken, Paraprofessional with Menahga Public Schools, effective January 26, 2026. We thank Lisa for her dedicated service to the students of our school. Seconded by Andrea Haverinen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Sara Makela to accept the letter of resignation from Cory Kappahn, Junior High Football Coach with Menahga Public Schools, effective January 20, 2026. We thank Cory for his 4 years of dedicated service to the students of our school. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Motion by Julia Kicker to accept the letter of resignation from Kevin Sommers, Head Football Coach with Menahga Public Schools, effective January 15, 2026. We thank Kevin for his 12 years of dedicated service to the students of our school. Seconded by Sara Makela and carried unanimously.

Motion by Sara Makela to accept the letter of resignation from Brian Carlson, Head Softball Coach with Menahga Public Schools, effective December 31, 2025. We thank Brian for his 10 years of dedicated service to the students of our school. Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

The following resolution was introduced by Andrea Haverinen

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: \$2,700 check from Menahga Education Foundation dispersed as follows: \$1,500 to the High School Music Department, \$1,200 to the High School Art Department;

Resolution seconded by Julia Kicker.

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

voting aye: Sara Makela, Julia Kicker, Katie Howard, Andrea Haverinen, and David Treinen

voting nay: none

absent: Cherie Peterson

Whereupon, said resolution was declared duly adopted.

Motion by David Treinen to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations as presented. Seconded by Andrea Haverinen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Sara Makela to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy as presented. Seconded by Andrea Haverinen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Katie Howard to accept the summative statement as amended.
Seconded by Julia Kicker and carried unanimously.

Motion by Julia Kicker to adjourn the January 26, 2026 regular meeting of the Menahga Public School board at 7:23 p.m. Seconded by Sara Makela and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,