

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
May 15, 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, Christi Stellingworth, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: None. Others Present: Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; Keshia Mashak, Director of Technology Integration; Brian Dasher, Director of Finance; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Shannon Murray, High School Principal; John Hagemester, Bridges Virtual Academy Executive Director; Student Board Representative Bella Troyer; approximately 12 members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During public comments, Randy Ruleau, Kendra Osness, Tricia Lazare and Melissa Meyer commented on parent concerns at Kate Goodrich Elementary School.

During recognition, the following were recognized by the Board: our departing student board representative, Abe Akey; and, returning student board representative, Bella Troyer, for their service. Desirae Hoff for being Merrill Area Public Schools' first Project SEARCH intern.

New student representative Levi Black was announced and introduced to the Board.

Bella Troyer, Student Board of Education Representative, updated the Board on activities at the Merrill High School, including: spring sports ending; On Stage was held on Monday, which consisted of group and solo acts, everyone did a great job; AP testing started last week; the Mock Crash is this Friday at Jay Stadium; seniors' last day is May 22, 2019 with the awards ceremony that evening; and, the graduation ceremony is on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the MHS Fieldhouse.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: end-of-year wrap-up on Educator Effectiveness and goals/aspirations for next year; PRSYL monthly data; update on the Youth Apprenticeship Program, update on the full-time sub position at the Merrill High School; Special Education/Pupil Services report; Human Resources report; food participation report; monthly budget update; technology update; and, the Superintendent's report.

Board Committee appointments were made and announced by President Blake.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the appointments made by the Superintendent for committee membership of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were shared with the Board from the Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services, Finance/HR and Facilities Committees.

MOTION by Smith, second by Ratliff to approve the listed summer maintenance projects for the 2019-2020 school year as funding allows. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to table the 66.30 Reading Recovery agreements agenda item. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ashbeck to approve the Network Systems Administrator Salary Schedule and the placement of Michael Lind on Step B of the schedule for the 2019-2020 school year and Step D of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ratliff to approve the proposed staffing adjustments for Bridges Virtual Academy for the 2019-2020 school year to include: Renaming "Administrator" to "Executive Director"; revise Elementary Coordinator contract by renaming its position to "Assistant Director" and categorize into new MAPS administrative salary structure; approve 30 hour extended contract to BVA teachers who serve as Teacher/Advisor; and, create Secondary Coordinator (coordinator contract) position. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Volpe to approve the renewal of the Merrill Adult Diploma Academy charter school contract for the 2019-2021 school years and approve the 2019-2020 MADA calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Volpe to approve the 333 new students open enrolling to MAPS, denying the 7 applications that do not meet open enrolling into a district criteria, and also approve the 617 open enrolled students continuing at MAPS; and, approve the 19 new students indicating open enrollment out of MAPS, and also approve the 90 open enrolled students continuing to open enroll out of MAPS. 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 Smith, second by Volpe to approve consent agenda items a through f, which includes second readings of Policy 8420 School Safety and Emergency Preparedness; and, Policy 8462.01 Threats of Violence; minutes of the April 17, 2019, April 22, 2019, May 6, 2019 and May 8, 2019 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$2,798,669.50; the personnel report, which includes the hirings of Karrie Koss, Special Education Aide, effective August 27, 2019; Kevin Lentz, Special Education Aide, effective August 27, 2019; Beth Shull, PRMS Special Education Aide, effective May 5, 2019; Joshua Wilson, MHS Social Studies Teacher, effective August 20, 2019; Suzanne Packel, Central Office HR Assistant, effective June 3, 2019; and, Christopher Hahn, PRMS Literacy/Social Studies Teacher, effective August 20, 2019; the resignations of Christine Kimmins, MADA Secretary, effective July 19, 2019; and, Vanessa Boorse, Kate Goodrich Teacher, effective June 14, 2019; recognition of donations received for the Great Speaker Committee totaling \$3,710.00; and, other donations received totaling \$1,440.00. Motion carried with Ashbeck abstaining from a donation he made; and, Ratliff and Woller abstaining from the May 6, 2019 minutes.

There were no items for future meetings.

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

Radio Schedule: Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. at Bluejay 730 Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- School Forest Advisory Meeting: Monday, May 20, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m. at the School Forest
- Special Board Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Maple Grove Governance Board Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. at Maple Grove
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room


President Blake announced 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. The purpose of the closed session is to consider an employee's request for a leave of absence. MOTION by Volpe, second by Ratliff to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

6:41 p.m. - 8 minute break

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

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Volpe to reject an employee request for a paid leave of absence from May 20 through June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.


Nubs Ashbeck
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder

