

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
January 11, 2023 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Board members present: Jacqueline Gremler, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: Paul Proulx and Linda Yingling. Others present: Shannon Murray, Superintendent; Dr. Kelley Strike, Director of Business Services; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Ryan Martinovici, Director of Head Start/Early Childhood/4K; Trisha Detert, High School Principal; Megan Kautzer, High School Associate Principal; ten people from the public and staff; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

There was a presentation by Bray-Miron for a potential facility needs study.

6:53 p.m. - 7 minute recess

There was a presentation by Findorff/Somerville for a potential facility needs study.

There was discussion about a future referendum. It was the consensus of the Board to not go to the electors in April 2023 and do the following: make the ESSER reductions; right-size the district in regards to declining enrollment; and, look at deficit spending for a limited time. In addition, the District will re-evaluate going to a referendum for April 2024.

MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approve Bray-Miron as our vendor for the facility needs assessment based upon the proposal presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Krueger, second by Liberty to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Kendra Osness
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder