

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
May 16, 2018 – Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:30 PM in the Central Office Board Room.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Eric Geiss, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake. Board members absent: Paul Proulx 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; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Ryan Martinovici, Middle School Principal; Dr. Dawn Nonn, Elementary Principal; Glenda Oginski, Elementary Principal; Jill Seaman, Head Start/4K/Early Childhood Director; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; Student Representative Abe Akey; approximately 42 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

During recognition, the following were recognized: Students who have graduated from Boot College: Corey Graap, Anne Herdt, Gary Hoffman, Alexander Pfingsten, Drew Polak and Nathaniel Stenberg. Mark Mehlos and Kiva for building positive student relationships through his and Kiva's participation with our students throughout the district. Mrs. Carlson's 2nd grade class for working hard to spread the message of kindness and being an upstander. They are spreading the word through a song they have been practicing. The song focuses on being considerate, accepting, respectful and standing up for others. The song is catchy, fun and sang to the tune of "It's My Life" by Bon Jovi. We are excited to show the community how Jefferson students take a stand against bullying. The Hamburg and Corning Fire Departments for their continued investment in children and reading. For at least 7 years, they have volunteered their time on Friday mornings to read with each of their grade levels beginning in February. In May, they have a grand celebration that includes a pizza lunch, a bike raffle, and sweatshirts for those that meet their reading goals. Thank you: Chief Ken Gauerke, Kathy Sturm, Steve Free, Andrew Bloch, Coleton Bloch, Sarah Blaubach, Robert Giese, Amber Clark, Kyle Kudick and Katelynn Krueger. Kim Sample for securing a grant through The Meemic Foundation for the Future of Education in the amount of \$500.00 for the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports) Kate Goodrich School Store. Steve Weix for his unselfish efforts in assisting our students to attend the prom. Returning student board representative, Abe Akey, for his service this last year and his continued service next year.

New student representative, Bella Troyer, was introduced to the Board.

Abe Akey, Student Board of Education Representative, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including the Otto Bacher, Merrill took 1st place; AP testing is currently going on, will end on Friday; OnStage was on Monday, there is a lot of talent; the last day for seniors is May 23, with senior awards that night; graduation on May 25 and the last day of school on June 6.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: Educator Effectiveness; goals and aspirations of principals for next year; PRSYL monthly data; food participation report; Special Education/Pupil Services report; Human Resources report; monthly budget update; technology update; and, the Superintendent's report.

President Blake presented the Board Committee Appointments for 2018-2019.

Committee reports were shared with the Board from the Policy, Curriculum/Technology/Special Education, Facilities and Finance/HR Committees.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Geiss to approve the 2018 MAPS Head Start Code of Conduct for Contractors; the 2018 MAPS Head Start Code of Conduct for Volunteers; and, the 2018 Head Start Code of Conduct for Employees. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Yingling, second by Volpe to approve the 2018-2019 Wisconsin State Head Start Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Geiss to approve the 2018-2019 Teacher and Support Staff Handbooks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve Policy 2271 Early College Credit Program as a first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Volpe to approve the Dell quote for the CAD refresh project. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Woller to approve the HP quote for the PC refresh project. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Volpe to approve the purchase of the Skyward New Student Online Enrollment Module. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Geiss to approve the Facilities Committee recommendation of approving the replacement of the fan coil unit and exhaust fan in the PRMS Locker Rooms. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Volpe to approve the purchase of the wood boiler at the School Forest. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the purchase of the Daktronics scoreboards at Prairie River Middle School. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to approve the purchase of the digital signage at Prairie River Middle School. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Smith to eliminate the vesting period for the District matching 403(b) contributions. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Woller to approve the shift from a Targeted Assistance Title One Program into a School-wide Title One Program, effective for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to approve the resolution to maintain the 2018 Teacher Salary Compensation Plan and Schedule as presented by Jon Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Yingling, second by Geiss to approve the donation of funds from Prairie River Middle School valued at \$8,000.00 for the new digital sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Sample updated the Board on the Community Conversation outcomes.

President Blake asked if anyone wanted to pull anything from the consent agenda, hearing none, he called for a motion.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to approve consent agenda items a through e, which includes the second reading of Policy 2411 School Counseling and Career Planning; minutes of the April 17, 2018; April 18, 2018; and April 23, 2018 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$2,788,450.87; the personnel report; and donations totaling \$11,891.78. Motion carried with Volpe and Woller abstaining from the April 17, 2018 minutes; and, Woller abstaining from the April 19, 2018 minutes.

There were no items for future meetings

The Board decision financial impact summary was shared with the Board.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. at Bluejay 730 Radio Station.

#### Future Meetings

- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Maple Grove Governance Board Meeting: Monday, June 11, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. at MGCS
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

President Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85 (1)(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 open enrollment 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 person discussed. The purpose of the

closed session was to consider open enrollment applications. MOTION by Geiss, second by Volpe to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

6:33 p.m. - 5 minute break

MOTION by Geiss, second by Smith to reconvene into open session for the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to approve the 38 new students indicating open enrollment out of MAPS, denying the one application that does not meet open enrolling out of a district criteria, and also approve the 94 open enrolled students continuing to open enroll out of MAPS. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to approve the 190 new students open enrolling to MAPS, denying the four applications that do not meet open enrolling into a district criteria, and also approve the 630 open enrolled students continuing at MAPS. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Volpe to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.



Nubs Ashbeck  
Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder