

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 – February 21, 2024

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, Paul Proulx, 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, February 15, 2024
- 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.

- VII. Recognition
- VIII. Student BOE Representative Report
- IX. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report - Winter K-8 Screening English Language Arts (ELA); Math Data; and Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Mid-Year Report
 - b. Director of Pupil Services/Special Education - Second Friday in January Enrollment

- c. Pine River School for Young Learners - Monthly Data - Enrollment Numbers, Documents from the Office of Head Start, Health Screening, USDA Meals for Students and P-Card Statements
 - d. Food Service
 - e. Director of Business Services Report - Staffing Meetings; 2024-2025 Budget Development Process; Informational Retirement Meetings; Retirement Deadline for Teachers; and, Initial Process of 2024-2025 Contracts and Letters of Assignment
 - f. Superintendent's Report - Referendum Activity Update
- X. Committee Reports/Action
- a. Finance/HR Committee
 - b. Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee
- XI. Unfinished Business
- a. None
- XII. Board of Education Business
- a. Approval of Head Start Community Assessment
 - b. MAPS Head Start Self-Assessment
 - c. LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) Training Fees
 - d. SPIRE (Specialized Program Individualized Reading Excellence) Reading Intervention Purchase
 - e. Teacher Compensation Plan Revisions
 - f. Staff Handbooks for 2024-2025
 - g. CESA 9 Shared Services Contract for 2024-2025
 - h. Milk Coolers Purchase
 - i. Friends/Nels P. Evjue School Forest Donation of Solar Power Aerator
 - j. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- XIII. Consent Agenda
- a. Minutes of: January 24, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Liberty & Yingling
 - c. Donations
- XIV. Items for Future Meetings
- a. Unfinished Items for Future Meetings

- Future of Jefferson School
- Informing the community how the Board operates
- Other sports using HUDL

XV. Radio Schedule: Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XVI. Future Meetings

- Policy Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- BVA Governance Board Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 12:45 p.m. virtually
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- School Forest Advisory Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at Nels P. Evjue Merrill School Forest
- Referendum Information Session: Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. at Merrill High School
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 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; (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.

The purpose of the closed session is for the purpose of discussing the employment and performance evaluation data of certified staff members; 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

XVIII. Contemplated motion to reconvene into open session for the Regular Board Meeting

- 1) Act Upon Parental Requests for Student Opt-Out of State Assessments (if applicable and necessary)
- 2) Act on Any Other Closed Session Item(s) (if applicable and necessary)

XIX. 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.