

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
May 23, 2019 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:33 p.m. in the MAPS boardroom.

Board members present: Kevin Blake, Christi Stellingworth, Nubs Ashbeck, Jon Smith, Linda Yingling, Jeremy Ratliff, Paul Proulx, Maria Volpe and Brett Woller. Board members absent: none. Others present: Shannon Murray, Merrill High School Principal; Brad Potter, Merrill High School Associate Principal; Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services; and Lori Ugolini, Recorder.

President Blake announced an executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85(1) (a) deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; (b) considering discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person; (c) considering employment 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; and 118.125 for the purpose of conducting hearings on recommended student expulsions 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 persons discussed. The purpose of the closed session is the following: To conduct one (1) student expulsion hearing, deliberate, and act regarding same. To provide an update regarding the May 8, 2019, renewal of teacher contracts, and initial/preliminary consideration of personnel issues involving the performance of employees, including consideration of follow-up options. MOTION by Volpe, second by Ratliff to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Smith to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the personnel report which includes the hirings of Molly Schultz, Kate Goodrich Elementary Teacher, effective August 20, 2019; Amanda Jeffers, Kate Goodrich Elementary Teacher, effective August 20, 2019; Ashley Plisch, Jefferson Elementary Teacher, effective August 20, 2019; and, Amy Drew, Special Education Aide, effective August 27, 2019; the resignations of Sheila Kluxdal, effective June 14, 2019; Taylor Proski, effective June 14, 2019; and, Isaac Buntrock, effective August 14, 2019; and, have it noted that Christine Kimmins' resignation approved by the Board of Education on May 15, 2019 should indeed be a retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe second by Proulx to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Nubs Ashbeck
Board Clerk

Lori Ugolini
Recorder