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Odyssey Academy of Virtual Learning Principals Approved

Ripon, WI – The Ripon Area School District announced Vince Propson and Samantha Behnke were unanimously approved by the Odyssey Governance Council and then Ripon’s Board of Education to serve as principals of Odyssey Academy of Virtual Learning. The two candidates are recommended following two days of interviews with two selection teams. The Odyssey Governance Council approved the two candidates on July 25, 2024, with the Ripon School Board approving the candidates on July 29, 2024.

Mr. Propson is the current Ripon High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, he will remain in both positions at 70% of his contract with 30% as Odyssey high school principal. This creates a 30% athletic director position that will be posted and filled. At the August meeting, the School Board will be asked to approve an assistant athletic director job description so that the 30% position will remain under the direction of Mr. Propson who will remain as the Athletic Director.

Mrs. Behnke will serve Odyssey as the elementary and middle school principal at 70% with the remaining 30% of her contract she will provide interventionist support at the high school and/or middle school working to relieve teacher overloads where possible, especially in terms of supporting alternative programs for students.

“Mr. Propson and Mrs. Behnke both have reputations as outstanding educators and are prepared to lead Odyssey Academy of Virtual Learning to even greater success,” stated Superintendent Whitrock. “All families will have an opportunity to meet the new principals through

a series of back-to-school events including orientation meetings and the annual in-person Odyssey Family Picnic held the last week of August in Ripon at the shelter house in Barlow Park.”

Any comments or questions, please contact Dr. Mary Whitrock at (920) 748-4600.

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