

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 16, 2017 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Jen Seliger at 5:30 PM in the Central Office Board Room.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Eric Geiss, Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: None. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology Integration; Karen Baker, Director of Pupil Services & Special Education; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Brad Potter, Associate High School Principal; Dr. Dawn Nonn, Elementary Teaching Principal; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; Glenda Oginski, Elementary Principal; Heather Skutak, Elementary Principal; nine members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During public comments, Pam Kobielus talked about the Wisconsin Public Education Network Summit; and, resolutions.

During recognition, Tony Wieloch, Peterson Bus Company; and, Carla Juedes, District Bus Dispatch, were recognized for going above and beyond with the summer school transportation and always being prepared and eager to serve our students. Dale Bergman, Gerald Beyer, Cindy Heinz, Karen Baker and Ryan Martinovici were also recognized for presenting at the What's Right in Education 2017 Conference.

There were administrative reports shared with the Board including the Student Resource Officer report; District scorecard recap Pupil Services/SPED; curriculum & instruction report; food service participation report; human resources update; Jay Stadium update; monthly budget update; technology update; and, the superintendent's report.

There were committee updates shared with the Board from the Facilities Committee; and, the Finance-Human Resources Committee.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to table this (resolution in support of the Wisconsin Voucher Transparency Bill) until it is clarified. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to table this (resolution opposing the Anti-Local Control School Referendum Restriction Bills) until it is simplified and clarified and made more bi-partisan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed that technical corrections were made to policy 5451.02.

Volpe left that meeting at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to approve the budget as presented in the budget adoption document. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a final 2016-2017 budget performance update.

There was a food service financial history update.

Ratliff left the meeting 7:17-7:18 p.m.

There was an update on transporting food in the cargo van.

Smith left the meeting 7:34-7:37 p.m.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to approve sending the 66.30 Reading Recovery agreements and invoices to the consortium members. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Blake to approve the purchase of Apple TV's to enhance instruction for MAPS' students. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Blake to approve the purchase of Smartnet coverage through Heartland Business Systems. Motion carried unanimously.

There was information shared with the Board regarding the Title I and Title II reductions.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to approve the depository resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Geiss to approve the creation of Athletic Event Managers at a rate of \$50/event. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion with the Board of possibly pursuing switching to a 7-member board; as a whole they decided against it.

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 Ratliff, second by Geiss to approve consent agenda items a through d, which includes minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,082,046.27; the personnel report; and donations totaling \$1,111.70. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no items requested for future meetings.

The Board Decision Financial Impact Summary sheet was on the agenda for review.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. at WJMT Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Community Conversation Follow Up Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Merrill High School Library
- Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing: Monday, September 18, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Merrill High School Auditorium

- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 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 is to discuss a parent complaint the Board received 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 Geiss, second by Blake to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

8:04 p.m. – 7 minute break.

8:04 p.m. Ratliff left the meeting.

8:07 p.m. Volpe returned to the meeting.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Geiss to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder