

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 25, 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, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: None. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent, eight members of the staff and public and Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to waive the first reading and approve Policy 2205 Head Start Impasse Policy as a second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ratliff to authorize NEXUS Solutions to gather information and develop an enhanced project list to be added to our existing Act 32 contract in which specific projects will be authorized at a future board meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION by Smith, second by Blake to approve the lease to purchase the Daktronics scoreboards following Option 2, pending written commitments of revenue as presented, in which the revenue generated from sponsors cover the cost of this purchase, less \$1300 annually provided by the District. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to return the original employee contributions based on the motion passed at the April 19th board meeting to restore the original premium retroactive to July 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to certify the 2017-2018 levy at \$10,671,222 and utilize the energy projects exemption in the amount of \$574,000. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Geiss to approve 29 Youth Options courses as presented in closed session on October 11, 2017. 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 Ratliff, second by Proulx to approve consent agenda items a through I, which includes approval to purchase the AKITA Box software; approve the additional hours for the Maple Grove aide; approval of SGS Environmental for the plowing of snow as per the contract for the 2017-2018 school year and to use Peterson Sand and Gravel for any pick up plowing and removal and hauling of snow during the winter season 2017-2018; reclassify the custodian position at MADA, NAC, PRSYL, and Jefferson Lunch to Grade 12 - Custodian 4; accept the donation from the Friends of the Forest and purchase a new tractor; approve the proposal from Jill Huskisson to provide communication consulting services during the referendum process;

approve the amendment to the Maple Grove Charter School contract as presented; second readings of the policies presented; minutes of the September 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and the October 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$6,672,509.71; the personnel report; and donations totaling \$4,503.05. Motion carried unanimously with Proulx, Volpe and Yingling abstaining from the September 27, 2017 minutes.

For future meetings, Volpe asked to have some kind of accounting as to what the booster clubs pay for versus what the athletic budget allows for. Volpe also wanted this for PTO organizations.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. at WJMT Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Health Insurance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. in the MHS Career Center
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

Seliger called for a 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. The purpose of closed session is to discuss the superintendent's performance evaluation. MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

5:54 p.m. - 8 minute break.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.



Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder