

Merrill Area Public Schools

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

Special Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday – February 16, 2021

6:00 PM

MERRILL HIGH SCHOOL

Auditorium

(1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

and

Meeting Conducted Remotely

*If a member of the public wants to participate in this meeting virtually, please contact Tammy Woller at tammy.woller@mapsedu.org, or use this link to join: <https://meet.google.com/qwp-shcm-jto?hs=122&authuser=0>.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Jeremy Ratliff, Jon Smith, 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 Monday, February 8, 2021, and to the petitioners seeking detachment as owners and electors on Monday, February 8, 2021.
- 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 HEARING/MEETING WITH PETITIONERS SEEKING DETACHMENT; OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING DETACHMENT PETITIONS
 - a. Petitioners seeking detachment from Merrill Area Public School District and attachment to Athens School District to address the Merrill Area Public School District Board of Education regarding their reasons for the proposed reorganization, pursuant to Sec. 117.12(3), Wis. Stat.
 - b. Merrill Area Public School District's Administration may provide information pertaining to the proposed reorganization.
 - c. Citizens who are not petitioners in the pending detachment proceedings will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed reorganization.
 - d. Written statements pertaining to the proposed detachment, submitted prior to the meeting, will be considered by the Board.
- VII. BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board of Education will discuss the petitions and may take action on one or more of the petitioners' detachment requests. If the board determines to defer its deliberation and/or action on one or more of the petitions, it will take up such matter(s) at a subsequent special meeting. If the Board of Education determines to

deliberate and take action on all petitions at the meeting on February 16, 2021, further meetings will not be necessary.

- VI. School district legal counsel will be present to confer with the Board of Education as requested by the Board during the February 16, 2021, meeting. From time to time during the meeting, the Board may consider a motion to move to closed session to confer with legal counsel pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stat., concerning strategy to be adopted by the Board with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, to wit, appeal of any decision regarding one or more of the detachment requests, and Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stat., to conduct specified public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons requires a closed session, to wit, the division of assets and liabilities between the school districts in the event of the granting of one or more of the detachment petitions. The Board will reconvene in open session after any such closed session to resume deliberations and take such action regarding the petitions as it deems appropriate, and/or adjourn the special meeting.
- VII. ADJOURN