

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
October 15, 2020 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction (LGI) room at the Merrill High School.

Board members present: Kevin Blake, Nubs Ashbeck, Jon Smith, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness and Brett Woller. Board members absent: Maria Volpe, Jeremy Ratliff and Linda Yingling. Others present: Ryan Martinovici, Prairie River Middle School Principal; Mark Seaman, Prairie River Middle School Associate Principal; Mark Heckendorf, Resource Officer; 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; (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 two (2) student expulsion hearings, deliberate, and act regarding the same. MOTION by Liberty, second by Smith to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried on a roll call vote (Aye: Brett Woller, Nubs Ashbeck, Jon Smith, Kevin Blake, Ron Liberty and Kendra Osness)(Nay: None) (Abstention: None).

MOTION by Smith, second by Liberty to adjourn meeting at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously



Nubs Ashbeck
Board Clerk

Lori Ugolini
Recorder