

# 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 – August 18, 2021

**5:30 PM**

**BOARD ROOM**

**MAPS Central Administration Building**

(1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, 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, August 12, 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. Administrative Reports
  - a. Parent Satisfaction Survey Results Report

- b. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report - District Communication - Professional Development Update
- c. Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Report - Guidance from WI DPI and WI Department of Health Services: COVID-19 Infection Control and Mitigation Measures for Wisconsin Schools 2021/2022; and, Guidelines for Investigation of COVID-19 Outbreaks in Schools
- d. Human Resources/Budget/Technology Update - Biennial Budget; Bank Reconciliations; Audit Preparation; FY21 Budget Finalization; Open Positions; Substitute Orientation; New Teacher Orientation; Laptop Exchanges; Servers & UPS Challenges; and, Technology Preparation for Fall
- e. Director of Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Update - Building Consolidation Update; Summer Maintenance Projects; Transportation Updates; Capital Improvement Projects; Safety and Security; Department Meetings/Rounding
- f. Superintendent's Report - Monthly Activities and Meetings; Personnel Rounding; Administrator Evaluation Progress; Building Staff Visibility; ALT Meeting Agendas & Notes; CO Administrator Meeting Agendas; and, Weekly Bulletins for Staff

VIII. Committee Reports/Action

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

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. None

X. Board of Education Business

- a. 2011 Wisconsin Act 125 Seclusion and Restraint Reporting
- b. Approval of the Marching Jays trip to the Tournament of the Roses Parade in Pasadena, California
- c. Approval of Contract Between Lincoln County Health Department and Pine River School for Young Learners for Health Screening Services
- d. Approval of Contract between Lincoln County Health Department and Merrill area Public Schools for Grades 4K through 12 and Northern Achievement Center
- e. COVID-19 Start of School Recommendations
- f. Review of Annual Meeting Budget Presentation and 2021-2022 Budget Book Draft
- g. Approval of 2021-2022 List of Service Contracts and Other Expenditures over \$10,000
- h. Discussion of Board Review of Survey Comments
- i. Technical Corrections to Policies Due to District Re-organization and Position Changes
- j. Facility and Transportation Updates

XI. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of: July 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Woller & Volpe
- c. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- d. Donations

XII. Items for Future Meetings

- a. Unfinished Items for Future Meetings
  - None

XIII. Radio Schedule: Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XIV. Future Meetings

- Safety Committee Meeting: Monday, August 30, 2021 @ 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

XV. Contemplated MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(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 conduct specified public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons requires a closed session, to wit, the consideration and discussion of the sale of personal and real property associated with Maple Grove School, and the division of assets and liabilities between Merrill Area Common Public School District and Athens School District, which may occur as a result of granting petitions for detachment of property in the Town of Hamburg, and to take action regarding the same. The Board may reconvene to open session and may take action upon the matters discussed during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Closed Session

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

XVI. Contemplated motion to reconvene into open session for action related to closed session business, as appropriate

- a. Act Upon Matters Discussed During Closed Session, if deemed appropriate

XVII. Adjournment