

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Long Range Financial/Referendum Planning Meeting
March 29, 2017 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Jen Seliger at 5:32 PM in the Merrill High School Library.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Eric Geiss, Jeremy Ratliff, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Jon Smith and Paul Proulx. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Karen Baker, Director of Pupil Services/Special Education; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology Integration; Dale Bergman, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor; Joan Krohn, Director of 4K/Early Childhood/Head Start; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Brad Potter, High School Associate Principal; Ryan Martinovici, Middle School Principal; Mark Seaman, Middle School Associate Principal; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; Eric Becker, Elementary Principal; Doug Coddington, Elementary Principal; Dawn Nonn, Elementary Teaching Principal; Laurie Jacoby; Renea Frederick; Bryan Plautz; Mike Ravn; Eugene Bondioli; John Greenwood; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

There was an update from Dr. John Sample and Brian Dasher in regards to the progress made since the last meeting: worked with Bill Foster from School Perceptions to begin to develop a rough draft of the survey; met with Michele Wiberg from PMA to discuss the referendum process, and timing of the election; costed out projected mill rate impacts of various referendum amounts; developed RFQ's to architects, construction managers and performance contractors for assistance in long-range facilities planning; begun developing potential elementary configuration scenarios for potential consolidation and/or other cost savings; and, developed a preliminary list of programmatic and facilities enhancements that could potentially be part of a referendum.

Smith here at 5:45 p.m.

The committee discussed timelines for the referendum, Dasher noting that February would be the preference between November 2017, February 2018 and April 2018. Bill Foster and Michele Wiberg felt comfortable with a February election as well.

Dr. Sample stated that ideally they would like the survey developed by July for feedback from the key stakeholders.

Smith left the meeting from 6:57-6:59 p.m.

Yingling left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled in May with Bill Foster and Michele Wiberg present.

MOTION by Eric Geiss, second by Nubs Ashbeck to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.



Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder