

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
December 21, 2022 – Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:31 PM in the MAPS Board Room.

Board members present: Jacqueline Gremler, Chad Krueger, Ron Liberty, Kendra Osness, Paul Proulx, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: Maria Volpe and Brett Woller. Others Present: Shannon M. Murray, Superintendent; Dr. Kelley Strike, Director of Business Services; Ryan Martinovici, Director of Head Start/PRSYL/4K; Trisha Detert, High School Principal; Heather Soberg, Elementary Principal; Student Representatives Isaiah Rell and Brooke Rudie; 7 people from the staff and public; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

During Recognition, Rich Prange and Jeanette Biederman, Friends of the School Forest, were recognized for their commitment, leadership and history knowledge, which has served our students and district for many years in such a positive way.

Student BOE Representatives, Isaiah Rell and Brooke Rudie, updated the Board on high school activities including: Peppermint was December 10 and this year they started something new - Peppermint princes; Jr. Optimists and NHS did card making and bell ringing; DECA the Halls, with dress up days and prizes; choir concerts; auditions for upcoming spring musical, *Fiddler on a Roof*; December 28 the Merrill band and other local bands will be traveling to the Rose Bowl; winter sports are in full swing; wrestling Northern Exposure over winter break; and first semester finals coming up.

Administrative reports were shared with the Board including: implementation of new resources EBIS; PRSYL monthly data; food service report; Get Kids Ahead funding; Business Services Update; Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Update; Friends of the School Forest Meet and Greet update; and, the Superintendent's Report.

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

The proposed WASB resolutions were briefly discussed.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the annual Self Assessment plan, process and timeline [as presented](#). Motion carried unanimously.

Proulx left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Krueger to approve the MAPS 4K Contract for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Osness to approve the BVA Governance Board enrollment limits for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Gremler, second by Osness to approve the MHS course description book for 2023-2024 [as presented](#). Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the preliminary budget forecast for 2023-2024.

There was discussion regarding a future referendum.

Proulx returned at 6:21 p.m.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve contracting with the Lincoln County UW Extension office for Mental Health Navigation services for one year, not to exceed \$27,200. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Osness to approve the updated [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 Krueger to approve consent agenda items a through c, which includes minutes of the November 16, 2022, and December 13, 2022, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$4,050,796.78; and, donations totaling \$9,462,08. Motion carried with Liberty abstaining from the November 16 and December 13 minutes; and, Proulx abstaining from the December 13 minutes.

There were no items for future meetings.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station

#### Future Meetings

- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Head Start Policy Council: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
- Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
- Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- BVA Governance Board Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2023 @ 12:45 p.m. virtually
- School Forest Advisory Meeting: Monday, January 16, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. at the School Forest
- Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ 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 an public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and, (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. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss administrators' and supervisors' evaluations. MOTION by Yingling, second by Liberty to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Yingling to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Kendra Osness  
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder