

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 18, 2018 – Minutes**

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, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake. Board members absent: Paul Proulx and Brett Woller. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; three members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

During recognition, Adam Smith was recognized for securing a scholarship for \$150 for the upcoming energy education workshops through the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education (WCEE) and the Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program (KEEP).

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: quarterly out-of-state travel, summary of purchases between \$5000-\$9999, 2011 Wisconsin Act 125 Seclusion and Restraint reporting, Human Resources report, monthly budget update, technology update and the Superintendent's report.

Committee reports were shared with the Board from the Policy and Finance/HR Committees.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Volpe to approve the adoption of the Wisconsin Academic Standards for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Geiss to approve sending the 66.30 Reading Recovery agreements and invoices to the consortium members. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Smith to approve the curriculum purchases/contracted services over \$10,000 for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ratliff to approve the 2018-2019 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the extension of the three-year contract with Studer Education. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to approve the updates to the 2018-2019 Support Staff Handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed their expulsion philosophy and will work through the Policy Committee to outline pre-expulsion procedures.

The Board was informed that technical corrections were made to policy 5451.02.

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 Smith to approve consent agenda items a through d, which includes minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,603,430.01; the personnel report; and, donations totaling \$150.00. Motion carried with Volpe abstaining from the June 20, 2018 minutes.

There were no items for future meetings.

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

Radio Schedule: Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. at Bluejay 730 Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Special Board Meeting - Board/Admin Retreat: Thursday, July 19, 2018 @5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Special Board Meeting - Studer Board/Admin Retreat: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Special Board Meeting - Studer Board Retreat: Thursday, August 9, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ratliff to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.



Nubs Ashbeck
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder