

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 14, 2018 – Minutes**

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

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board member absent: Eric Geiss. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology Integration; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Gerald Beyer, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; John Hagemeister, BVA Administrator; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Ryan Martinovici, Middle School Principal; Heather Skutak, Elementary Principal; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; Glenda Oginski, Elementary Principal; Dawn Nonn, Elementary Principal; Jill Seaman, Head Start/4K/Early Childhood Director; Bella Troyer and Abe Akey, Student Representatives; approximately 8 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

During recognition, the following were recognized by the Board: Matthew Palazzo for being awarded the Eagle Scout Rank on September 18, 2018; and, Claire LaValley, Jessica DuBois and Heather Skutak (received two) for applying for and receiving a Meemic Foundation Grant in the amount of \$100.00 each.

Bella Troyer and Abe Akey, Student Board of Education Representatives, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including: fall play, Almost Maine, directed by Tim Moe, Nancy Arndorfer and Kelly Wheat; Veterans Day Assembly - the band and choir played, the VFW awards were presented, Paul Russell spoke - adding that the students were very respectful; the swim team took 10th out of 35 at state, with placing in the top ten in five events; girls basketball; boys basketball Meet the Jays night; National Honor Society induction was on October 30th, had over 20 students inducted; hockey; wrestling; Ski Team; and, Peppermint is on December 15, with the Grand March at 6:30 p.m. and the dance to follow.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: after school activities, extra-curricular, athletics and family activities; PRSYL monthly data; Project SEARCH update; Human Resources report; monthly budget update; technology update; and, the Superintendent's report.

Committee reports were shared with the Board from the Policy, Finance/HR, Safety Sub-Committee and Facilities Committees.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Woller to approve the one-year HVAC contracted services agreement with Complete Control Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed ALICE training for students.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Ratliff to approve the loan from River Valley not to exceed \$1,000,000 for maintenance projects. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Ratliff to increase the contract of the BVA Music teaching position from a 0.33 FTE to a 0.66 FTE. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Woller to approve the Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to approve the switch upgrade purchase not to exceed \$280,000. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Smith to approve Nexus Solutions to partner with MAPS to develop a Strategic Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Proulx to approve the donation of funds from Friends of the School Forest valued at \$4,345.00 for offsetting costs to do landscaping projects at the School Forest. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ratliff to approve the donation of funds from The Sonnentag Foundation valued at \$10,000.00 for the Jay Stadium Renovation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed adding committee minutes to the website.

The Board discussed having agenda packets shared on the website.

Dr. Sample informed the Board that technical corrections have been made throughout the policy manual to change the District Compliance Officer from Cindy Heinz to Gerald Beyer.

Dr. Sample updated the Board on the Community Conversation outcomes.

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

MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to approve consent agenda items a through e, which included second readings of Policy 8405 Environmental Health and Safety Program; and, Bylaw 0164.2 Special Meetings; minutes of the October 22, October 24 and November 1, 2018 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$4,023,957.61; the personnel report; and donations totaling \$2,733.17. Motion carried unanimously with Woller abstaining from the October 24 and November 1, 2018 minutes; Proulx abstaining from the October 24, 2018 minutes; and, Ratliff abstaining from the October 22, October 24 (portion of) and November 1, 2018 minutes.

There were no additional items added to Items for Future Meetings.

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

Radio Schedule: Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. at Bluejay 730 Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: December 18, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Volpe to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Nubs Ashbeck
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder