

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

Tuesday – April 19, 2022

5:30 PM

BOARD ROOM

MAPS Central Administration Building

(1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Jacqueline Gremler, 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, April 14, 2022
- 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 of Outgoing Board Member and Welcome New
- IX. Student BOE Representative Report
- X. Administrative Reports
 - a. Pine River School for Young Learners - Monthly Data - Enrollment Numbers, Health Screening, USDA/CACFP Meals for Students and P-Card Transactions
 - b. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report - Continuous Improvement Planning
 - c. Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Report - Get Kids Ahead (GKA) Initiative (Mental Health Funding Opportunity)
 - d. Human Resources/Budget/Technology Update - Insurance Coverage; Food Service Bid Status; Budget Performance Update; Budget Calendar Update; Open Positions; Personnel Adjustments for FY22; Benefit Education Committee Update; Replacement of SMART Board and Prometheans Projectors in Fieldhouse and Auditorium; and, HP Laptop Update
 - 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; Aquatics; Department Meetings/Rounding
 - g. Superintendent's Report - Monthly Activities and Meetings; Building Principal Meetings; ALT Meeting Agendas & Notes; CO Administrator Meeting Agendas; and, Weekly Bulletins for Staff
- XI. Committee Reports/Action
 - a. Finance/HR Committee
 - b. Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee
- XII. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
- XIII. Board of Education Business
 - a. Approval of Federal Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) Supplement
 - b. Math Curriculum Purchase and Budget Adjustments for FY22
 - c. Merrill Police Department School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding
 - d. 2022-2023 Staff Handbooks Review - First Read and Discussion
 - e. Review of Support Staff Compensation and Recommendation for all Compensation Plans for the FY23 Budget
 - f. Field House & Auditorium Projector Replacement
 - g. Bus Camera Installation

- h. HP Laptop Renewal
- i. Process for Superintendent Search
- j. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements

XIV. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of: March 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
 March 30, 2022 Special Board Meeting
 April 5, 2022 Special Board Meeting
 April 11, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- b. Policies - Second Readings:

 NEOLA Vol. 31, No. 1 Policy Update:
 Policy 5722 School-Sponsored Publications and Productions
- c. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Woller & Volpe
- d. Donations

XV. Items for Future Meetings

- a. Unfinished Items for Future Meetings
 - Review Policy Committee Meeting frequency

XVI. Radio Schedule: Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XVII. Future Meetings

- Special Board Meeting - Organizational Meeting: Wednesday, April 25, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Safety Committee Meeting: Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- BVA Governance Board Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022 @ 12:45 p.m. virtually
- Head Start Policy Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 @ 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) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any 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; and, 118.125 for the purpose of considering student Early College Credit and Start Now applications that may involve discussions of confidential student records, and to discuss other matters involving student records and personal histories that, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputations of the persons discussed.

The purpose of the closed session is to review the list of support staff receiving a letter of assignment and/or intent; as well as, teaching staff who will be receiving a contract for the 2022-2023 school year and their respective eligibility for movement on the corresponding compensation schedule for 2022-2023; under Section 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of discussing and considering request for reimbursement of attorney fees related to an investigation of employee conduct which may include the social and personal history of the employee and confidential information about students under Wis. Stat. s. 118.125, and which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputations of the individuals discussed; and, to consider and act upon parental requests for student opt out of state assessments, including the potential for a closed session(s) to review the specifics applicable to the affected student(s) if the discussion of such in open session would be likely to have an adverse effect upon the reputation of such student(s) pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats. Any such closed session(s) shall be immediately followed by reconvening in open session for further consideration and, ultimately, action upon the parental requests.

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 the Regular Board Meeting

- a. Approve the List of Teaching Staff who will be Receiving a Teacher Contract for the 2022-2023 School Year and their Respective Eligibility for Movement and Placement on the Salary Schedule for 2022-2023
- b. Act Upon Parental Requests for Student Opt-Out of State Assessments (if applicable and necessary)
- c. May Take Action Upon the Other Matters Discussed During the Closed Session Portion of the Meeting

XX. Adjournment

Upon request to the District Office, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.