

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 – November 17, 2021

5:30 PM

Auditorium

Merrill High School

(1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, 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, November 11, 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. Student BOE Representative Report

IX. Administrative Reports

- a. Pine River School for Young Learners - Monthly Data - Enrollment Numbers, Health Screening, USDA/CACFP Meals for Students and P-Card Statement(s)
- b. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report - Student Monitor Reports
- c. Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Report - K-12 COVID Testing Program 2021-2022 School Year
- d. Human Resources/Budget/Technology Update - Audit Update; Attorney Fees; Budget Prioritization for FY23; Budget Performance Update; Budget Calendar Update; Food Service Invoice; Open Positions; Staffing for FY23; E-Rate Purchases; and, Freshworks
- e. Food Participation Update
- f. Director of Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Update - Building Consolidation Update; Summer Maintenance Projects; Transportation Updates; Capital Improvement Projects; Safety and Security; Department Meetings/Rounding
- g. Board of Education Opportunity - Instructional Coaches Presentation
- h. 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

X. Committee Reports/Action

- a. Facilities Committee
- b. Finance/HR Committee
- c. Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. None

XII. Board of Education Business

- a. School Perceptions Presentation and Review of Findings from Referendum Survey Results
- b. Approval of MHS Course Description Book for 2022-2023
- c. Approval of Costing Rate for Pool Use
- d. Approval of Proposed FY23 Budget Development Calendar
- e. Technical Corrections to Policy 5513 & Policy 7410

XIII. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of: October 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting
 October 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
 November 2, 2021 Special Board Meeting
 November 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- b. Policies - Second Readings

 Policy 7300 Disposition of District Property
- c. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Woller & Blake
- d. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- e. Donations

XIV. Items for Future Meetings

- a. Unfinished Items for Future Meetings
 - None

XV. Radio Schedule: Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XVI. Future Meetings

- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Special Board Meeting - Board Candidate Interviews: Thursday, December 9, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Head Start Policy Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

XVII. Contemplated MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; (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; (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 for discussion of and potential action on approving a leave of absence for two employees; consideration and potential action of a mid-year retirement proposal for a professional staff member; the Superintendent evaluation initial dialogue/prep; and, 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

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

XVIII. Contemplated motion to reconvene into open session for action related to closed session business, as appropriate

- a. Act Upon Any Matters Discussed During Closed Session, if deemed appropriate

XIX. Adjournment