

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 17, 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 Smith, Maria Volpek and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Linda Yingling. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Doug Coddington, Elementary Principal; 2 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

There were administrative reports shared with the Board including: the Director of Curriculum & Instruction; monthly budget; technology; and, the superintendent's report, which included monthly activities, Studer leadership; community conversation event and the welcome back MSI day.

There were committee updates shared with the Board including Finance-Human Resources Committee, Facilities Committee, Jay Stadium and CESA 9 Board of Control.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to approve the use of Fund Balance in the amount of \$180,000 towards the renovation of Jay Stadium. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to approve the budget as presented in the budget adoption document. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Volpe to approve sending the 66.30 Reading Recovery agreements and invoices to the consortium members. Motion carried unanimously.

President Seliger asked if anyone wanted to pull anything from the consent agenda, hearing none, she called for a motion.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Blake to approve consent agenda items a through e, which included: the following policies as second readings: 9211.01 Athletic Concession Stands; 0152 Officers; 0164.2 Special Meetings; 0166 Agenda; 0167.1 Voting; 0167.2 Closed Session; 0167.5 Use of Electronic Mail; 0167.6 Email Public Records; 1210 Board District Administrator Relationship; 2411 School Counseling; 2416.01 Parental Police Access to Instruction Material Center Information; 2421 Career and Technical Education Program; 2451 Alternative Education Programs; 2460 Exceptional Education Needs; 3120 Employment of Professional Staff; 3210 Staff Ethics; 4310 Freedom of Speech in Non School Settings; 5320 Immunizations; 5350 Student Suicide; 5463 Credits from Nonpublic Schools; 5772 Weapons; and, 8330 Student Records; minutes of the July 20 and 27, 2016 and August 4, 2016 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,624,049.59; the personnel report, which includes the transfers of Mark Seaman to Middle School Associate Principal, effective August 1, 2016; Nathan Grams to PRMS Math Teacher; Christine Schmelling to PRMS Math/Science Teacher; and, Linda Burkam to Washington Special Education Aide; the hiring's of Kasie Holt, High School Counselor,

effective August 23, 2016; Emily Gonzales, BVA 0.5 FTE English Teacher, effective August 23, 2016; Jane Schoepke, PRMS Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2016; Lynn Curry, PRMS Instrumental Music Teacher, effective August 23, 2016; Kim Franzen-Hoff, PRMS Social Studies/Literature Teacher, effective August 23, 2016; Chryis Fritcher, PRMS Lunchroom Aide, effective August 30, 2016; Mary Frisch, Washington Special Education Aide, effective August 30, 2016; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services, effective August 22, 2016; David Owen, MHS Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2016; Amy Owen, Kate Goodrich Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2016; Coramarie Marinan, 0.75 BVA Elementary Teacher, effective August 23, 2016; and, Jered Severt, PRMS Math Teacher, effective August 23, 2016; the resignations of Jason Stromberg, effective June 9, 2016; Lisa Mussell, effective August 4, 2016; Emily Grams, effective June 9, 2016; Rebecca Jablonski, effective June 9, 2016; Jaime Rannow, effective June 9, 2016; Julie Gryskiewicz, effective June 9, 2016; Polly Lamontagne, effective June 9, 2016; and, Kristin Stetzer, effective June 9, 2016; and, the following donations: for the Jay Stadium renovation project: funds from Eugene & Gloria Bondioli; Joe & Tony Bondioli, Gary & Chris Bondioli; Alan Bondioli; Lori & Joe Duginski; Amy & John Marthaler; Beth & Les Stevenson; Dan Sullivan & Barb; and an anonymous donor valued at \$1,000.00 (last month was mistakenly reported as \$100.00); funds from Park City Credit Union valued at \$100.00 (last month was mistakenly reported as \$1,000.00); funds from Todd King valued at \$200.00; funds from Dave Mielke valued at \$100.00; funds from Bruce Muschinske valued at \$100.00; funds from John & Linda Huss valued at \$50.00; a granite from Richard Ament valued at \$1,000.00; funds from Robert & Carolyn Gustin valued at \$20.00; funds from Robert & Karen Akey valued at \$50.00; funds from Mike & Tammy Thistle valued at \$100.00; funds from Thomas Hanson valued at \$500.00; funds from the George Kress Foundation valued at \$1,000.00; funds from Gary Bondioli valued at \$100.00; funds from Fred & Tracy Krueger valued at \$235.00; funds from Gerald & Kim Engel valued at \$45.00; Funds from John & Barb Wais valued at 40.00; funds from Michael Klune valued at \$40.00; funds from Glen & Sherry Schuelke valued at \$40.00; funds from Connie Fryman valued at \$40.00; funds from Linda & Michael Zentner valued at \$40.00; funds from Tim & Sandra Moser valued at \$40.00; funds from Scott & Kaye Annis valued at \$40.00; funds from Karen Mootz valued at \$40.00; funds from Tami Schult valued at \$40.00; funds from Randall Porath valued at \$40.00; funds from Joel & Julie Leist valued at \$40.00; funds from Lori Radke valued at \$40.00; funds from Rick Swan valued at \$40.00; funds from Ann Engelstad valued at \$40.00; funds from Todd & Renea Frederick valued at \$40.00; funds from Julie Sjuggerud valued at \$40.00; funds from Sandra Sunn valued at \$40.00; funds from Merrill Savings & Loan valued at \$1,000.00; funds from Theresa Grund valued at \$40.00; the following donations for the Jay Stadium Renovation Project in memory of Lee Wardall: funds from Daren Catlin valued at \$25.00; funds from Robert McConnell valued at \$50.00; funds from Chase Nelson valued at \$50.00; funds from Shawn Schultz valued at \$70.00; and, school supplies and cash for supplies from Interflex Group valued at \$130.00 for helping students in need in the Merrill Area Public School District. Motion carried unanimously with Geiss, Ratliff, Smith and Volpe abstaining from the July 20, 2016 minutes; and, Volpe abstaining from the August 4, 2016 minutes.

For school activities attended, Proulx walked Jay Stadium and noted it's amazing how fast it is moving along.

For future meetings from board members, Proulx asked that there be a tour of the facilities for this group; and, Geiss would like an update from Rick Bonnell and Shannon Murray on the groups that wanted to be recognized through the athletic department.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. at WJMT Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday - September 7, 2016 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday - September 7, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday – September 21, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

President Seliger announced an executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sections 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; specifically, the Board will consider and discuss compensation of an administrator. The Board will also consider adjourning into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(f) and (g) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations and to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation in which the District is or is likely to become involved; specifically, the Board will consider and discuss strategy and potential resolution of an open meeting complaint filed against the District in July 2016. MOTION by Geiss, second by Proulx to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

6:11 p.m. – 4 minute break

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder