

# Merrill Area Public Schools

*MAPS Mission Statement: Merrill Area Public Schools, in partnership with the Merrill Community and our families, will empower students to be lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and productive community members.*

## Facilities Committee Meeting Wednesday – October 2, 2019

**3:30 PM**

**Central Office Board Room**  
(1111 N Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

## Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call –

Kevin Blake called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

Present: Nubs Ashbeck, Dale Bergman, Kevin Blake, Darryl Frick, Dr. John Sample and Linda Yingling

Brian Dasher arrived at 3:42pm

II. Approval of [September 4, 2019 Facilities Committee Minutes](#)

**MOTION** by Nubs Ashbeck to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2019 Facilities Committee meeting, second by Linda Yingling. Motion carried unanimously.

III. New Radio Functionality

A. Update on Progress

Dale Bergman provided the committee with an overview of the radio purchase, including the grant funding used for purchasing, type and number of radios, and problems that have been encountered in functionality and benefits gained to date.

IV. Marketing and Making Jay Stadium Available to the Community

The committee discussed current usages of Jay Stadium and mentioning Jay Stadium rentals in the next Superintendent's Corner.

**Tabled until next meeting to obtain more information.**

V. Standing Agenda Item for Review of Safety Policies and Policy Review by Facilities Committee

**Please see the attached [main index](#) for Committee review of policies. At this time**

**on the agenda, the Committee will review the following policies:**

- A. Policy 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle

**NEOLA's [Revised Policy 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle](#)**

**Policy Committee recommended at its August 13, 2019 meeting to have further review of NEOLA's recommendations. Brian Dasher recommends not using private vehicles at all.**

Dale Bergman provided the committee with an overview of the recommended policy changes.

Brian Dasher arrived at 3:42pm

**Motion** by Linda Yingling to recommend forwarding Policy 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle to the full Board for approval as a second reading after the Committee had reviewed and made appropriate revisions, second by Nubs Ashbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

**Suggested [REVISED POLICY 8660](#)**

- B. Update of Policy 8390 Animals on District Property

**Remind School Forest and other agencies of revised policy.**

Dale Bergman provided the committee with a reminder that we would update staff on the policy changes so they could determine if there is a need for animals in the classroom and how to gain approval.

- VI. Standing Agenda Item - Safety Sub-Committee Minutes

- A. Next safety meeting is scheduled for Nov 4th, 2019

No discussion took place.

- VII. Standing Agenda Item for Master Facilities Planning

- A. Update on Progress of Meetings.

Dr. John Sample meet with Nexus in Madison and provided the committee with the outcomes.

The committee discussed and made plans to to have a meeting with Nexus at the next Facilities Committee meeting to include a status update and provide an opportunity to ask questions. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 6th. The time is to be determined.

The committee discussed taking the Nexus contract to the October Board meeting for review of proposed contract with no action to be taken. This will allow board members to prepare questions for the November Facilities Committee meeting.

VIII. Solar Panel Information Including Upfront Cost and Overall Cost Savings

A. Possible Grant Opportunity

Dale Bergman provided the committee with an overview of the Solar for Schools grant program through Wisconsin Public Service. Jefferson Elementary is going to write a grant application. The committee discussed the solar panel savings and cost for TB Scott Library and possible return on investment. Dale will provide additional information in regards to the usage of solar panels as the information becomes available.

IX. Items for Next Meeting and Next Meeting Date

- A. Central Office Emergency Power
- B. Natural Gas RFPs
- C. HVAC Service Contract
- D. Start Review of Policies Pertinent to Facilities Committee
- E. Next meeting on November 6th - Invite Nexus and determine start time
- F. Concession stand use and adoption policy.
- G. Marketing and making Jay Stadium available
- H. Event site coordinator visibility to attendees in case of emergency

X. Adjournment

**MOTION** by Nubs Ashbeck to adjourn, second by Linda Yingling. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm