

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 11, 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, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Linda Yingling and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Maria Volpe. 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; Jill Seaman, Head Start/4K/Early Childhood Director; John Hagemeister, BVA Administrator; Dr. Dawn Nonn, Elementary Teaching Principal; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; John Miller, Activities Director; student representatives Rachel Rell and Abe Akey; approximately 18 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Volpe arrived at 5:31 p.m.

During public comments, Nubs Ashbeck spoke about the Honor Flight pens.

The following were recognized during recognition: Allie Libby and her Bluejay Nest crew for the fill-a-backpack program they started this year. Because of their efforts, roughly 30 MHS students arrived to school on the first day with a backpack full of school supplies waiting for them in their locker. (Proulx left the meeting from 5:33-5:34 p.m.) Also recognized were Sandi Rusch, Stacy Fuehrer and Dee VanDerGeest for securing a \$2,000 Youth Literacy Grant through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Rachel Rell and Abe Akey, Student Board of Education Representatives, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including: Homecoming; Powderpuff; dress up days; German foreign exchange students; last home football game was last Friday night, was senior night; the National Honor Society induction is coming up on October 26 and all Board members and superintendent were invited; choir concert coming up on Monday; the fall play is the first week in November; and, first quarter is coming to an end.

There were administrative reports shared with the Board including a technology update; information and progress with Educator Effectiveness and PLCs; a summer school report (Ratliff left the meeting from 5:51-5:53 p.m.); PRSYL monthly update; Third Friday enrollment; zones of regulation professional development opportunity; MAPS standardized testing data; parent satisfaction survey report; human resources update; monthly budget update; quarterly out-of-state travel report; quarterly summary of purchases between \$5,000-\$9,999; referendum planning update; and, the superintendent's report.

There was an update from the Health Insurance Committee.

There was a presentation on the Akita Box, this item will be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

Policy 2205 Head Start Impasse Policy will be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting as a second reading and a separate agenda item.

Policy 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care was tabled until the November meeting.

Policy 5517 Student Anti-Harassment and revised Policy 5610 Suspension and Expulsion will be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting as a second reading on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the 2018-2019 budget development timeline.

The Board discussed the 2017-2018 budget update and levy certification, this item will be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting for action.

There was a NEXUS presentation on Act 32 Law and potential need for levy through energy credit and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

Volpe left the meeting from 8:01-8:04 p.m.

The Board discussed the Daktronics Scoreboard and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

Yingling left the meeting from 8:19-8:21 p.m.

The Board discussed additional hours for a Maple Grove Aide and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

There was a Head Start Training for the Board of Education.

There was a Conscious Discipline Training for the Board of Education.

The Board discussed employee health insurance premium contributions and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

The Board discussed snowplowing removal and hauling bids for the MHS parking lot 2017-2018 and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed reclassifying the PRSYL, MADA, NAC custodial position and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed a business plan for the Merrill School Forest and using it for outside district instructional use.

The Board discussed purchasing a tractor at the School Forest and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the creation of an activities ledger.

The Board discussed the hiring communication/marketing assistance for the referendum and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed an amendment to the Maple Grove Charter School contract 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.

There was an update regarding community conversation outcomes.

The Board decision financial impact summary was shared.

Future Meetings

- Health Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. in the MHS Career Center
- MAPS Referendum Information Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the MHS LGI Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

President Seliger called for MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; (f) considering 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, 118.125 for the purpose of considering student Youth Options applications that may involve discussions of confidential student records, and to discuss other matters involving student records and personal histories that, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputations of the persons discussed. The purpose of closed session is to discuss Youth Options applications; and, to discuss the superintendent's evaluation. MOTION by Geiss, second by Proulx to adjourn into executive (closed) session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Blake to adjourn at 9:58 p.m.



Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder