

Merrill Area Public Schools

Finance/Human Resources Committee Meeting

Wednesday - September 13, 2023 - 5:00 PM Central Office BOARD ROOM

I. **The meeting was called to Order by:** Ronald Liberty at 5:00 p.m.

II. **Committee/Board Members present:** Kevin Blake, Ronald Liberty, Shannon Murray, Dr. Kelley Strike, Brett Woller and Linda Yingling

Others present: Megan Kautzer

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

NONE

III. **Approval of [August 9, 2023, Finance/Human Resources Committee Minutes](#)**

Motion by: Kevin Blake to approve the August 9th, 2023 Finance/Human Resources minutes, second by: Linda Yingling. Motion carried with Brett Woller abstaining from the approval of these minutes.

IV. **Finance**

A. **Amended CESA 9 Contracted Services Agreement - Speech Language Pathologist Services**

Shannon Murray shared the need to amend the contract to include additional service due to lack of finding a candidate.

Motion by: Brett Woller to forward to the full Board the approval of the amended CESA 9 contract, second by: Linda Yingling. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

B. **Operational Referendum - Discussion Only**

Dr. Kelley Strike presents a 24-25 budget projection. The community survey will be going out in October and will include questions for both an operational and capital referendum.

C. **Budget Monthly Review**

The budget calendar and monthly budget summary area available for review.

V. **Human Resources**

A. **Approval of Permanent Special Olympic Head Coach Position**

Shannon Murray recommended the hiring of a special olympic coach position to be paid out of Flo Through funds.

Motion by: Kevin Blake to forward to the full Board the approval of the position of “Special Olympics Head Coach” at a salary of \$4,700 paid for from the Special Education Flow Through, second by: Linda Yingling. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. **Increased Aide Hours at Prairie River Middle School**

Shannon Murray recommended hiring an additional part time aide at the middle school to assist with supervision at lunch and recess.

Motion by: Kevin Blake to forward to the full Board the approval of the increase in the aide hours at Prairie River Middle School over the lunch periods to increase student safety, second by Linda Yingling. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

C. **Personnel Report - Standing Agenda Item**

Available for review.

VI. **Items for Next Meeting**

Community Survey

VII. **Adjournment**

Motion by: Brett Woller, second by: Linda Yingling to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. All ayes, motion was carried unanimously.