

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
July 27, 2016 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Jen Seliger at 5:30 PM in the Central Office Board Room.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Eric Geiss, Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, John Shull and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Linda Yingling. Others Present: Tammy Woller, Recorder.

The Board reviewed the process of the board candidate interviews. It was the consensus to have outgoing board member, John Shull, read all of the questions.

The criminal background check had not been completed to date by Kyle Carnes, and therefore according to policy, could not be granted an interview. It was the consensus of the Board to grant the phone interview to Carnes.

Interviews began at 5:40 p.m. with Kyle Carnes by phone conference. When it was explained to Carnes that since the background had not been completed in a timely manner, that they could not appoint him this evening, he declined the interview.

Jon Smith interviewed at 5:45 p.m. (with a 5 minute recess in between at 6:17 p.m.); followed by Maria Volpe at 6:22 p.m. (2 minute recess in between); and, Chuck Bolder at 6:42 p.m. Interviews ended at 6:54 p.m. The Board deliberated, discussed the candidates and then conducted the vote. The tally of the votes were counted by Woller and were as follows: Jon Smith, 3; Maria Volpe, 3; and, Chuck Bolder, 1. Because a majority of votes had not been received by a single candidate, the top two, Jon Smith and Maria Volpe, were put to vote again. The tally of the votes were counted by Woller and were as follows: Jon Smith, 3; and, Maria Volpe, 4. Maria Volpe received the majority of votes and was appointed the new board member.

Newly appointed board member, Maria Volpe, was sworn in and took the official oath of office.

The Board recognized and accepted John Shull's resignation and the resignation became effective.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Blake to suspend all policies on vacancy for the purpose of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The tally of the votes were counted for the second vacancy and were as follows: Jon Smith, 6; and, Chuck Bolder, 0, with Volpe abstaining from the vote. Jon Smith received the majority of votes and was appointed the new board member.

Newly appointed board member, Jon Smith, was sworn in and took the official oath of office.

Board President Seliger opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Blake nominated Eric Geiss for Vice-President, seconded by Ashbeck. President Seliger called for additional nominations for Vice President. Ratliff nominated Kevin Blake for Vice-President, in which Blake declined. President Seliger called a third time for additional nominations for Vice President. Hearing none, there was a MOTION by Proulx, second by Ashbeck to cast an unanimous ballot for Eric Geiss for Vice President. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. Board Vice President for the remainder of the 2016-2017 term is Eric Geiss.

President Seliger opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Geiss nominated Nubs Ashbeck for Treasurer, seconded by Proulx. President Seliger called for additional nominations for Treasurer. Ratliff nominated Jeremy Ratliff for Treasurer, seconded by Geiss. President Seliger called a third time for additional nominations for Treasurer. The vote was conducted by paper ballot. Votes were counted by Tammy Woller. Ashbeck received 5 votes; and, Ratliff received 3 votes. Board Treasurer for the remainder of the 2016-2017 term is Nubs Ashbeck.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Kevin Blake 8-17-2016
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder