

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

Monday, April 20, 2026, 6:30 PM, HS Media Center

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The April 20, 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, Cherie Peterson, Sara Makela, and David Treinen.

Others present: Business Manager Dana Kennedy, Assistant Principal John Hedstrom and Superintendent Jay Kjos.

MOTION BY Julia Kicker SECONDED BY David Treinen VOTE carried unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

Logan Gerdes shared on the Piano Lab.

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY Julia Kicker VOTE carried unanimously to approve the following consent items as amended:

1. March 16, 2026 regular meeting minutes; March 25, 2026 paraprofessional negotiation minutes; April 13, 2026 policy committee minutes; April 13, 2026 board retreat minutes;

2. Activity fund and monthly claims in the amount of \$471,510.22

3. Consider Staffing:

3.1 Assistant Golf Coach, Alayna Day, step 1;

3.2 Junior High Softball Coach, Sara Kinyoun, step 1;

3.3 Volunteer Golf Coach, Anthony Wurdock;

3.4 Volunteer Golf Coach, Andreas Aho;

3.5 Volunteer Track Coach, Stephen Schreiber;

3.6 Head Football Coach, Logan Torma, step 1;

3.7 Head Volleyball Coach, Tori Komulainen, step 2;

3.8 Head Cross Country Coach, Ed Heltunen, step 4;

3.9 Head Cross Country Coach, Nick Jasmer, step 10;

3.10 Summer Rec Director, Cody Pulju;

3.11 Elementary Teacher Contract for Adam Justin, MA Step 9;

3.12 Technology Integrationist Contract for Katie Steiner;

4. (MOU)Transportation and Cost Sharing Agreement;

5. West Central E-Rate Quotes;

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY Cherie Peterson VOTE 5-0-1 with David Treinen abstaining to approve the Kenmark invoice in the amount of \$656.00 as presented.

MOTION BY Julia Kicker SECONDED BY Andrea Haverinen VOTE carried unanimously to approve the FY27 High Level Budget Overview as presented.

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY Katie Howard VOTE carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Lisa Parrish, Elementary Principal with Menahga Public Schools, effective June 30, 2026. We thank Lisa for her 3 years of dedicated service to the students of our school.

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY Cherie Peterson VOTE carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Danielle Blomberg, Elementary Teacher with Menahga Public Schools, effective June 30, 2026. We thank Danielle for her 2 years of dedicated service to the students of our school.

MOTION BY David Treinen SECONDED BY Andre Haverinen VOTE carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Mindy Kyllonen, Paraprofessional with Menahga Public Schools, effective March 31, 2026. We thank Mindy for her 6 years of dedicated service to the students of our school.

MOTION BY Cherie Peterson SECONDED BY Julia Kicker VOTE carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Jesse Bucholz, Elementary Teacher with Menahga Public Schools, effective March 24, 2026.

**The following resolution was introduced by Cherie Peterson**

**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.*";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Menahga Public School Dist 821 gratefully accept the following donations as identified below: \$100 from Barbara Burkman and \$500 from Karen Schmidt, to the Menahga Special Olympics Program.

**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, David Treinen, and Cherie Peterson

voting nay: none

absent: none

Whereupon, said resolution was declared duly adopted.

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY Cherie Peterson VOTE carried unanimously to accept, with gratitude, the following grant; \$5,000 from Headwaters Regional Development Commission awarded to the School Nutrition Program.

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY Cherie Peterson VOTE carried unanimously to approve the Menahga Student School Board Representative Expectations as amended.

MOTION BY Julia Kicker SECONDED BY Sara Makela VOTE carried unanimously to approve the second reading and adoption of Policies 712 Video Recording other than on Buses and 722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests as presented.

MOTION BY Andrea Haverinen SECONDED BY David Treinen VOTE carried unanimously to approve the first reading of Policy 701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget as presented.

MOTION BY Cherie Peterson SECONDED BY Sara Makela VOTE carried unanimously to approve the review and adoption of Policy 701.1 Modification of School District Budget as presented.

MOTION BY David Treinen SECONDED BY Cherie Peterson VOTE carried unanimously to wave the first reading and approve the adoption of Policies 702 Accounting and 703 Annual Audit as presented.

MOTION BY Sara Makela SECONDED BY Cherie Peterson VOTE carried unanimously to adjourn the April 20, 2026 regular meeting of the Menahga Public School board at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,