

# 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.*

## **Facilities Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**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](mailto:dale.bergman@mapsedu.org) or use this link to join: <https://meet.google.com/gry-theg-pqk?hs=122&authuser=0>

## **Minutes**

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call –

Kevin called the meeting to order at 3:33pm

Present: Nubs Ashbeck, Dale Bergman, Kevin Blake, Brian Dasher, Darryl Frick, Dr. John Sample and Linda Yingling

Guest: Karen Baker, Ron Liberty, Lisa Cichy

### II. Approval of [December 2, 2020 Facilities Committee Minutes](#)

**MOTION** by Nubs Ashbeck to approve the December 2, 2020 Facilities Committee Minutes, seconded by Linda Yingling. Motion carried unanimously.

### III. Playground Equipment

Dale Bergman asked the committee to consider the addition of playground equipment to the Middle School, to be purchased using part of next year's budget.

The committee reviewed 3 options that have been received.

The committee discussed the benefits and cost of each option as well as the age of the playground equipment within the district, installation, location, age-appropriateness and safety.

**MOTION** by Nubs Ashbeck to move to the full Board a recommendation to proceed with the purchase of Option 2 from Minnesota WI Playgrounds, seconded by Linda Yingling. Motion carried unanimously.

Dale Bergman will create a topic summary sheet for the Board that will include all options.

IV. Overhead View of Central Office/Maintenance/NAC/Kid's Kingdom Buildings and How They Are Used Now

Kevin Blake provided an overview of the discussion that took place at the last committee meeting.

Dale Bergman provided an overhead view of the buildings and informed the committee of the current usages of each area, to include storage, sanitation production equipment, NAC, and vacant areas. The NAC move has been beneficial to the students, there is more space and separation, there is a small playground that is also used.

Dale Bergman informed the committee that the buildings will be in need of major repairs soon. If moved to Jefferson these buildings would most likely be raised. He also informed the committee of a request from the HS golf program for an indoor structure with a golf simulator. The maintenance building could possibly be used for this purpose.

The committee discussed other options for golf simulators, moving lawn and yard equipment to one of the sheds that can also be relocated, moving maintenance and bus dispatch to the Jefferson building, ensuring that the district is doing what is most cost effective.

The committee discussed the wants and needs of NAC staff, including security and possible disruptions if programs were moved.

The committee discussed that they are currently just in the brainstorming stages and considering the age of buildings, current condition, future repairs and where it is best to utilize funds.

V. [Safe Routes to Schools Plan](#)

Dale Bergman provided an overview of the purpose, benefits and history of the Safe Routes to School Plan to include the survey and survey results, committee composition, report and recommendations.

The committee discussed some of the recommendations to include adding sidewalks and streetlights, crosswalk updates, new bike racks, adding more crossing guards, increased parent communication.

Dale Bergman informed the committee that the next step is for the district and City to adopt a resolution to support the policy and programs to provide safer routes for kids to walk or bike to school.

**MOTION** by Linda Yingling to move to the full Board the Safe Routes to School plan and to adopt the resolution, seconded by Nubs Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Standing Agenda Item - Safety Sub-Committee Minutes

A. January 4, 2021 Safety Committee Minutes

Dale Bergman provided the committee with an overview of the January 4, 2021 Safety Committee Meeting as well as an overview of the pool reopening plan to include the January 18th reopening target date.

VII. Standing Agenda Item for Master Facilities (District) Planning

Dale Bergman displayed the 2021-2022 strategic planning calendar provided by Brian Dasher. No moves can be scheduled at this time because staffing needs and placements need to be determined first.

Dr. John Sample informed the committee that scheduling meetings started today, staffing meetings will follow, and the administrative preliminary non-renewal notices deadline is 02/28/2021. Once the district has determined the elementary administrator placements the committee can continue to move forward with planning. At this time the planning is ahead of schedule.

The committee discussed possible strategies for the packing of staff personal belongings to be stored until building assignments are determined as well as hosting summer school at the Jefferson building.

A. Discuss [Timeline](#) & Next Steps

VIII. 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.**

IX. Items for Next Meeting and Next Meeting Date

A. March 3, 2021

X. Adjournment

**MOTION** by Nubs Ashbeck to adjourn, seconded by Linda Yingling. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.

*IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A QUORUM OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS COMMITTEE MEETING. HOWEVER, NO BOARD MEETING WILL BE CONVENED AND NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.*