

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
October 16, 2019 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:32 p.m. in the MAPS boardroom.

Board members present: Kevin Blake, Nubs Ashbeck, Jon Smith, Jeremy Ratliff, Linda Yingling, Christi Stellingworth and Brett Woller. Absent: Paul Proulx and Maria Volpe. Others present: Ryan Martinovici, Prairie River Middle School Principal; Mark Seaman, Prairie River Middle School Associate Principal; Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; and Lori Ugolini, Recorder.

President Blake announced an executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85(1) (a) deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; (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 and 120.13(1)(c) for the purpose of conducting hearings on recommended student expulsions 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 the following: To conduct one (1) student expulsion hearing, deliberate, and act regarding the same; and, consideration and update of citizen concern about employee conduct, including discussion of related records request and conferring with legal counsel regarding these issues and to take action as appropriate. MOTION by Smith, second by Ratliff to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Smith second by Woller to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Nubs Ashbeck
Board Clerk

Lori Ugolini
Recorder