

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Special Board of Education Meeting  
October 26, 2021 – Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:38 p.m. in the Merrill Area Public Schools Board of Education room.

Board members present: Kevin Blake, Nubs Ashbeck, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Maria Volpe, Chad Krueger, Linda Yingling and Brett Woller. Board members absent: Jon Smith. Others present: Doug Witte, Boardman & Clark (representing the District); Patricia Engel, Schott, Bublitz & Engel (representing the family), Shannon Murray, Merrill High School Principal; Brad Potter, Merrill High School Associate Principal; Megan Kautzer, Merrill High School Associate Principal; Jamie Jaeger, Resource Officer, Dr. John Sample, Superintendent; Karen Baker, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services; and Lori Ugolini, Recorder.

President Blake announced an executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85(1) (a) deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; (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; (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; and, 118.125 for the purpose of conducting hearings on recommended student expulsions that may involve discussions of confidential student records, and to discuss other matters involving student records and personal histories that, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputations of the persons discussed. The purpose of the closed session is the following: To conduct one (1) student expulsion hearing, deliberate, and act regarding the same. MOTION by Liberty, second by Volpe to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried on a roll call vote (Aye: Kevin Blake, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Maria Volpe, Chad Krueger, Linda Yingling, Nubs Ashbeck and Brett Woller) (Nay: None).

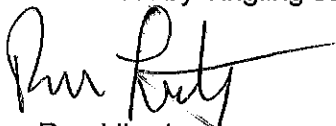
5:49 p.m. - Ashbeck recused himself from the expulsion hearing.

Krueger left the expulsion hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Volpe left the expulsion hearing at 7:29 p.m.

MOTION by Woller second by Osness to reconvene into open session at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Yingling second by Osness to adjourn meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Ron Liberty  
Board Clerk

Lori Ugolini  
Recorder