

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting – Organizational Meeting
April 24, 2017 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Seliger at 5:35 PM in the MAPS boardroom.

Board members present: Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling, Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Eric Geiss. Others present were Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; one member of the community; and, Recorder Tammy Woller.

Newly elected board members Kevin Blake, Paul Proulx, Jon Smith and Maria Volpe recited the oath of office.

President Seliger read the ground rules for electing an officer.

Geiss arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Eric Geiss recited the oath of office.

President Seliger opened the floor for nominations for President. Geiss nominated Jen Seliger for President, seconded by Blake.

President Seliger called three times for additional nominations.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Smith to cast a unanimous ballot for Jen Seliger for President. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. **Board President for the 2017-2018 term is Jen Seliger.**

President Seliger opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Volpe nominated Paul Proulx for Vice-President; and, Ratliff nominated Eric Geiss for Vice-President.

President Seliger called a total of three times for additional nominations. The vote was conducted by paper ballot. Votes were counted by Tammy Woller. Geiss received 6 votes; Proulx received 3 votes. **Board Vice President for the 2017-2018 term is Eric Geiss.**

President Seliger opened the floor for nominations for Clerk. Smith nominated Kevin Blake for Clerk.

President Seliger called three times for additional nominations.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to cast a unanimous ballot for Kevin Blake for Clerk. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. **Board Clerk for the 2017-2018 term is Kevin Blake.**

President Seliger opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Geiss nominated Nubs Ashbeck for Treasurer, seconded by Yingling.

President Seliger called for a total of three times for additional nominations.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to cast an unanimous ballot for Nubs Ashbeck for Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. **Board Treasurer for the 2017-2018 term is Nubs Ashbeck.**

MOTION by Smith, second by Geiss to adopt the 2012-2013 goals, with the addition of, "Conduct community listening sessions such as Community Conversation," as our 2017-2018 goals. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Smith to dispense of the Board agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to maintain the current practice of holding one regular monthly board meeting on Wednesdays each school month (with the October and January meetings being on the 4th Wednesday) beginning at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to appoint Maria Volpe as representative to the CESA #9 Board of Control Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Proulx to appoint Eric Geiss as WASB Delegate and Kevin Blake as Alternate Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

President Seliger went over who was currently on committees and indicated that the board committee appointments would be postponed to the next board meeting to give members time to contact her with their choice of committees.

President Seliger announced executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sections 19.85 (1)(b) considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person, or considering the grant or denial of tenure for a university faculty member or other public employee or person licensed is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action may be taken; and, (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss specific positions and staff members in regards to final consideration and notice of non-renewal for the purpose of reduction in teaching staff. MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to provide final notice of non-renewal to Hannah Burmesch. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Smith to adjourn at 6:38 PM. Motion carried unanimously.



Kevin Blake
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder