

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 16, 2022 – Minutes**

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, Kendra Osness, Paul Proulx, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: Ron Liberty. Others Present: Shannon M. Murray, Superintendent; Glenda Oginski, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Kelley Strike, Director of Business Services; Dale Bergman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Ryan Martinovici, Director of Head Start/PRSYL/4K; Trisha Detert, High School Principal; Megan Kautzer, High School Associate Principal; Diane Goetsch, Middle School Principal; Student Representatives Isaiah Rell and Brooke Rudie; approximately 19 people from the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

During Recognition, Kris Krug was recognized for being the longest serving female head coach in Merrill history. Also recognized was PRMS Student Services and Front Office Team: Trina Knospe, Laura Forster, Michelle Steffen, Jessica Frick, Virginia Simon, Tara Hannemann and Erin Ingersoll. They are being recognized for the ongoing commitment to our students, staff, and families, and ensuring every student has what they need to be a successful PRMS student.

Student BOE Representatives, Isaiah Rell and Brooke Rudie, updated the Board on high school activities including: the Veteran's Day assembly; winter sports starting; girls basketball won their first game over Ashland; Monday students traveled to Notre Dame for a college visit, this is one of the final college tours for this year - have gone to Madison, LaCrosse, Eau Claire and more; this past week the Theater Jayz put on the High School Musical Jr., which included middle school students and attendance hit record highs; in the last few days all students have received their ACT scores; and, today the Math League went to UW-Stevens Point for the math competition.

There was a presentation by Glenda Oginski regarding School Report Card data.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: professional development; PRSYL monthly data; food service report; Project SEARCH 2022-2023; Business Services Update; Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Update; and, the Superintendent's Report.

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

MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to approve the installation of a water softener at Pine River School for Young Learners. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to approve the digital signage at Pine River School for Young Learners. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Yingling to approve the 2022-2023 Transportation Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Gremler to change January 2, 2023 to a no school day to align with the City's holiday schedule and approve the revised 2022-2023 school calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Yingling to approve the installation of the batting cage upon receipt of funds from the Booster Club (which were received after the Facilities meeting); and approve the donation of funds valued at \$10,000 from the Family of Owen Cordova for the MHS Baseball Team to construct the batting cage at the Merrill High School. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a presentation and discussion regarding the UW-Extension's cuts and how they affect MAPS.

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 in memory of Rick Geiger. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness 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 Osness, second by Volpe to approve consent agenda items a through d, which includes minutes of the October 19, 2022, and October 24, 2022 meetings; receipt of the October 24, 2022 Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing minutes; second reading of Policy 6610 Student Activity Fund; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,587,293.09; and, donations totaling \$4,550. Motion carried with Yingling abstaining from the October 19, 2022 and October 24, 2022 minutes; Proulx abstaining from the October 19, 2022 minutes; and, Woller abstaining from a portion of the October 19, 2022 minutes.

For "Items for Future Meetings and Possible Action to Approve the Future Discussions Thereof," Maria Volpe asked to get an update on the flashing signs for the walkway by the middle school.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

Future Meetings

- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

President Blake called for a 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. The purpose of the closed session is for the purpose of considering and discussing the employment and performance evaluation data of a teacher. MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.


Kendra Osness
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder