

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Special Board of Education Meeting – Organizational Meeting  
April 27, 2020 – Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:37 PM by Google Hangout virtual meeting.

Board members present remotely: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Ron Liberty, Paul Proulx, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller and Linda Yingling. Board members absent: Jeremy Ratliff. Others present remotely were Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology; Karen Baker, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

Newly elected board members Kevin Blake, Ron Liberty and Paul Proulx recited the oath of office.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the board goals for the Board of Education for 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the revisions of Bylaw 0144.1 Compensation as a second reading and approval of. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to approve the revisions of Policy 7300 Disposition of District Property. Motion carried unanimously.

President Blake reviewed the ground rules for election of officers.

Ratliff here at 5:57 p.m.

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for President. Yingling nominated Maria Volpe for President, seconded by Brett Woller.

President Blake called for additional nominations for President. Ratliff nominated Jon Smith for President, seconded by Liberty. Jon Smith declined.

President Blake called for a third time for nominations for President. Ashbeck nominated Kevin Blake for President, seconded by Ratliff.

The vote was conducted by an anonymous Google Form. Votes were counted by Tammy Woller. Kevin Blake received 5 votes; and, Maria Volpe received 4 votes. **Board President for the 2020-2021 term is Kevin Blake.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Ashbeck nominated Maria Volpe for Vice-President, seconded by Linda Yingling.

President Blake called for additional nominations for Vice President. Ratliff nominated Linda Yingling for Vice-President. Linda Yingling declined.

President Blake called for a third time for nominations for Vice President, hearing none.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ron Liberty to cast a unanimous ballot for Maria Volpe for Vice President. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. **Board Vice President for the 2020-2021 term is Maria Volpe.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Clerk. Smith nominated Nubs Ashbeck for Clerk, seconded by Linda Yingling.

President called a total of three times for additional nominations for Clerk, hearing none.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to cast a unanimous ballot for Nubs Ashbeck for Clerk. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. **Board Clerk for the 2020-2021 term is Nubs Ashbeck.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Volpe nominated Jon Smith for Treasurer, second by Ratliff.

President Blake called a total of three times for additional nominations for Treasurer, hearing none.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to cast an unanimous ballot for Jon Smith for Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. **Board Treasurer for the 2020-2021 term is Jon Smith.**

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to hold one regular monthly board meeting on the 3rd or 4th Wednesdays of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION by Smith, second by Ratliff to appoint Kevin Blake as WASB Delegate and Nubs Ashbeck as the Alternate Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Committee appointments will be presented by President Blake at the May 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

President Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 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. The purpose of the closed session is to consider request of former support staff employee regarding personnel records. MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

6:39 p.m. - 5 minute recess to get transitioned.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Ratliff to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Ratliff to approve the agreement that was presented by Human Resources on a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Liberty to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Nubs Ashbeck  
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder