

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
September 28, 2022 – Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:30 PM in the MAPS Board Room.

Board members present: Jacqueline Gremler, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Paul Proulx, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: None. Others Present: Shannon M. Murray, Superintendent; Glenda Oginski, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Kelley Strike, Director of Business Services; Ryan Martinovici, Director of Head Start/PRSYL/4K; Megan Kautzer, High School Associate Principal; Matt Schult, Middle School Associate Principal; Student Representatives Isaiah Rell and Brooke Rudie; approximately 10 people from the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

During Recognition, the following were recognized: PRMS Staff WEB Leaders who worked with our student WEB Leaders to make it a positive start for our 5th grade and new PRMS Students on August 30th: Trina Knospe, Laura Forster, Chris Hahn, Emily Heckendorf, and Hazley Bonnell. Also recognized were 8th Grade WEB Student Leaders: Tatiana Anderson, Paige Byer, Alexandra Carreto, Shanna Herdt, Brody Klebenow, Izzy Klockow, Mark Marvin, Mya Meyer, Marissa Miles, Jackson Millard, Marielle Nass, Carlina Nebbergall, Ramiele Nehrbass, Greta Peterson, Addison Pickard, Lauren Rice, Layla Schmidt, Alyssa Schneider, Peyton Smith, Kayleigh Strey, Jenna Weiss, Lauren Zuelsdorff. These fantastic young people gave up THREE days of their summer to train and hold the WEB orientation.

The Merrill Area Public School District recognized that October 2-8 is Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week and we appreciate the service that our school board members provide.

Student BOE Representatives, Isaiah Rell and Brooke Rudie, update the Board on high school activities including: next week are midterms; first parent-teacher conference is October 12; Homecoming activities - Powderpuff, Powderbuff (new - boys' volleyball match up), theme is Disney, bonfire, parade and football game; pre-ACT tests; Link Crew was a huge success; Freshmen Bootcamp; smooth drop off and pick up lines.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: District Scorecard Data from 2021-2022; Professional Development; LCHD Annual Report; Business Services Update; Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Update; and, the Superintendent's Report.

Committee reports were shared with the Board including from the Facilities, Policy, Finance/HR, and Curriculum/ Technology/Pupil Services Committees.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to approve the 2022-2023 budget presentation at the annual meeting in October. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed that the October Special Board Meeting to adopt the 2022-2023 revised budget and levy certification will be held October 24, 2022 following the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to approve the resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$5,100,000; issuance of tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes; and, participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes (PLANN) Program, approving Dr. Kelley Strike as the acting fiscal agent for MAPS regarding signatures required on the day of the offering and other documentation relating to this borrowing. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the support staff handbook changes. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the teacher and support staff handbook language regarding personal appearance and staff dress code as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the purchase of new steamers for PRMS, not to exceed \$35,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Neola's Volume 31, Number 2 technical corrections were presented to the Board.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to approve the donation of funds from the Community Foundation valued at \$2,500 for Merrill Marching Band Tournament of the Roses travel expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to approve Bylaw 0161 Parliamentary Authority as a second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Gremler to approve Policy 2370 Educational Options as a first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to table Policy 8146 Notification of Educational Options to the next meeting.

The Board reviewed technical corrections made to Policy 5771 Search and Seizure.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the attached [personnel report](#), contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

President Blake asked if anyone wanted anything pulled from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Gremler to approve consent agenda items a through a through d, which includes minutes of the August 17, 2022, meetings; second readings of Bylaw 0100 Definitions; Policies 3213/4213 Student Supervision and Welfare; Policies 3121/4121 Criminal History Record Check and Employee Self-Reporting Requirements; Policy 2260.02 Services for Bilingual Students/English Learners; Policy 2414 Human Growth and Development; Policy 2522

Library Media Centers; Policy 5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District); Policy 5340 Student Accidents/Illness/Concussion; Policy 5517.01 Bullying; and, Policy 7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$2,781,412.64.; and, donations totaling \$3,964.00. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no additional topics for “Items for Future Meetings and Possible Action to Approve the Future Discussions Thereof.”

Radio Schedule: Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

#### Future Meetings

- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

Kendra Osness  
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder