

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
November 1, 2017 – Minutes**

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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, Jon Smith, Linda Yingling and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Maria Volpe, Paul Proulx, Eric Geiss and Jeremy Ratliff. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; 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; Glenda Oginski, Elementary Principal; Heather Skutak, Elementary Principal; Dr. Dawn Nonn, Elementary Teaching Principal; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; student representatives Rachel Rell and Abe Akey; 9 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During public comments, Chris Marlowe commented on proposed budget cuts. Geiss here at 5:31 p.m.

The following were recognized during recognition: Sue Pillai and Jenny Radtke for creating "The Well" for our elementary schools. These women have asked their congregation to help students in need. They have brought in extra clothes, school supplies, toiletries and food for students at our school. Their thoughtfulness is very much appreciated!

Rachel Rell and Abe Akey, Student Board of Education Representatives, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including: Mole Day last Monday; NHS Induction; volleyball moving on to State; Halloween costume contest; assembly tomorrow to send off the volleyball team; Fall Play is this Thursday-Saturday; end of 1st quarter is Friday and there is no school on Monday.

There were administrative reports shared with the Board including a Personalized Learning update; MAP Cohort Board Report Fall 2017; Summer School report update; PRSYL monthly update; sensory integration information; technology update; human resources update; monthly budget update; referendum planning update; and, the superintendent's report.

Policy 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care will be forwarded to the next Regular Board Meeting as a second reading.

The Board discussed the community 4K contracts and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

Ashbeck left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

The Board discussed the Head Start Annual Report and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the ERSEA Code of Conduct addendum and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the Head Start attendance procedures and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

Ashbeck returned at 6:14 p.m.

The Board discussed the Head Start Community Assessment Point System and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the Act 32 contract extension with Nexus Solutions and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

Volpe here at 6:39 p.m.

The Board discussed the Kid's Kingdom lease renewal and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the 2018-2019 budget forecast and assumptions.

The Board discussed the preliminary list of budget reconciliation strategies in the event of a failed referendum.

The Board discussed new Policy 5451.01 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting waiving the first reading and forwarding as a second reading on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed new Policy 8800 Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observance and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a second reading 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

- School Forest Advisory Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. at the School Forest
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Long Range Financial/Referendum Planning Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the MHS Library

- Health Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. in the MHS Career Center
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Kevin Blake  
Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder