

Merrill Area Public Schools

MAPS Mission Statement: *Merrill Area Public Schools, in partnership with the Merrill Community and our families, will empower students to be lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and productive community members.*

Special Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

3:30 PM

Central Office Board Room

(1111 N Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

and

Meeting Conducted Remotely

*If a member of the public wants to participate in this meeting virtually, please contact Dale Bergman at dale.bergman@mapsedu.org or use this link to join: <https://meet.google.com/cmf-bjir-zcy?hs=122&authuser=0>

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Nubs Ashbeck, Dale Bergman, Kevin Blake, Brian Dasher, Darryl Frick, Dr. John Sample and Linda Yingling
 - A. Call to order at 3:30 by Kevin Blake, all in attendance

- II. [Approval of November 4, 2020 Facilities Committee Minutes](#)
 - A. Motion by Nubs Ashbeck
 - B. Second by Linda Yingling
 - C. Motion carried unanimously

- III. Discussion Regarding the Repurposing of the Jefferson Facility

It was asked at the November Facilities Committee to further discuss this agenda item. Please see the attached [strategic planning calendar](#).

- A. Bergman described a few options for the site such as, sale of the property, use it for a 4K, move Central Office, NAC and Maintenance to the site, close it down for future consideration, use it for professional development.
- B. Ashbeck stated the community members in the Jefferson neighborhood express concern about leaving an eyesore, and would like to see it used for something.
- C. Blake also talked about the possibility of MADA moving in as well, but to make sure we don't take the savings from the closure and use it up by repurposing the site, as was the impression of many during the PRYSL remodel.
- D. Dasher mentioned that there likely would be a balanced budget for the 21-22 SY, however that wouldn't include funds to remodel Jefferson.
- E. The committee discussed potential phasing of repurposing, move CO, then other programs to follow if it could be managed that way.
- F. Bergman mentioned that capital maintenance for the existing CO, maintenance, NAC and former Kids Kingdom building would be deferred to fund any Jefferson remodeling projects. He also stated it would be a better move to invest those funds into a structure that was newer and better constructed, than to use the

funds on facilities that are a lesser grade of construction. (Concrete structure vs. wood framed and storage building type)

- G. Yingling asked if the Cabinet has ever discussed some of these options, Dasher stated yes, but only at a low level. We could further discuss the option of a CO / NAC / Maintenance type move at cabinet and bring those notes back to committee when we get input from other directors.
- H. Dr. Sample mentioned that most of these topics are already points in the budget timeline to be discussed once we determine which staff will be in which building after the move, there's no hurry to reuse Jefferson yet, we can take our time to decide.
- I. Dasher reminded that if we do a remodel it would be a one time expense that would be offset by perpetual savings of no capital maintenance if we would raze the remaining unused buildings. Example: We would spend "X" amount of dollars up front and defer "Y" amount of funds for perpetuity. We would have to cost out some options.
- J. The committee discussed if this would be done this summer as well, Dr. Sample mentioned that we already have a big move happening, Bergman stated that so far we have about 138 rooms to move. Dr. Sample stated that we won't know where to move items yet until the resignations / renewals / etc. are vetted out in accordance with the budget timeline. Bergman suggested this may be better to do prior to the 22-23 SY or in phases during the 21-22 SY.
- K. It was discussed that the building is of ample size to even move IT and BVA to the site in the event we need to free up space at MHS since the building is already wired and set up for technology, we would have little costs adapting.
- L. Frick mentioned during the last move went well and quickly once items were boxed up and labeled.
- M. Blake asked the Cabinet discuss this option (and others) more in depth and bring back an overview of findings, with some budgets connected to them.

IV. Standing Agenda Item for Review of Safety Policies and Policy Review by Facilities Committee

Please see the attached [main index](#) for Committee review of policies.

The Committee is caught up on policy review at this time. Policies will be added as applicable for revisions.

V. Items for Next Meeting and Next Meeting Date

- A. Review of playground updates
- B. Provide an overhead view of CO / Maint. / NAC / KK buildings and how they are used now.
- C. Next meeting January 6, 2021

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Ashbeck, second by Yingling @ 4:26 p.m.