

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 – February 17, 2021

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, 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 Thursday, February 11, 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 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. Mid-Year Achievement Gap Reduction Report
 - b. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report - Student Monitor Reports Winter Data
 - c. Pine River School for Young Learners - Monthly Data
 - d. Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Report - Project SEARCH 2021-2022
 - e. Monthly Budget Update
 - f. Food Participation Update
 - g. Human Resources Update - Employee Benefits Group; Liquidated Damages Collection; Presentation from State Convention; and, Staffing Update
 - h. Technology Update - Auditorium Updates; Freshworks Update; High School Computer Science Class Update; Public Network Changes; Consolidation Update; State Testing Prep; E-Rate; and Get to Know the Technology Team
 - i. Superintendent's Report - Monthly Activities and Meetings; Data Based Decision Making; Administrator Rounding; Administrator Evaluation Progress; Building Staff Visibility; ALT Meeting Agendas & Notes; CO Administrator Meeting Agendas; and, Weekly Bulletins for Staff
 - j. Board Education Opportunity - Determining Custodial Manpower Assignment Procedure
- X. Committee Reports/Action
 - a. Finance/HR Committee
 - b. Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee
- XI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Approval of the 2021-2022 School Calendar
- XII. Board of Education Business
 - a. Approval of Head Start Federal Grant

- b. Head Start Community Assessment
- c. Approval of Contract for Additional Hours for Head Start Family Support Specialist
- d. State Education Convention Review
- e. Consideration of Renewing Transportation Contracts with our Current Vendors
- f. Prairie River Middle School Course Descriptions
- g. DPI Data Use Agreement
- h. MacBook Refresh
- i. Strategic Planning - Review Preliminary Budget Documentation, Assumptions, Forecast and Options
- j. Neola's Volume 30, Number 1 Technical Corrections
- k. Building Configuration Timeline Update

XIII. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of: January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Smith & Yingling
- c. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- d. 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. Radio Schedule: Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XVI. Future Meetings

- Safety Committee Meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Policy Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 4, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Maple Grove Governance Board Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021 @ 6 p.m. at MGCS
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. by virtual meeting
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium

XVII. 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; and, (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 consider issuance of notice of nonrenewal of contract to Keshia Mashak upon the expiration of her contract due to elimination of her position for the 2021-22 school year; and, to consider and act upon parental requests for student opt out of state assessments, including the potential for a closed session(s) to review the specifics applicable to the affected student(s) if the discussion of such in open session would be likely to have an adverse effect upon the reputation of such student(s) pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats. Any such closed session(s) shall be immediately followed by reconvening in open session for further consideration and, ultimately, action upon the parental requests.

Closed Session

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

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

- 1) Act on Closed Session Item(s) if Applicable and Necessary
 - I. Act Upon, as appropriate, the issuance of notice of nonrenewal of the contract to Keshia Mashak upon the expiration of her contract due to elimination of her position for the 2021-22 school year
 - II. Act Upon Parental Requests for Student Opt-Out of State Assessments (if applicable and necessary)

XIX. Adjournment