

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
September 27, 2017 – Minutes**

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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, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith and Jen Seliger. Board members absent: Paul Proulx, Maria Volpe and Linda Yingling. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent, eight members of the staff and public and Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

During recognition, school board members were recognized for the Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week October 1-7, 2017.

Marla Konkol, Michael Kelliher (Pieper Electric) and Jim Brickner (Brickner's Park City) gave a presentation on the shortage of skilled labor in our area and how we can work together to help out our community.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Smith to approve the resolution opposing anti-local control school referendum restriction bills. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to approve the resolution in support of the Wisconsin Voucher Transparency Bill. Motion carried with Ratliff abstaining.

MOTION by Smith, second by Ratliff to approve the District ACP Plan for the 2017-2018 school year as presented to the Board at the September 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Geiss to approve the parameters resolution as presented (Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount not to Exceed \$5,500,000; Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Notes; and Participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes Program). Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Blake, second by Ashbeck to approve the donation of funds from anonymous donors valued at \$4,000.00 for Merrill Area Public Schools for needy students at the following locations: PRMS, Kate Goodrich, Jefferson, Washington and Maple Grove Elementary Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Geiss to forward Policy 6605 Crowdfunding to the Board as a second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Geiss, second by Ashbeck to forward Policy 7540.07 District-Issued Student E-mail Account to the Board as a second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Ratliff to forward Policy 8305 Information Security to the Board as a second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

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 j, which includes approval to remove the stipend for Distinguished rating from the Teacher Compensation Plan; the acceptance of the updated fee structure as presented at the September 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting and allow the activities and facilities departments to adjust those fees as necessary; that the Board of Education not waive the liquidated damages for two former district employees; increase the BVA 0.5 FTE Middle School teaching position to 1.0 FTE and the 0.5 FTE Art teacher to 1.00 FTE; approve the additional AV media event support position; second readings of policies presented; minutes of the August 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, September 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting and September 14, 2017 Long Range Financial Referendum Planning Meeting; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$1,492,891.49; the personnel report; and donations totaling \$5,700.00. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no items requested for future meetings.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. at WJMT Radio Station.

#### Future Meetings

- Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Referendum Information Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the MHS LGI Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

MOTION by Geiss, second by Smith to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.



Kevin Blake  
Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder