

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 6, 2017 – 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, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Jeremy Ratliff. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology Integration; Karen Baker, Director of Pupil Services & Special Education; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Ryan Martinovici, Middle School Principal; Mark Seaman, Middle School Associate Principal; Jill Seaman, Head Start/4K/Early Childhood Director; John Hagemeister, BVA Administrator; Dr. Dawn Nonn, Elementary Teaching Principal; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; Glenda Oginski, Elementary Principal; Heather Skutak, Elementary Principal; student representatives Rachel Rell and Abe Akey; approximately 20 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments to the Board.

During recognition, new staff member were recognized and asked to introduce themselves to the Board. Staff members that were present were: Hannah Froberg, Bethany Prazuch, Dan Smith, Olivia Dachel, Catherine Demmon, Jessica Herbison, Aaron Svcek, Heather Kahr, Kathy Skomars, Breanne Semling, Jenny Bonnell, Glenda Oginski and Heather Skutak.

Rachel Rell and Abe Akey, Student Board of Education Representatives, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including: fall sports starting; Link Crew helped out freshmen; iPad deployment went well; students adapting to new schedule well; smooth first day; study spaces; upcoming Homecoming is September 18-23: Monday is the Powderpuff; daily dress up days; Friday is the assembly and bonfire; and, Saturday is the parade, game and dance.

There were administrative reports shared with the Board including beginning of the year activities; education acronyms and special education terms; human resources update; monthly budget update; district scorecards; technology update; and, the superintendent's report.

The Board discussed the Resolution Opposing Anti-Local Control School Referendum Restriction Bills and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

The Board discussed the Resolution in Support of the Wisconsin Voucher Transparency Bill and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

Smith left the meeting from 6:28-6:29 p.m.

There was a presentation on the Akita Box, this item will be added to the October agenda for possible action.

There was an update on Academic and Career Planning, this item will be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

The Board discussed the resolution authorizing annual temporary borrowing, this item will be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

The Board discussed the Teacher Comp Plan and removing the distinguished stipend and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed facility use fees and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the addition of a part-time custodian and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

The Board discussed waiving the liquidated damages of two former district employees and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

Geiss left the meeting from 8:06-8:08 p.m.

The Board discussed a Bridges Virtual Academy teacher staff increase and new position and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the creation of an athletic ledger.

The Board discussed the addition of an AV Media support position and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed claims and vouchers and receipts/cash reconciliation/treasurer's report and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed a referendum survey review and will take action on finalizing the survey at the September 14, 2017 Long Range Financial/Referendum Meeting.

8:33 p.m. Akey and Rell were dismissed from the meeting.

8:33 p.m. – 11 minute break.

New Policy 6605 Crowdfunding; new Policy 7540.07 District-Issued Student E-mail Account; and, new Policy 8305 Information Security will be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting as a first reading.

The Board is not taking newly proposed Policy 8300 Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan.

Bylaw 0100 Definitions; Bylaw 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies; Bylaw 0144.1 Compensation; Bylaw 0164.2 Special Meetings; Bylaw 0166 Agenda; Policy 2260 Non-discrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity; Policy 2261.01 Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs; Policy 2411 School Counseling and Academic and Career; Policy 2431 Interscholastic Athletics; Policy 3430.01 Family & Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA); Policy 4430.01 Family & Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA); Policy 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students; Policy 5136 Wireless Communication Devices; Policy 5310.01 Emergency

Nursing Services; Policy 5421 Grading; Policy 5540 The Schools and Governmental Agencies; Policy 5771 Search and Seizure; Policy 5830 Student Fundraising; Policy 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; Policy 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; Policy 8146 Notification of Educational Options; Policy 8310 Public Records; Policy 8320 Personnel Records; Policy 8320.01 Unauthorized Acquisition of Staff Personal Information; Policy 8330 Student Records; Policy 8500 Food Services; and, Policy 9700 Relations with Non-School Affiliated Groups will all be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting as second readings.

The Board will not be revising Policy 3122.01 Drug-Free Workplace; Policy 4122.01 Drug-Free Workplace; and, Policy 8510 Wellness; but will instead keep our current policies in place.

The Board tabled Policy 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care; Policy 5517 Student Anti-Harassment; and, Policy 5610 Suspension and Expulsion until the October meeting.

There was an update regarding community conversation outcomes.

A Board decision financial impact summary was shared.

Future Meetings

- Community Conversation Follow Up Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Merrill High School Library
- Long Range Financial/Referendum Planning Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Merrill High School Library
- Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing: Monday, September 18, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Merrill High School Auditorium
- Health Insurance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

MOTION by Geiss, second by Proulx to adjourn at 10:19 p.m.

Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder