

Merrill Area Public Schools

Finance/Human Resources Committee Meeting

Wednesday - August 9, 2023 - 5:00 PM Central Office Board Room

- I. The meeting was called to order by: Ronald Liberty at 5:00pm in the Central Office Board Room.

Committee/Board Members Present: Kevin Blake, Ronald Liberty, Shannon Murray, Dr. Kelley Strike, Kendra Osnes standing in for Brett Woller and Linda Yingling.

Others Present: Amber Haluska, Andrew Caylor, Christopher Hahn, Megan Kautzer

- II. Public Comments to the Committee / General Subject Matter Discussion

None.

- III. Approval of [July 12, 2023, Finance/Human Resources Committee Minutes](#)

Motion by: Kevin Blake, second by: Kendra Osnes to approve the July 12, 2023 Finance/Human Resources Committee Minutes. Motion carried with Linda Yingling abstaining from the approval of these minutes.

- IV. Finance

- A. FY24 Preliminary Budget for Approval at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dr. Kelley Strike. Presentation by Dr. Kelley Strike.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval of the 2023-2024 budget presented for presentation at the annual meeting in September. Motion by: Kevin Blake, second by: Kendra Osnes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- B. Short-term Borrowing for 2023-2024

Please see attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dr. Kelley Strike. Presented by Dr. Kelley Strike. No questions or concerns expressed.

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000; issuance of taxable tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes; and participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes (PLANN) Program and 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 by: Kevin Blake, second by: Kendra Osness - all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Monthly Review

The monthly budget documents are available for your review.

- i. [Budget Calendar](#)
- ii. Monthly Budget Review - will resume in September after budget approved and is uploaded

V. Human Resources

A. Coach Positions for Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Amber Haluska. Presented by Amber Haluska.

I recommend a motion to the full Board the approval the new SEL coach positions as presented. Motion by: Kendra Osness, second by: Kevin Blake - all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. Updated Activities Handbook

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Christopher Hahn. Presented by Christopher Hahn.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval of the updated Activities Handbook. Motion by: Kendra Osness, second by: Linda Yingling - all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

C. Musical/Fall Play/Accompanist Compensation

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Christopher Hahn. Presented by Christopher Hahn.

I recommend a motion to approve the updated Fall Play/Spring Musical Advisor and Accompanist Pay. Motion by Kevin Blake, second by: Kendra Osness - all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

D. Event Workers' Pay

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Christopher Hahn. Presented by Christopher Hahn.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval of the event workers' pay compensation plan for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion by: Kevin Blake, second by: Linda Yingling - all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

E. 2023 6th Gen iPad Buy Back

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Andrew Caylor. Presented by Andrew Caylor.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval to let administration sell a portion of the 6th gen iPads as proposed to MAPS staff and buyback company. Motion by: Kendra Osness, second by: Kevin Blake - all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

F. Compensation Plan Adjustment

Please see attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dr. Kelley Strike and Shannon Murray. Presented by Dr. Kelley Strike.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval of the adjustment to the teacher compensation plan for the 23-24 school year. Motion by: Kevin Blake, second by Kendra Osness - all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

G. Personnel Report - Standing Agenda Item

No questions or concerns expressed.

VI. Items for Next Meeting - None

VII. Adjournment

Motion by: Kendra Osness, second by: Kevin Blake to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. All eyes, motion was carried unanimously.