

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, September 1, 2021

3:30 PM

Central Office Board Room
(1111 N Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Dale Bergman, Kevin Blake, Darryl Frick, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Dr. John Sample and Eddie Then

Kevin Blake called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

Present: Dale Bergman, Kevin Blake, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Dr. John Sample and Eddie Then

Absent: Darryl Frick

- II. Approval of [July 7, 2021 Facilities Committee Minutes](#)

MOTION by Ron Liberty to approve the July 7, 2021 Facilities Committee Minutes, second by Chad Krueger. Motion carried.

- III. Fund 46 Use and Availability Discussion

Dale Bergman and Edward Then provided the Committee with the background information on Fund 46 along with the funding availability, uses and timelines for availability. Discussed that Fund 46 can be used as needed or budgeted, allocation of carry over into Fund 46 in the future and a plan to continue to contribute to the 46 Plan in the future to be able to have funds for unanticipated projects without dipping into Fund Balance. Effects Mill Rate - Fund 46 can control and stabilize Mill Rate. Plan/Budget for Fund 46 spending see Agenda Item IV.

- IV. Refresher of the 10-Year Facilities Plan

A topic summary sheet will be provided from Dale Bergman prior to the meeting.

Dale provided an overview of the 10-Year Facilities Plan. Discussed wanting to start to rebuild the 10 year plan. Similar to the strategic plan that was provided to the community and to create something similar to a build book and plan accordingly. Leaning on Fund Balance if we have a catastrophic event. Detail to assist with future funding needs. Plan

to model after La Crosse's plan. Keeping in mind unexpected costs not covered by insurance, and to build in those expenses and cost changes (escalator) over time.

The Committee discussed the current 10-Year Facilities Plan and being able to differentiate what has been completed. Dale will update to differentiate. Discussed questions regarding adding cooling in the middle school, specifically 3rd floor, no current plan to address this concern. Discussed a few completed projects and timeline of when planned to replace again and the future ability to look at return on investments vs. replace like for like.

V. School Forest Updates

A topic summary sheet will be provided from Dale Bergman prior to the meeting.

MOTION by Ron Liberty to table this topic until next month, second by Chad Krueger. Motion carried.

VI. Facility Updates

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from John Sample and Dale Bergman.

Informational only.

The Committee discussed the bussing concerns. Brainstormed ideas for next year to create a more conducive transportation system. Discussed the combination of factors with changes in schools due to restructure and change in bussing companies. Priority to maintain student safety. Elementary 1 mile, Middle School 1 ½ miles, and High School 2 miles, 800 more students riding the bus this year. At no increase of cost. Working to provide better service and fill the busses up. Bus routes were reestablished this year. Wendorf had enough busses and drivers. Plan to debrief and plan for next year and find a way to provide a better service to families while maintaining the public's trust. Recap how the Board can be of assistance in the future.

Construction, remodeling update has been completed. Should be able to remove from the standing agenda items.

A few technology changes and Apple updates for the iPads, had a little server glitch

VII. Standing Agenda Item - Safety Sub-Committee Minutes

A. August 30, 2021 Safety Sub-Committee Minutes

These will be provided as soon as they are available.

Minutes not available at this time. Items discussed during the Safety Sub-Committee meeting included: Act 143 Requirements and aligning the Building Safety Teams & District Safety Team to send the same messages, look into having HEAT Team to assist.

Add this item to the October Facilities Meeting.

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. At this time, The Facilities Committee is up to date with their review.

No items for review at this time.

IX. Items for Next Meeting and Next Meeting Date

- A. October 6, 2021
- B. Review August 30, 2021 Safety Sub-Committee Minutes
- C. Facility Tours for Board Members
- D. School Forest Updates

X. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn by Ron Liberty, second by Chad Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm