

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.*

Regular Board of Education Meeting Wednesday – January 15, 2020

5:30 PM

Merrill High School

Auditorium

(Door #16)

(1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Paul Proulx, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, Christi Stellingworth, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller and Linda Yingling
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Written notice of this meeting has been posted and sent to the news media on Thursday, January 9, 2020
- V. Board Member/Administrator Expectations

NOTE: MAPS respects the role our elected Board members serve and the function of our Board meetings. Board members and administrators are committed to working collaboratively to provide our students a safe learning environment and the highest level of achievement. This meeting is a formal event and professional conduct is the expectation for all in attendance.

- VI. Public Comments to the Board / General Subject Matter Discussion

NOTE: The Board shall schedule fifteen minutes at the beginning of each regular meeting for members of the public to speak. Speakers will be allotted three minutes to address the Board. If you have a large group, please designate one representative to speak. Board members may ask clarifying questions during the comment section, but will usually postpone further discussion and/or action until further public input.

We appreciate your participation in the School Board meeting this evening. The Public Comment period is an important time for the Board to hear the concerns of its constituents. Nevertheless, prior to making a statement during the Public Comment period, you may wish to consider whether the content of your speech could be harmful to an individual person and if so, whether that person could have a legal claim against you related to the statement you make this evening.

We have been advised that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has specifically ruled that there is no absolute privilege which protects defamatory comments by speakers at Board meetings such as this. Therefore, please be aware that each speaker bears the personal risk if anything he/she says during the public comment period of the School Board meeting is defamatory, slanderous or otherwise harmful to another individual. Thank you.

- VII. Recognition

VIII. Student BOE Representative Report

IX. Administrative Reports

- a. District Scorecard Pillar - Quarterly Student Achievement Pillar Monitoring Report
- b. District Scorecard Pillar - Quarterly Student and Staff Wellness Pillar Monitoring Report
- c. Student Withdrawal Survey Data
- d. Pine River School for Young Learners - Monthly Data
- e. Director of Human Resources Report - Evaluation Data Analysis, UWSP Recruitment Fair, Building Visits and Licensing Deadline
- f. Food Participation Update
- g. Monthly Budget Update
- h. Quarterly Summary of Purchases Between \$5,000-\$9,999
- i. Quarterly Out-of-State Travel Report
- j. Technology Update - Technology Department - Scorecard Progress Update; SLATE Conference; Hour of Code; Filter Demo/Savings; Seesaw Implementation; Paging Update; Get to Know the Technology Team; and State eSports
- k. Superintendent's Report - Monthly Activities and Meetings; Community Scan; Studer Education Meeting with ALT; and, Information, Question and Answer for Maple Grove

X. Committee Reports/Action

- a. Finance/HR Committee
- b. Facilities Committee
- c. Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. None

XII. Board of Education Business

- a. MAPS Head Start 5-Year Strategic Goals
- b. MAPS Head Start Self Assessment
- c. Head Start Cost Allocation Plan
- d. Head Start Transportation Waiver
- e. Open Enrollment Spaces Available at MAPS - 2011 Wisconsin Act 114 Discussion and 2015 Act 55 Open Enrollment for Pupils with Disabilities

- f. Renew Hockey Cooperative for the School Years of 2020-2021 & 2021-2022
- g. Renew Girls Lacrosse Cooperative for the School Years of 2020-2025
- h. Employee Anti-Harassment Policy Revisions
- i. Technical Corrections Made to Policies 3210/4210 Staff Ethics
- j. 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Forecast

XIII. Consent Agenda

- a. Policy - Second Readings of:
Policies 3122/4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- b. Minutes of: December 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 January 8, 2020 Special Board Meeting
- c. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Smith & Stellingworth
- d. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- e. Donations

XIV. Items for Future Meetings and Possible Action to Approve the Future Discussions Thereof

- a. Unfinished Items for Future Meetings
 - Kids Kingdom Building Use and Expenses After Lease Expires
 - Summer Camps at School Forest
 - Process for Hiring of Coaches and How Coaches Salaries are Determined

XV. Board Decision Financial Impact Summary

XVI. Radio Schedule: Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XVII. Future Meetings

- School Forest Advisory Meeting: Monday, January 27, 2020 @ 4 p.m. at the School Forest
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Maple Grove Governance Board Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. at Maple Grove
- PRSYL Policy Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

XVIII. Contemplated 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; (e) deliberating or negotiation of the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; (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, (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

The purpose of the closed session is to discuss two support staff's leaves of absence; and, to confer with legal counsel who is rendering legal advice regarding the consideration of the closing of the Maple Grove School, specifically the potential/likelihood of litigation associated with doing so, and the strategies/options available to the Board which may be the subject of negotiations with the Maple Grove Governance Board, and to take possible action related to same.

Closed Session

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Discuss Closed Session Item(s)
- 4) Adjournment of Closed Session

XIX. Contemplated motion to reconvene into open session for the Regular Board Meeting

- 1) The Board may reconvene to open session and may take action upon the matters discussed during the closed session portion of the meeting including authorizing District legal counsel to discuss and/or negotiate options related to potential closure of the Maple Grove School.

XX. Adjournment