

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 13, 2019 – 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 members absent: Eric Geiss. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology Integration; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Cindy Heinz, Director of Human Resources; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; John Hagemeister, BVA Administrator; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; Ryan Martinovici, Middle School Principal; Trisha Detert, Elementary Principal; Glenda Oginski, Elementary Principal; Dawn Nonn, Elementary Principal; Jill Seaman, Head Start/4K/Early Childhood Director; Student Board Representatives Bella Troyer and Abe Akey; approximately 11 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: Students for helping to design and create a backdrop for our Board Meeting Recognitions: Drake Cantrell, Ethan Charraix, David Davis, Jeffrey Detert, Clayton Gruetzmacher, Jacob Hamsing, Morgan Henrichs, Bryce Kufahl, Michelle Lahr, Nathan Leskela, Brayden Rajek, Alexander Schmidt, Lorren Seamans, Matthew Strebig and Eathan Wendt; as well as, Fab Lab Director Josh Zalewski. Skylar Herdt for being selected as a 2019 NCWIT-WI Affiliate Winner of the National Center for Women & Information Technology Awards for Aspirations in Computing. She was nominated for this award by her computer science teacher, Mrs. Olivia Dachel. Skylar, a junior at Merrill High School, has been interested in computer science since using her very first computer at four years old. She is the Chief Communication Officer for the MHS Technology Club, maintaining the website to plan and communicate CS activities, such as drones, virtual and augmented reality, and the Coding Expo for elementary students. She will be taking AP Computer Science and other technology courses at MHS in the future, and she also aspires to further her programming knowledge and work at Church Mutual as a computer programmer to help bring relief to people when natural disasters happen or work with technology to prevent disasters. Congratulations Skyler, and thank you to Mrs. Dachel for providing these opportunities at MHS! Olivia Dachel has been selected as the 2019 NCWIT Educator Award winner! Out of 250 applications, Olivia is being recognized by the National Center for Women and Information Technology for demonstrating her commitment to encouraging young women's aspirations in computing. Since joining the MAPS staff, Olivia has pioneered the first coding/programming class to take place in the District. In addition, she leads the technology club at Merrill High, all while constantly looking for and implementing new and innovative opportunities for students. Thank you Olivia for your drive and passion for preparing students for the future! Michael Dickman for his help in potentially saving a community member's life. Michael was on his way to school when he heard someone calling for help and found Lonnie Strauss had fallen in the deep snow and was unable to get up behind a building. Michael tried getting others to help when he finally called 911. Michael's quick actions were instrumental in helping Mr. Strauss and we appreciate his efforts! Dale Bergman, Darryl Frick, Jeff Zettler, Matt Uelmen and Steve Osness

for their extra hard work with snow removal. They have been giving up time with their families on evenings, weekends and the wee hours of the mornings to get the snow cleared so students and staff can arrive safely. Their hard work and diligence is appreciated by all!

Abe Akey and Bella Troyer, Student Board of Education Representatives, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including: basketball season ended with the girls 9-12 record and the boys making history - they were undefeated at home, conference champs, 22-5 record, four players made conference, Quinn Steckbauer was basketball player of the year, and Coach Schalow coach of the year; track is underway; softball practice started; baseball and soccer start on Monday the 18th; Spring Break is next week; April 4-7 is the high school musical, *Mamma Mia*; and, Junior Prom is April 18th.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: Mid-Year MAP data and RtI; PRSYL monthly data; Special Education/Pupil Services report; Human Resources report; monthly budget update; technology update; and, the Superintendent's report.

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

There was an update on ALICE training for students.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Smith to approve the schedules, course offerings and registration materials for MAPS Summer School Enrichment 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Ashbeck to approve the 5-year Fleet Lease agreement as quoted by Ewald Solutions. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to approve the CESA 9 2019-2020 contracted services agreement as presented with a projected cost of \$135,448. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashbeck left the meeting 6:01-6:05 p.m.

MOTION by Smith, second by Proulx to table the bylaw (Bylaw 0155 Committees) to the April meeting pending the review of open records requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Volpe to approve the June 12, 2019 make up day on the proposed revised 2018-2019 School Calendar to meet the requirements established by the Wisconsin DPI, and to also allow administration to add on days to the calendar, if needed, for possible future cancelled school days. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the Director portion of the Administrator Compensation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Woller to approve the \$6,500 donation from the Aqua Jays to help offset the cost of starting blocks at the PRMS pool. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Ratliff to approve consent agenda items a through e, which included the approval and second readings of Policy 6320 Purchasing and Policy (#TBD) Monies in School Buildings; minutes of the February 20, 2019 and February 25, 2019 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,174,828.39; the personnel report; and donations totaling \$962.09. Motion carried with Volpe, Proulx and Yingling abstaining from the February 25, 2019 minutes.

For Items for Future Meetings 1) Linda Yingling asked to look at the 2019-2020 school calendar this summer and adding on days. 2) Jeremy Ratliff would like to hear a review of the Taher policy regarding graduating seniors and still having money in their accounts, how is it refunded? 3) Brett Woller would like to review the policy we have on communication with students, outside coming in. 4) Linda Yingling would like to know how we handle kids being ill at school, what the determination is to send them home, with outbreak of influenza - how do we handle that with school closures, what are the threshold numbers? 5) Maria Volpe asked about the timeframe for the maple syrup liability item. Brian Dasher gave an update on that item.

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

Radio Schedule: Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. at Bluejay 730 Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- BVA Governance Board Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m at Merrill High School
- Policy Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2019 @4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- School Forest Advisory Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m at the School Forest
- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Merrill High School Library
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Maple Grove Governance Board Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. at Maple Grove
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

President Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 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, 118.125 for the purpose of considering student Early College Credit and Start Now applications that may involve discussions of confidential student records, and to discuss other matters involving student records and personal histories that, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputations of the persons discussed. The purpose of the closed session is for the consideration of (and possible action regarding) applications for participation in the Early College Credit and Start College Now programs; to review public complaint of an employee; and, to consider and act upon parental requests for student opt out of state assessments, including the potential for a closed session(s) to review the specifics applicable to the affected student(s) if the discussion of such in open session would be likely to have an adverse effect upon the reputation of such student(s) pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats. Any such closed session(s) shall be immediately followed by reconvening in open session for further consideration and, ultimately, action upon the parental requests. MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

6:32 p.m. - 3 minute break.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ratliff to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Woller to approve the parental request for Student A to opt out of state assessments. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the 7 Early College Credit courses and the 11 Start College Now courses as presented in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ratliff to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.



Nubs Ashbeck
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder