

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.*

Facilities Committee Meeting

March 2, 2022

3:30 PM

Central Office Board Room

(1111 N Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call –

Kevin Blake called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Present: Dale Bergman, Kevin Blake, Darryl Frick, Ron Liberty, Dr. John Sample, Kendra Osness as a sit-in for Chad Krueger

Absent: Chad Krueger, Eddie Then

Eddie Then arrived at 3:32pm

II. Approval of [January 5, 2022 Facilities Committee Minutes](#)

MOTION by Ron Liberty to approve the January 5, 2022 Facilities Committee Minutes, seconded by Kevin Blake. Kendra Osness abstained. Motion carried.

Eddie Then arrived at 3:32pm

III. Kate Goodrich Parking Lot

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dale Bergman.

Dale Bergman provided the committee with an overview of the need for additional parking at Kate, along with a quote from Point of Beginning to provide the construction management and design services.

The committee discussed and clarified that the district would be moving forward with the option to expand parking within the existing boulevard.

The committee discussed potential impact to parent pick-up and visitor parking. This option will have space for 2 lanes of traffic after the expansion.

MOTION by Kendra Osness to forward to the full Board the approval of the contract with Point of Beginning to provide design and construction management services for the Kate Goodrich parking lot updates, seconded by Ron Liberty. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Highest Budget Priorities

Please see the attached [10 YEAR MAINT PLAN DRAFT](#) from Dale Bergman.

Informational only.

Dale Bergman provided an update to the 10-year plan that was submitted to DPI upon the creation of fund 46. This includes critical equipment, priority items, standard maintenance and scheduled replacement items as well as constant pricing updates.

The committee discussed non-fiscal obligations for fund 46 usage, project tracking and DPI requirements.

The committee discussed the Jefferson building and it's exclusion from the maintenance plan at this time.

The committee discussed the regular annual maintenance budget as well as there not being potential referendum funds marked for maintenance projects.

V. Transportation Department Updates

Dale Bergman - advanced routing rollout has been completed. Provided an overview of what Traversa looks like per student and route. Discussed cross town transfers,

No longer required to wear masks on the bus, unless part of the HS requirement

VI. Aquatics Department Updates

A. Aquatic Director / Lifeguard positions

Dale Bergman updated the committee on the current status of the open positions, how the openings are being covered internally as well as the struggles to fill the vacancy of the Aquatics Director Position.

The committee discussed ensuring that community satisfaction is maintained, potential strategies to recruit lifeguards, the process and cost to becoming a lifeguard, as well as the increased pay being offered by other employers.

VII. Steamer at Washington Elementary School, Fund 50

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dale Bergman.

Dale Bergman provided an overview of the need for a steamer at Washington as well as the cost breakdown.

MOTION by Ron Liberty to forward to the full Board the approval to purchase a new steamer for Washington Elementary School as presented, seconded by Kendra Osness.

The committee discussed equipment at Jefferson that can be used at other buildings

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. MHS Theater Lighting Updates

A. Update on fundraising and future projects

Dale Bergman provided an overview of the current lighting conditions at the High School as well as the fundraising that has been done by the Theater Jays to fund a lighting upgrade. At this time, this is for informational purposes only and may be completed in phases as outside funding is available.

IX. PRMS 2nd Floor Bathroom Repairs

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dale Bergman.

Dale Bergman provided an overview of the need for PRMS boy's bathroom repairs, including bids for repairs/replacement, funding from Fund 46 and the priority to repair the 2nd floor first.

The committee discussed the impact of the affected areas and the extent of the plumbing deterioration.

MOTION by Kendra Osness to forward to the full Board the approval of the repairs to the plumbing and urinals on the 2nd floor boy's bathroom of PRMS as presented, seconded by Ron Liberty. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Standing Agenda Item - Safety Sub-Committee Minutes

A. February 28, 2022 Safety Sub-Committee Minutes

Dale Bergman provided an overview of the meeting held on Monday, February 28, 2022.

XI. Standing Agenda Item for Review of Safety Policies and Policy Review by Facilities Committee

Please see the attached [main index](#) for Committee review of policies. At this point on the agenda, the Committee will review the following:

[7250 Naming School Sites and Facilities](#)
[8640 Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips](#)

Motion by Kendra Osness to table the Safety Policies and Policy Review until the next meeting, seconded by Ron Liberty. Motion carried unanimously

XII. Items for Next Meeting and Next Meeting Date

A. May 4, 2022

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION by Ron Liberty to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kendra Osness. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.