

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 – January 26, 2022

5:30 PM

Auditorium

Merrill High School

(1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

AGENDA

- 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, January 20, 2022
- 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. Student BOE Representative Report

VIII. 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 - Resource Update for Prairie River Middle School
- c. Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Report - Project SEARCH 2021-2022
- d. Human Resources/Budget/Technology Update - Budget Prioritization for FY23; Additional Revenues; Budget Performance Update; Annual Tax Levy Data Comparisons; Budget Calendar Update; Open Positions; Hiring Process Modifications; Head Start Vaccination/Mask Mandate; and, Internet Outages
- 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 - Director of Business Services Presentation
- h. Superintendent's Report - Monthly Activities and Meetings; Maple Grove Update; Referendum Survey Timeline; Community Scan; AWSA PLC Virtual Meeting (PRMS and MHS); Building Principal Meeting; CESA 9 Agency Administrator Interviews; 2022 WASB State Education Convention; Building Staff Visibility; ALT Meeting Agendas & Notes; CO Administrator Meeting Agendas; and, Weekly Bulletins for Staff

IX. Committee Reports/Action

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

X. Unfinished Business

- a. None

XI. Board of Education Business

- a. Teacher Contract Revisions for FY23 (Second Reading)
- b. Addition of One (1) (28 hours per week) Special Education Teaching Assistant at Pine River School for Young Learners and Two (2) Full-Time Teaching Assistants at Kate Goodrich Elementary School
- c. Special Substitute Pay Rate Qualified for Student Teachers
- d. Addition of Policies to Enable Administration to Process Leave Requests Not Qualifying for FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) Leave
- e. Review of Budget Priorities for FY23

- f. Approval of Audit for FY21
- g. Head Start 5-Year Strategic Goals
- h. Approval of 4K Site Contracts for FY23
- i. Head Start Transportation Waiver
- j. Increasing Access to High Quality Care
- k. Approval of 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 School Calendars
- l. 2022-2027 Bridges Virtual Academy Contract FY2023-FY2027
- m. Policy 8510 Wellness - First Reading
- n. Open Enrollment Spaces Available at MAPS - 2011 Wisconsin Act 114 Discussion and 2015 Act 55 Open Enrollment for Pupils with Disabilities
- o. Neola's Volume 31, Number 1 Technical Corrections

XII. Consent Agenda

- a. Policies - Second Readings:
 - Policy 9700.01 Advertising and Sponsorship in Schools
- b. Minutes of:
 - December 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting
 - December 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
 - January 12, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- c. Claims & Vouchers and Receipts/Cash Reconciliation/Treasurer's Report – Woller & Liberty
- d. Personnel Report – Hirings, Recruitments and Resignations/Retirements
- e. Donations

XIII. Items for Future Meetings

- a. Unfinished Items for Future Meetings
 - Update on Adding Instructional Coaches

XIV. Radio Schedule: Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

XV. Future Meetings

- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Head Start Policy Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. location to be determined

XVI. 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 to approve the initial leave or extend the current leave of absence periods for several professional and support staff employees; 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

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

- 1) Act on Closed Session Item(s) if Applicable and Necessary

XVIII. Adjournment