

# 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 – December 16, 2020**

**5:30 PM**

### **Merrill High School Auditorium**

(1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, WI)

Door 16

*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](mailto:tammy.woller@mapsedu.org), or use this link to join: <https://meet.google.com/ppz-abhq-yds?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 Friday, December 11, 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. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report - Continuous Improvement Plan
  - b. Pine River School for Young Learners - Monthly Data - Enrollment Numbers, Health Screening Requirements, Attendance and USDA/CACFP Meals
  - c. Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Report - Reading Drives Achievement: Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment (RDA: PCSA) Update
  - d. Monthly Budget Update
  - e. Food Participation Update
  - f. Human Resources Update - Employee Benefits Group; Middle School Special Education Position; Staffing Plan Development; and, Liquidated Damages Collection
  - g. Superintendent's Report - Monthly Activities and Meetings; Administrator Rounding; Administrator Evaluation Process; Building Staff Visibility; ALT Meeting Agendas & Notes; CO Administrator Meeting Agendas & Notes; and, Weekly Bulletins for Staff
- 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. WASB Resolutions/Delegate Assembly
  - b. Enrollment Cap for Charter Schools
  - c. Consider Proposal from School Perceptions for Referendum Planning Services
  - d. Adopt Budget Forecast Assumptions
  - e. Approve Updates to Budget Development Calendar

- f. Review Alternate Board Financial Reports
- g. Reduction of Central Office Administrative Position - Director of Technology Integration
- h. Building Configuration Timeline Update

XIII. Consent Agenda

- a. Policy - Second Readings  
NEOLA Policy Revisions - Special Release EDGAR 2.0  
REVISED Policy 6114 Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds  
REVISED Policy 6325 Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds  
New Policy 8315 Information Management
- b. Minutes of: November 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting  
December 9, 2020 Special Board Meeting
- c. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Smith & Volpe
- d. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- e. Donations

XIV. Items for Future Meetings

- 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, December 17, 2020 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XVII. Future Meetings

- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Maple Grove Governance Board Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 6 p.m. by virtual meeting
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. by virtual meeting
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium

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..

The purpose of the closed session is to discuss the validity of an individual teacher contract and take potential action regarding the status of the teacher; for preliminary consideration of non-renewal of employment for renewal/non-renewal of two administrators; and, to discuss administrators' and supervisors' evaluations and consider administrative contract extensions.

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) Act on Closed Session Item(s) if Applicable and Necessary

XX. Adjournment