

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
April 12, 2023 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 6:34 p.m. in the Merrill Area Public Schools Board of Education room.

Board members present: Kevin Blake, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Paul Proulx, Maria Volpe and Brett Woller (a quorum was present). Board members absent: Jacqueline Gremler, Chad Krueger and Linda Yingling. Others present: Trisha Detert, Merrill High School Principal; Brad Potter, Merrill High School Associate Principal; Megan Kautzer, Merrill High School Associate Principal; Jamie Jaeger, Resource Officer; Shannon Murray, Superintendent; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services; Diane Goetsch, Prairie River Middle School Principal; Matthew Schult, Prairie River Middle School Associate Principal; and Sarah Fuchs, Recorder.

President Blake announced an executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85(1) (a) deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; (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, 118.125 for the purpose of conducting hearings on recommended student expulsions 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 the following: conduct two (2) student expulsion hearings, deliberate, and act regarding the same. President Kevin Blake asked for a contemplated motion to go into closed session. MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe. Motion carried on a roll call vote (Aye: Brett Woller, Maria Volpe, Paul Proulx, Kendra Osness, Ron Liberty and Kevin Blake) (Nay: None).

At 7:07 p.m. - 10 Minute Recess

MOTION by Woller, second by Volpe to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Kendra Osness
Board Clerk

Sarah Fuchs
Recorder