

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
August 12, 2020 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:39 PM in the Central Office Board Room and by Google Hangout virtual meeting.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Ron Liberty, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake. Board members present: Jeremy Ratliff and Brett Woller. Board members absent: None. Others present: Brian Dasher, Director of Finance and Tammy Woller, Recorder. Others present virtually: Edward Then, Director of Human Resources; Glenda Oginski, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Jill Seaman, Director of Head Start/4K/Early Childhood; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Ryan Martinovici, Middle School Principal; Mark Seaman, Middle School Associate Principal; Amy Stutzriem, Elementary Principal; Heather Skutak, Elementary Principal; and, approximately 16 members of the staff and public.

MOTION by Smith, second by Ratliff to follow the bylaws printed and follow the timeline as developed (for filling the Board vacancy). Smith CALLED THE QUESTION. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Volpe to approve the purchase of Core Knowledge Language Arts grades K-5, as a pilot, for Washington Elementary in the amount of \$39,188.00 Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Liberty to approve the purchase of 160 wireless hotspots from Verizon Wireless. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Yingling to approve the Prairie River Middle School in-person learning to be opened in half capacity on September 1st and 2nd, and full capacity on September 3rd. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the personnel report, which includes the hiring of Tina DeRaimo, Maple Grove Secretary, effective August 14, 2020; Sadie Jensen, BVA Teacher, effective as soon as possible; Jacquelyn Schaetzi, Jefferson Teacher, effective August 10, 2020; and, Kimberly Lemmon, Kate Goodrich Teacher, effective August 10, 2020; the transfer of Mary Walsh from Jefferson Elementary Teacher to BVA Teacher, effective August 10, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

President Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, 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. The purpose of the closed session is to consider an employee's request for a Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave request; and, to discuss the Superintendent's formative evaluation feedback per the evaluation process through the District Administrator Performance Evaluation System (DAPES); and, consideration including potential

action regarding follow-up associated with the evaluation process. MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

MOTION by Smith, second by Liberty to approve the FMLA leave in an intermittent status as requested by Keshia Mashak to be conducted in a remote work setting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Yingling to adjourn at 9:21 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Nubs Ashbeck
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder