

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 15, 2021

5:30 PM

Auditorium

Merrill High School

(1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

There will be a pre-meeting meal provided to board members by Taher Food Service before this board meeting, beginning at 4:45 p.m. at the Merrill High School. During this time, no board action will take place.

REVISED AGENDA

(Additions are in bold and highlighted.)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake, **Jacqueline Gremler**, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, 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, December 9, 2021. A revised agenda was sent to the news media on Friday, December 10, 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. **Seating, Oath and Introduction of New Board Member**

VIII. Recognition

IX. Student BOE Representative Report

X. Administrative Reports

- a. Pine River School for Young Learners - Monthly Data - Enrollment Numbers, Health Screening, USDA/CACFP Meals for Students and P-Card Statements
- b. Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report - School Report Card
- c. Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Report - Continuation of Professional Development
- d. Human Resources/Budget/Technology Update - Audit Update; Budget Prioritization for FY23; Budget Performance Update; Budget Calendar Update; Open Positions; FY23 Teacher Contract; Hiring Process Modifications; Head Start Vaccination/Mask Mandate; and, E-Rate Project Update
- e. Food Participation Update
- f. Director of Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Update - Building Consolidation Update; Summer Maintenance Projects; Transportation Updates; Capital Improvement Projects; Safety and Security; Aquatics; and, Department Meetings/Rounding
- g. Board of Education Opportunity - Instructional Coaches Presentation
- h. Superintendent's Report - Monthly Activities and Meetings; Maple Grove Update; Referendum Survey Timeline; State Report Card Press Release; Rapid Cycle Feedback; Building Staff Visibility; ALT Meeting Agendas & Notes; CO Administrator Meeting Agendas; and, Weekly Bulletins for Staff

XI. Committee Reports/Action

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

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. Review and Possible Revision of Bylaw 0142.5 Vacancies

XIII. Board of Education Business

- a. Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,500,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes
- b. Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,500,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes
- c. WASB Resolutions/Delegate Assembly
- d. Placement on Compensation Plan for Those not Historically Placed
- e. Enrollment Cap for Charter Schools
- f. Preliminary Review of 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 School Calendars
- g. Establishment of William C. and Merle A. Gennrich Scholarship Fund

XIV. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of: November 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Woller & Osness
- c. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- d. Donations

XV. Items for Future Meetings

- a. Unfinished Items for Future Meetings
 - None

XVI. Radio Schedule: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XVII. Future Meetings

- Safety Committee Meeting: Monday, January 3, 2022 @ 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Head Start Policy Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- BVA Governance Board Meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 12:45 p.m., virtual
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

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 a 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; (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 for discussion of and potential action on approving a leave of absence for ~~three~~ **multiple** employees; to discuss administrators' and supervisors' evaluations; to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation goals; and, 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

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