

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 25, 2023 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:30 PM in the MAPS Board Room.

Board members present: Jacqueline Gremler, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Paul Proulx, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: None. Others Present: Shannon M. Murray, Superintendent; Dr. Kelley Strike, Director of Business Services; Karen Baker, Director of SPED/Pupil Services; Glenda Oginski, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds/Transportation; Ryan Martinovici, Director of Head Start/PRSYL/4K; Diane Goetsch, Middle School Principal; Amy Stutzriem, Elementary Principal; Heather Soberg, Elementary Principal; Heather Kahr, Associate Principal; Student Representatives Isaiah Rell and Brooke Rudie; approximately 27 people from the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During public comment, Paul Hohman commented on allowing students who are not registered at the Merrill High School to be able to participate in athletics.

During Recognition, the following were recognized: Elli Wilk and the Band members who marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena; as well as, Delmer Polak for his efforts in getting the Band's equipment out there and back. Amber Winter for being the State Champion in the 100 Breast; as well as, placing 7th in the 200 IM. The following took 13th Place in the State Swim Meet in the 200 Medley Relay - Megan Miles, Amber Winter, Addison Jirovec and Bailee Sommer.

Student BOE Representatives, Isaiah Rell and Brooke Rudie, updated the Board on high school activities including: students have started scheduling for 2023-2024 classes; last Friday our Skills USA Team brought home many awards; Winterfest is coming up; Wisconsin Northwoods Marching Band had the opportunity to go to Pasadena with their many talents on display; seniors scholarships are in progress, with a unique opportunity to have one student receive the Herb Kohl scholarship this year; and, Dinner and a Show is coming up on February 18th.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: Positive Behavior Intervention Supports; PRSYL Monthly Data; Food Service update; Business Services Update; Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Update; and, the Superintendent's Report.

Committee reports were shared with the Board including from the Facilities, Finance/HR and Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committees.

MOTION by Woller, second by Liberty to approve the audited financial statements and findings from CLA as presented for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

Osness left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve CRG for digital mapping services. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the Head Start Transportation Waiver for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Osness returned to the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Gremler to approve the classroom capacity for open enrollment purposes and to not deny students with disabilities based on space, for the 2023-2024 open enrollment period. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve deleting our current Policy 6222 Budget and replacing it with Neola's Policy 6220 Budget Preparation. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the purchase and donation of bleachers as presented upon receipt of funds from The Bierman Family Foundation, Inc. (\$6,600) and the Merrill Aqua Jay Swim Team (\$3,000). Motion carried unanimously.

There was an update on 2023-2024 budget reductions.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the updated [personnel report](#), contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried.

President Blake asked if anyone wanted anything pulled from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Gremler to approve consent agenda items a through c, which includes minutes of the December 21, 2022; and, January 11, 2023, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,214,808.08; and, donations totaling \$11,184. Motion carried with Yingling abstaining from the January 11, 2023 minutes; Woller abstaining from the December 21, 2022 minutes; Volpe abstaining from the December 21, 2022 minutes; and, Proulx abstaining from the December 21, 2022 and January 11, 2023 minutes.

There were no items for future meetings.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

Future Meetings

- BVA Governance Board Meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2023 @ 12:45 p.m. virtually
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

MOTION by Woller, second by Yingling to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Kendra Osness
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder