

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 19, 2017 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Seliger at 5:30 PM in the Boardroom.

Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others Present: Dr. Sample, MAPS Administrators 8 members of the staff and public and Recorder Woller.

During public comments, Pam Kobielus talked about resolutions she would like the Board to consider adopting.

During recognition, the Board recognized Dorinda's Dance Studio as a valuable resource to our school community and a partner in appreciating and developing all youth; Marla Konkol for applying for and receiving a Career and Technical Education Incentive Grant in the amount of \$33,959.85, which grants up to \$1,000 per student for the class of 2016 high school graduates who have also earned industry-recognized certifications; Sue Mikul for applying for and receiving the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC) grant for Jefferson Elementary School in the amount of \$575,000 (\$115,000 each of five years); and, John Hagemeister and Bridges Virtual Academy for placing in the K-12 Small District/School Category in a 2017 Digital Content and Curriculum Award through the Center for Digital Education, in partnership with the International Society for Technology in Education.

There were administrative reports shared with the Board.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Blake to approve the performance contract with Nexus solutions. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Volpe to approve the [resolution](#) accepting the generous gift from Gerald and Charmain Whitburn that will fund annual scholarships for seniors valued at \$250,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Per section 120.12(13) of the state statutes, the Board identified the student academic standards adopted by the Board under section 118.30(1g)(a)1 of the state statutes that will be in effect for the school year.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Blake to approve the Custodian and Maintenance Compensation Structure and the addition thereof to the Support Staff Compensation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ratliff to approve the Computer Technical Compensation Structure and the addition thereof to the Support Staff Compensation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to approve the School Health Services Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year for Grades 4K-12. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Geiss to add the language regarding sexual harassment, as presented, to the Merrill High School student handbook and Code of Conduct for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Proulx to table this until further investigation (allow the MAPS Administration team to be represented by the attorneys at Ruder Ware beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.) Motion carried with Geiss not present for the voting.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Proulx to have two board meetings per month, effective September through December. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ashbeck to approve the funds from Church Mutual Insurance Company valued at \$5,000.00 for purchasing Junior Achievement Program kits. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Sample gave the Board an update on the Community Conversation outcomes.

President Seliger asked if anyone wanted to pull anything from the consent agenda, hearing none, she called for a motion.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Proulx to approve consent agenda items a through d, which included minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$8,059,796.39; the personnel report; and, donations totaling \$12,403.06. Motion carried unanimously.

For future meetings, Ratliff asked for an update on the cleaning procedures of the food truck, it was noted that this would be on the October agenda. Smith asked that they had talked about compensation plans for everyone but the teachers, Dr. Sample noted that we would have that in August. Volpe asked that we discuss policies and procedures for students that opt out of the district, noting that it is important to retain students and understand why they are leaving. Dr. Sample said that we do have that data and will share that. Yingling asked that we discuss the resolutions that were presented at tonight's public comment.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. at WJMT Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Facilities Committee Meeting: Thursday – August 3, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Thursday – August 3, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday – August 16, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

President Seliger called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85(1)(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 was to hear a parent complaint regarding alleged bullying at the high school and discussion that could include confidential pupil records pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 118.125(2). MOTION by Volpe, second by Geiss to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

7:05 p.m. – 8 minute break.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Proulx to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder