

**Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
April 24, 2023 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Board members present: Nubs Ashbeck, Jacqueline Gremler, Chad Krueger, Ronald Liberty, Kendra Osness, Paul Proulx, Brett Woller, Linda Yingling and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: None. Others present: Shannon M. Murray, Superintendent; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

Newly elected board members Nubs Ashbeck, Kevin Blake and Ron Liberty recited the oath of office.

President Blake reviewed the ground rules for election of officers.

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for President. Osness nominated Kevin Blake for President.

President Blake called for additional nominations for President.

President Blake called for a third time for nominations for President.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Woller to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kevin Blake for President. Motion carried unanimously. **Board President for the 2023-2024 term is Kevin Blake.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Osness nominated Brett Woller for Vice President.

President Blake called for additional nominations for Vice President.

President Blake called for a third time for nominations for Vice President.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ashbeck to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Brett Woller for Vice President. Motion carried with Woller abstaining from the vote. **Board Vice President for the 2023-2024 term is Brett Woller.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Clerk. Gremler nominated Kendra Osness for Clerk.

President Blake called for additional nominations for Clerk.

President Blake called a total of three times for additional nominations for Clerk.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kendra Osness for Board Clerk. Motion carried with Osness abstaining from the vote. **Board Clerk for the 2023-2024 term is Kendra Osness.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Proulx nominated Ron Liberty for Treasurer.

President Blake called for additional nominations for Treasurer. Krueger nominated Nubs Ashbeck for Treasurer.

President Blake called a total of three times for nominations for Treasurer.

The vote was conducted by paper ballot. Votes were counted by Tammy Woller. Ron Liberty received 5 votes; Nubs Ashbeck received 4 votes. **Board Treasurer for the 2023-2024 term is Ron Liberty.**

MOTION by Woller, second by Liberty to approve the board goals (as written) for the Board of Education for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Osness to hold one regular monthly board meeting on the 3rd or 4th Wednesdays of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ashbeck to appoint Ron Liberty as representative to the CESA #9 Board of Control. Motion carried unanimously..

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Krueger to appoint Kevin Blake as WASB Delegate and Ron Liberty as the Alternate Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Committee appointments will be presented by President Blake at the May 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ron Liberty to issue preliminary notice of non-renewal to Sadie Jensen, Coramarie Marinan, Chelsey Schuh and Beth Stutelberg for economic and declining enrollment reasoning. Motion carried unanimously.

6:01 p.m. - Brett Woller left the meeting for 3 minutes

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to delay this (agenda item *Consideration of Board Member's Request to Review Policies and Guidelines for Board Members to be Allowed to Attend and Participate in Meetings Virtually*) until a thorough investigation can be done, what the expenses are and ensure privacy. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Krueger to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kendra Osness
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller
Recorder