

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 18, 2021 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:30 PM in the Central Office Board Room.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: Jon Smith. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Eddie Then, Director of Business Services; Karen Baker, Director of SPED/Pupil Services; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Heather Skutak, Elementary Principal; Matt Schult, Elementary Associate Principal; 4 people from the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During public comment, Peter Fromm Wade commented on Maple Grove properties.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: Parent Satisfaction Survey Results Report; Professional Development Update; Director of Special Education/Pupil Services update; Director of Business Services Monthly Report; Buildings & Grounds/Transportation update; and, the Superintendent's Report.

Committee reports were shared with the Board including from the Finance/HR and Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committees.

The Board was provided with the 2011 Wisconsin Act 125 Seclusion and Restraint reporting.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Osness to approve the Marching Jays trip to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California in December of 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Liberty to approve the contract between LCHD and Pine River School for Young Learners for Health Screening Services for 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Volpe to approve the contract between Lincoln County Health Department and Merrill Area Public Schools for Grades 4K through 12 and Northern Achievement Center. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will maintain the practice of optional face coverings for the 2021-2022 school year.

MOTION by Krueger, second by Liberty to approve the 2021-2022 budget presentation at the annual meeting in September. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Woller to approve the continuation of the contracts with vendors and purchases as presented for the 2021-2022 fiscal year with cost variances not to exceed the lower of 5% or \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board had a discussion in regards to survey comments. Further discussion will take place at the next Safety and Finance/HR Committee meetings.

Per Bylaw 0131.1, the Board was informed of technical corrections made to policies due to the district re-organization and position changes.

The Board reviewed the facility and transportation update.

President Blake asked if anyone wanted anything pulled from the consent agenda, hearing none, he called for a motion. MOTION by Volpe, second by Ashbeck to approve consent agenda items a through d, which included minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,532,810.18; the personnel report as presented, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable; and, donations totaling \$500.00. Motion carried with Woller abstaining from the July 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

There were no additional "Items for Future Meetings and Possible Action to Approve the Future Discussions Thereof".

Radio Schedule: Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Safety Committee Meeting: Monday, August 30, 2021 @ 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ashbeck to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.



Ronald Liberty
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder