

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 24, 2018 – 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; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology Integration; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Ryan Martinovici, Middle School Principal; John Miller, Activities Director; Dr. Dawn Nonn, Elementary Principal; Glenda Oginski, Elementary Principal; John Hagemeister, BVA Administrator; Jill Seaman, Head Start/4K/Early Childhood Director; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; Heather Skutak, Elementary Principal; Student Representatives Rachel Rell and Abe Akey; approximately 50 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Seliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

During recognition, the following were recognized: Lynn Kurth, for securing a grant through The Meemic Foundation for the Future of Education in the amount of \$500.00. Kim Sample, for securing a \$725 grant through the Wisconsin Art Education Association (WAEA). Alyssa Hardrath, for placing 1st in the 2017-2018 Student Art Exhibit and Awards at the State Education Convention. Artwork was also on display at the convention from Makyah Goetsch, Vanessa Smith and Ananda VanWie. The Board also recognized their instructor, Linda DeBroux. Joan Tabor, for being selected for the Kohl Teacher Fellowship Scholarship for further consideration at the State Selection Committee. The Volleyball Team, for finishing as 2017 Wisconsin Valley Conference Champions, as well as Regional and Sectional Champions representing our school and community at the State Tournament for Division 2 in Green Bay at the Resch Center. (Coaches – Anna Finnell, Kasie Holt, Deb Brunett, Marty Heyne, Janet Wardall, Kris Krug. Manager – Delaurie Sukow. Players – #1 - Kelly Page, #2 - Morgan Wardall, #3 - Maddix Bonnell, #4 - Molly Weix, #5 - Lindsey Casper, #6 - Madi Weix, #7 - Megan Schroder, #9 - Kelsie Belfiori, #10 - Kate Peterson, #11 - Eve Akey, #12 - Kaylee Bowe, #13 - Elizabeth Irabarren - #14 - Ellie Hartson, #15 - Rylee Mrachek, #16 - Reese Mrachek). The Football Academic All-State: Individual Academic All-State - Tyler Baade, Noah Bolling, Brant Raleigh, Isaac Meyer and Kade Bonnell. (The WFCA, in a continuing effort to recognize the great players within the state of Wisconsin, we offer an Academic All-State Award to all of our players that can meet the following requirements: a) Age Qualification: Senior (12th Grade); b) Academic Qualification: 3.75 (cumulative) GPA or higher; c) Athletic Qualification: Varsity Letter Winner. There is no limit to the number of players you can nominate for Individual Academic All-State, as long as they meet the minimum requirements.) High School Swim Team records that were broken this season: 1) Trinity Kanitz - 200 Free (2:04.19) - record was 14 years old broken by 3 seconds; 2) Camryn Schulz - 200 IM (2:23.53) - breaking Trinity's record from last season by 6 seconds; 3) Trinity Kanitz - 500 Free (5:29.62) - breaking her own record from last season by 22 seconds; and, 4) Erin Kanitz, Camryn Schulz, Aliyah Pillai and Trinity Kanitz - 400

Free Relay (4:02.86) - record was 14 years old. Joelene Weix, who had her 100th career victory on January 16, 2018.

Rachel Rell and Abe Akey, Student Board of Education Representatives, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including semester finals; a National Honor Society service project coming up where they will make blankets and donate them to the homeless shelter; the dance team competition is this Saturday; the dinner and show fundraiser for choir was rescheduled to Monday, January 29; and, the local scholarship meeting for students and parents is next Wednesday, January 31.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: a Spotlight on Education (PTO updates, Booster Club Activities, Volunteers, etc.); PRSYL ECERS report and monthly data for November and December; (Akey and Rell left at 5:44 p.m.) food participation report; MAPS Special Education/Pupil Services Google Community; Human Resources report; quarterly summary of purchases between \$5,000-\$9,999; quarterly out-of-state travel report; monthly budget update; technology update; District Services survey results report; Employee Engagement survey results; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Job Description; MAPS Reconfiguration presentation; and, the Superintendent's report (Ratliff left the meeting 6:46-6:48 p.m.).

Committee reports were shared with the Board from the Facilities and Finance/HR Committees.

MOTION by Smith, second by Proulx to adopt the 2018-2019 budget reconciliation strategies for a failed referendum as presented at the January 24, 2018 regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a review of the student activity funds rules and procedures manual.

There was a review of the FY17 audit.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Geiss to approve the purchase of Skyward Insurance Tracking. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to approve the resolution to establish the scholarship money. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed an athletic club/booster club/parent-teacher organization review of budget allowances.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Proulx to approve the formation of a monthly Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee meeting, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Yingling to not deny students with disabilities based on space, for the 2017-2018 open enrollment period. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Proulx to approve the 2018 Head Start Program Self Assessment. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Ashbeck to approve the Head Start Allocation Cost Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Yingling, second by Ashbeck to approve the revision of the Head Start Fiscal Manual. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Proulx to assign the MAPS administration the task of developing policy driven, uniform guidelines to the disclosure and documentation of all serious policy violations. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT by Ratliff, second by Yingling to strikeout the 2017-2018 school year and replace it with the 2018-2019 open enrollment period (from the previous motion to not deny students with disabilities based on space, for the 2017-2018 open enrollment period). The amendment carried unanimously. Motion to not deny students with disabilities based on space, for the 2018-2019 open enrollment period carried unanimously.

Dr. Sample updated the Board 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 included minutes of the December 20, 2017 and January 10, 2018 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$4,384,430.90; the personnel report; and, donations totaling \$4,482.62. Motion carried unanimously with Geiss abstaining from the December 20, 2017 minutes; and, Proulx, Ratliff and Volpe abstaining from the January 10, 2018 minutes.

For future meetings, Ratliff asked for there to be open discussions in the future regarding referendum misconceptions that may arise (much like was presented in Gerald Beyer's MAPS Reconfiguration Presentation).

The Board decision financial impact summary was shared with the Board.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. at WJMT Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Policy Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Community Conversation Referendum Information Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the MHS LGI Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Teacher Salary Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 3:15 p.m. in the MHS Career Center
- Head Start Policy Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL

- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 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)(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; and, (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The purpose of the closed session was consideration of administrative contract renewals. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.



Kevin Blake
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder