

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Special Board Meeting  
March 9, 2017 – Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order by President Jen Seliger at 5:31 PM in the Central Office Board Room.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Eric Geiss. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; and, Attorney Kevin Terry, Ruder Ware.

President Seliger called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 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; (b) considering the dismissal or discipline of any public employee, the investigation of charges against such person, and the taking of formal action on such matter; (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any 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; (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, Section 118.125(2) pupil record confidentiality, to consider the Administration's recommendation that a teacher's employment/contract be terminated. The Board will confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral advice concerning this matter. The Board may conduct an evidentiary hearing, including consideration of pupil records affecting the reputation of the pupil(s), and/or may consider a proposed agreement affecting the employment or termination of the teacher. Following any evidentiary hearing, the Board may deliberate and confer with legal counsel regarding the matter. The Board may take final action with respect to the teacher's employment/discipline/discharge/resignation. MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Others in addition to the Board present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Karen Baker, Director of Pupil Services & Special Education; and, Attorney Kevin Terry, Ruder Ware.

MOTION by Blake, second by Volpe for acceptance of the resignation of Kevin Short as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ashbeck to adjourn at 6:22 p.m.



Kevin Blake  
Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder