

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.*

Regular Board of Education Meeting Wednesday – September 15, 2021

5:30 PM

BOARD ROOM

MAPS Central Administration Building

(1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

**There will be a Board Reception for new employees before this board meeting, beginning at 5:00 p.m.
During this time, no board action will take place.**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller and Linda Yingling
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Written notice of this meeting has been posted and sent to the news media on Thursday, September 9, 2021
- V. Board Member/Administrator Expectations

NOTE: MAPS respects the role our elected Board members serve and the function of our Board meetings. Board members and administrators are committed to working collaboratively to provide our students a safe learning environment and the highest level of achievement. This meeting is a formal event and professional conduct is the expectation for all in attendance.

- VI. Public Comments to the Board / General Subject Matter Discussion

NOTE: The Board shall schedule fifteen minutes at the beginning of each regular meeting for members of the public to speak. Speakers will be allotted three minutes to address the Board. If you have a large group, please designate one representative to speak. Board members may ask clarifying questions during the comment section, but will usually postpone further discussion and/or action until further public input.

We appreciate your participation in the School Board meeting this evening. The Public Comment period is an important time for the Board to hear the concerns of its constituents. Nevertheless, prior to making a statement during the Public Comment period, you may wish to consider whether the content of your speech could be harmful to an individual person and if so, whether that person could have a legal claim against you related to the statement you make this evening.

We have been advised that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has specifically ruled that there is no absolute privilege which protects defamatory comments by speakers at Board meetings such as this. Therefore, please be aware that each speaker bears the personal risk if anything he/she says during the public comment period of the School Board meeting is defamatory, slanderous or otherwise harmful to another individual. Thank you.

- VII. Recognition
- VIII. Recognition - Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week October 3-9, 2021
- IX. Student BOE Representative Report
- X. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report - New Teacher Orientation
 - b. Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Report - Lincoln County Health Department School Health Services 2020-2021 Report
 - c. Human Resources/Budget/Technology Update - Audit Progress, Findings, Presentation; Review of 6590 for FY21; Fund 60; Fund 72; Budget Update; Open Positions; Turnover Data; First Day of School; Finishing up Laptop Resales; iPad Distribution to Support Staff; and, Hotspot Distribution
 - d. Director of Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Update - Building Consolidation Update; Summer Maintenance Projects; Transportation Updates; Capital Improvement Projects; Safety and Security; Department Meetings/Rounding
 - e. Board of Education Learning Opportunity - Special Education/Pupil Services - School Counselor Department Presentation
 - f. Superintendent's Report - Monthly Activities and Meetings; Maple Grove Update; Referendum Survey Timeline; Personnel Rounding; Administrator Evaluation Progress; Building Staff Visibility; ALT Meeting Agendas & Notes; CO Administrator Meeting Agendas; and, Weekly Bulletins for Staff
- XI. Committee Reports/Action
 - a. Facilities Committee
 - b. Finance/HR Committee
 - i. Strength & Conditioning Program Instructor Selection
 - ii. STOPit Application
 - c. Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee
- XII. Unfinished Business
 - a. None

XIII. Board of Education Business

- a. Referendum Survey Discussion and Approval
- b. Friends of the Forest Proposal: Additional Staffing
- c. Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,400,000; Issuance Of Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Notes; and Participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes Program
- d. Technical Corrections to Policies via Neola's Volume 30, Number 2 Update
- e. Facility and Transportation Updates

XIV. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of: August 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Woller & Blake
- c. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- d. Donations

XV. Items for Future Meetings

- a. Unfinished Items for Future Meetings
 - None

XVI. Radio Schedule: Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XVII. Future Meetings

- Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing: Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium
- Special Board Meeting: Board/Admin Retreat: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. at Jefferson School
- Policy Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Special Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

- XVIII. Contemplated MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiation of the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; (f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and, (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

The purpose of the closed session is to conduct specified public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons requires a closed session, to wit, the consideration and discussion of the sale of personal and real property associated with Maple Grove School, and the division of assets and liabilities between Merrill Area Common Public School District and Athens School District, which may occur as a result of granting petitions for detachment of property in the Town of Hamburg, and to take action regarding the same. The Board may reconvene to open session and may take action upon the matters discussed during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Closed Session

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Discuss Closed Session Item(s)
- 4) Adjournment of Closed Session

- XIX. Contemplated motion to reconvene into open session for action related to closed session business, as appropriate
- a. Act Upon Matters Discussed During Closed Session, if deemed appropriate
- XX. Adjournment