

# 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**

**Thursday – February 25, 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](mailto:tammy.woller@mapsedu.org), or use this link to join: <https://meet.google.com/khp-cvwm-vgv?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 18, 2021, and to the petitioners seeking detachment as owners and electors on Thursday, February 18, 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 IN THE TOWN OF HAMBURG SEEKING DETACHMENT; OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING DETACHMENT PETITIONS
  - a. Merrill Area Public School District's Administration will provide additional information pertaining to the proposed reorganization, including the fiscal impacts of detachment.
  - b. Petitioners in the Town of Hamburg seeking detachment from Merrill Area Public School District and attachment to Athens School District may address the Board and provide additional information requested by the Board at the meeting on February 16, 2021.
  - c. Citizens who are not petitioners in the pending detachment proceedings, and who have not yet addressed the Board regarding the petitions, will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed reorganization.
  - d. Written statements pertaining to the proposed detachment, submitted after the meeting on February 16, 2021, and prior to this meeting, will be considered by the Board.
- VII. CONTEMPLATED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

#### VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board of Education will discuss and consider the petitions and may take action on one or more of the petitioners' detachment requests, including granting or denying the petitions for reorganization and issuing an order regarding the same.

#### IX. ADJOURN