

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 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, Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Eric Geiss. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology Integration; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Jill Seaman, Director of Head Start/Early Childhood/4K; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Ryan Martinovici, Middle School Principal; Mark Seaman, Associate Principal; Heather Skutak, Elementary Principal; Dr. Dawn Nonn, Elementary Teaching Principal; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; student representatives Rachel Rell and Abe Akey; approximately 16 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

The following were recognized during recognition: Sue Johnson and the Reading Buddy Committee: Betty Anne Tubbin (Lincoln County Coordinator); Sue Johnson and Joni Hahn (Merrill Coordinators); Dee Taylor (Treasurer); and, Eileen Richardson (Public Relations) - for their 20 years of dedication to the Reading Buddies Program in the Merrill Area PreK settings. Robin Hein - every year the VFW accepts nominations to recognize patriotic teachers. Ms. Hein was nominated in 2016 by Mr. Becker for her patriotism and community involvement. The nominations are sent to the district office for review. Mrs. Hein took 2nd in district for patriotism in her teaching. She has been facilitating the Veteran's Day program for several years. The local VFW wanted to recognize Mrs. Hein with a plaque and check at Jefferson's Veterans Day ceremony on November 7th for her patriotism, community involvement, and continued excellence in education. Beyond Crayons and Computer Grant recipients: Pete McConnell, Paula Norman, Rich Twomey, Lisa Hass, Kelly Wallace, Amy Drew, Nancy Dewar, Christine Rasmussen, Linda DeBroux, Jane Schoepke, Jered Severt, Lynn Kurth, Kristen Novitch, Tiffany Bucheger, Lisa Handlin, Talena Bliven, Lowie Schultz, Heather Kahr, Emmalee Smith, Lynn Marrier, Jay Peterson, Sheila Kluxdal, Kacie Anatole, Amanda Goeden, Emily Grams, Steve Weix and Terri Eckes. Thank you for taking the time to write the grant applications and implementing new programs for our children!

Rachel Rell and Abe Akey, Student Board of Education Representatives, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including: the fall play; the Veterans Day Assembly; Thanksgiving Break; musical auditions; the Blood Drive (the biggest we have had); book club book drive; Peppermint this Saturday; choir concert December 18; and, Christmas break.

There were administrative reports shared with the Board including an update on after-school activities, extra-curricular and athletics; School Report Cards; PRSYL monthly update; therapy dog update; technology update; human resources update; food service participation report;

monthly budget update; update on improvements at the high school that went into effect for the 2017-2018 school year; referendum planning update; and, the superintendent's report.

The Board discussed whether or not to stay with two meetings a month and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting as a separate agenda item.

The Board discussed referendum ballot language and resolution for a April 3, 2018 referendum and will discuss at next week's Special Board Meeting with possible action.

Ratliff left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The Board discussed potential budget reconciliation strategies in the case of a failed referendum and will discuss at next week's Special Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Calendars and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the MAPS Head Start Policy Council Bylaws and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed clarification on the role of the Health Insurance Committee and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

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

The Board discussed the approval of 2017-2018 budget revisions and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the WASB Resolutions for the Delegate Assembly.

The Board discussed the creation of a student activity account for Glee Club and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed enrollment caps for charter schools and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed a timber sale at the Merrill School Forest and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed an Act 32 contract amendment with Nexus Solutions and energy exemption projects and will forward to the next Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed the personnel report 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.

There were no added items for future meetings.

The Board decision financial impact summary was shared.

Future Meetings

- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom

President Seliger called for a MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 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. The purpose of the closed session was to conduct a review of current administrative contracts and timelines and for considering recommendations of the Superintendent for continued employment/contract renewals of administrative employees. MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Yingling to adjourn into executive (closed) session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to adjourn at 9:29 p.m.



Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder