

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 23, 2019 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:31 PM in the Central Office Board Room.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Christi Stellingworth, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board member absent: Linda Yingling. 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; Glenda Oginski, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Eddie Then, Director of Human Resources; Amy Stutzriem, Elementary Principal; six members of the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During public comments, Ron Behm commented on school bus safety; and, Melissa Yates commented on the moving of elementary teachers without transparency to parents.

During recognition, the following were recognized by the Board: The PRMS Social Norms Youth Group for their contributions to local youth tobacco prevention initiatives, specifically the e-cigarette epidemic. The following students sit on the PRMS Social Norms Youth Group: Gabie Krueger, Spencer Smith, Hailey Nowack, Hannah Wendt, Hana Bushar, Blake Hagen, Parker Welch, Bridger Lemmon and Makalia Geiger. Michael Casper and Hunter Wallace as 2019 Academic-All State honorees from the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin (GCAW). Students must meet the following criteria: 1) A cumulative GPA of 3.25, 2) participation in at least 75% of their team's varsity matches, and 3) are a sophomore, junior or senior. Reindl Printing who was extremely helpful in the creation of the Prairie River Middle School yearbook. Bill Best, Robin Smith, and Sarah Schenzel bent over backward by responding quickly to emails and last minute concerns. They were very helpful and patient when we were behind schedule in completing the yearbook. We appreciate the attentiveness and the amazing customer service provided by all of Reindl's employees!

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: food participation report; quarterly out-of-state travel report; quarterly summary of purchases between \$5,000-\$9,999; MAPS school-based mental health service update; Human Resources report; monthly budget update; technology update; and, the Superintendent's report.

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

MOTION by Ratliff, second by Stellingworth to approve the rescission of approval of the Associate Principal position at Kate Goodrich Elementary School. Proulx CALLED THE QUESTION after discussion. Motion failed 1-6-1 on a roll call vote (Aye - Stellingworth. Nays - Smith, Volpe, Ashbeck, Proulx, Woller and Blake. Abstention - Ratliff).

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ratliff to approve the adoption of the Wisconsin Academic Standards for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to table the updated version of the Coaches Handbook to allow additional time for committee review. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to increase the College and Career Planning Specialist Position for 2019-2020 from .80 FTE to 1.0 FTE. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ratliff to secure a full-time physical therapist and enter into a Cooperative Program Agreement (s. 66.0301) with another Wisconsin LEA to cost share the position. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Woller to approve the 2019-2020 original budget as [presented](#). Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Smith to add five (5) vacation days to the 240-day contract of the Activities Director position. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve policy (#TBD) Balanced Budget as a first reading and forward as a second reading. AMENDMENT by Smith, second by Volpe to strikeout “as a first reading and approve as a second reading” and add “waive the first reading and approve as a second reading.” Amendment carried unanimously. Motion to approve policy (#TBD) Balanced Budget, waive the first reading and approve as a second reading carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve policy (#TBD) Fraudulent Impersonation Controls waiving the first reading and approving as a second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to advise administration to maintain its current expulsion philosophy and procedures for the upcoming school year. Motion carried unanimously.

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 d, which includes the minutes of the June 19, 2019 meeting; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$5,403,763.37; the personnel report, which includes the hirings of Sadie Boyle, Elementary Guidance Counselor, effective August 20, 2019; Amy Dinges, HR/Finance Assistant, effective date to be determined; David Drewek, Study Space Supervisor, effective August 28, 2019; Kevin Keeffe, MADA Secretary, effective July 8, 2019; and, Megan Kautzer, MHS Associate Principal, effective date to be determined; and, the resignations of Jessica DuBois, effective June 28, 2019; Carrie Pierschalla, effective July 1, 2019; Kathy McCoy, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year; Cherish Hoy, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year; and, Paula Norman, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year; and, donations totaling \$1,767.04. Motion carried with Proulx abstaining from the June 19, 2019 minutes; and, Ratliff abstaining from a portion of the June 19, 2019 minutes.

For items for Future Meetings, Ratliff asked to discuss a policy or procedure for marketing or making Jay Stadium available for Community events for weddings, parties, etc. It was unanimous consent by the Board to add this item to the Facilities Committee agenda for further review. Smith recommended that the CTP Committee take up discussion regarding the

resolution presented by the bus drivers this evening. It was unanimous consent by the Board to add this item to the CTP Committee agenda for further review. Blake recommended that the Finance/HR Committee discuss the summer camps at the School Forest, review whether or not it is advantageous for us to expand the program to high school students. It was unanimous consent by the Board to add this item to the Finance/HR Committee for further review.

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

Radio Schedule: Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. at Bluejay 730 Radio Station.

Future Meetings

- Special Board Meeting: Thursday, July 25, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Maple Grove Governance Board Meeting: Monday, August 12, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. at Maple Grove
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Policy Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Special Board Meeting - DAPES Training: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

Nubs Ashbeck
Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder