

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Special Board of Education Meeting – Organizational Meeting  
April 23, 2018 – Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Geiss at 5:30 PM in the MAPS boardroom.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Eric Geiss, Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Brett Woller, Maria Volpe and Linda Yingling. Board members absent: None. Others present were Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

Newly elected board members Jeremy Ratliff, Maria Volpe and Brett Woller recited the oath of office.

The Board reviewed board agreements and goals and made changes.

5:33-5:34 p.m. - Ratliff left the meeting.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Volpe to approve the board agreements and goals for the Board of Education for 2018-2019. AMENDMENT by Proulx, second by Yingling to delete the 2017-2018 board goals and adopt the board goals as presented by Jon Smith. Amendment carried. MOTION to delete the 2017-2018 board goals and adopt the board goals as presented by Jon Smith carried unanimously.

Dr. Sample read the ground rules for electing board officers.

Vice President Geiss opened the floor for nominations for President. Ratliff nominated Kevin Blake for President, seconded by Ashbeck.

Vice President Geiss called for additional nominations for President. Smith nominated Paul Proulx for President.

Vice President Geiss called a total of three times for additional nominations for President.

The vote was conducted by paper ballot. Votes were counted by Tammy Woller. Kevin Blake received 6 votes; and, Paul Proulx received 3 votes. **Board President for the 2018-2019 term is Kevin Blake.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Ratliff nominated Eric Geiss for Vice-President.

President Blake called a total of three times for additional nominations for Vice President. MOTION by Proulx, second by Smith to cast an unanimous ballot for Eric Geiss for Vice President. Motion carried unanimously. **Board Vice President for the 2018-2019 term is Eric Geiss.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Clerk. Smith nominated Nubs Ashbeck for Clerk.

President Blake called a total of three times for additional nominations for Clerk. MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to cast an unanimous ballot for Nubs Ashbeck for Clerk. Motion carried unanimously. **Board Clerk for the 2018-2019 term is Nubs Ashbeck.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Proulx nominated Jon Smith for Treasurer.

President Blake called a total of three times for additional nominations for Treasurer. MOTION by Geiss, second by Volpe to cast an unanimous ballot for Jon Smith for Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. **Board Treasurer for the 2018-2019 term is Jon Smith.**

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to open the discussion for monthly board meetings. (Yingling left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.). MOTION by Proulx to CALL THE QUESTION. MOTION by Proulx, second by Smith to AMEND the motion to indicate that the meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Amendment carried unanimously. Motion to hold one regular monthly board meeting on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff to appoint Nubs Ashbeck as representative to the CESA #9 Board of Control Representative. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Ratliff to appoint Brett Woller as representative to the CESA #9 Board of Control Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Ashbeck to appoint Eric Geiss as WASB Delegate. AMENDMENT by Ratliff to add Jon Smith as the Alternate Delegate. Amendment failed for lack of a second. AMENDMENT by Geiss, second by Volpe to add Kevin Blake as the Alternate Delegate. Amendment carried unanimously. Motion to appoint Eric Geiss as WASB Delegate and Kevin Blake as Alternate Delegate carried unanimously.

President Blake went over who was currently on committees and indicated that the board committee appointments would be postponed to the next board meeting to give members time to contact him or Tammy with their choice of committees.

MOTION by Blake, second by Ratliff to keep committees as is until the next Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to adjourn at 6:37 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Nubs Ashbeck  
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder