

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, March 3, 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 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 Blake called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

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

Guest: Travis Wichlacz

II. Approval of [January 6, 2021 Facilities Committee Minutes](#)

MOTION by Linda Yingling to approve the the January 6, 2021 Facilities Committee Minutes, seconded by Nubs Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Standing Agenda Item - Safety Sub-Committee Minutes

A. March 1, 2021 Safety Committee Minutes

Dale Bergman provided the committee with an overview of the March 1, 2021 Safety Committee meeting to include a Safe Routes To School update, a review of the Speak Up / Speak Out App and vape detectors.

The committee discussed the district process for reopening gyms and allowing spectators in the buildings, to include what is happening in surrounding districts, the guidance our district receives from the Lincoln County Health Department, as well as how discussions are continuing to take place.

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

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

Dr. John Sample informed the committee that the district is still on track with the 2021-22 Strategic Planning Calendar, that preliminary staff reduction talks will start to take place tonight at the Finance/HR Committee, that the process has been adjusted to account for the changes happening with Maple Grove, and preliminary non-renewals will be planned.

Dale Bergman provided the committee with an update of the tracked costs for some of the moves, such as changing a large classroom at PRMS to 2 smaller classrooms, the addition of pocket doors. He is getting the quotes back soon and these projects will hopefully be completed over Spring Break.

Nubs Ashbeck informed the committee that the County Board is looking for a place to rent to house the Lincoln Industries Program. The current building needs a lot of repair.

The committee discussed the possibility of renting Jefferson for the rehousing of Lincoln Industries as well as keeping Jefferson for school related purposes only.

The committee discussed if Lincoln Industries would be a long or short term use and how it would fit with the Master Facilities Plan timeline. Nubs Ashbeck will have Lincoln Industries/County Board contact Dale Bergman if they are interested.

Kevin Blake reminded the committee that repurposing of Jefferson is still a high level conversation.

The committee discussed if a timeline for the repurposing of Jefferson needed to be inserted into a calendar or committee/board discussions in order to not miss opportunities, the committee agreed to address this topic again in the Fall of 2021 after the consolidation is complete.

Dale Bergman informed the committee that once the staff for each building is set the district will be able to determine the financial cost to each building.

The committee discussed various methods of transporting materials to the proper school due to the consolidation, to include district vehicles, the possible use of the district semi trailer, renting UHaul trucks, borrowing a local business's trucks and trailers and the use of summer workers.

V. 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.

8462.01	Threats of Violence
9151	Use of Cameras and Other Recording Devices in Locker Rooms

Dale Bergman informed the committee that Policy 8462.01 is required by legislation through Act 143; it is only a couple years old and there are no recommended changes.

Dale Bergman informed the committee that Policy 9151 is an older policy, that the language from it is posted on doors and locker rooms so that all students and visitors are aware of the policy and there are no recommended changes.

Kevin Blake asked that Policy 9151 be updated to include language that is consistent with other policies, to replace Dr. Sample on the first line with The Board and strike out Education.

VI. Items for Next Meeting and Next Meeting Date

A. May 5, 2021

- Standing agenda items
- 9160 and 9211.01 policies are scheduled for review
- Summer Projects
- Update of the School Forest

VII. Adjournment

MOTION by Nubs Ashbeck to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linda Yingling. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

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.