

Merrill Area Public Schools

MAPS Mission Statement: Merrill Area Public Schools, in partnership with the Merrill Community and our families, will empower students to be lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and productive community members.

Facilities Committee Meeting Wednesday - January 3, 2024

3:30 PM

Central Office Board Room
(1111 N Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Nubs Ashbeck, Dale Bergman, Kevin Blake, Darryl Frick, Ron Liberty, Shannon Murray and Dr. Kelley Strike

Ron Liberty called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Nubs Ashbeck, Dale Bergman, Kevin Blake, Darryl Frick, Ron Liberty, Shannon Murray, and Dr. Kelley Strike

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

NOTE: The Committee shall schedule five minutes at the beginning of each regular meeting for members of the public to speak. Speakers will be allotted two minutes to address the Board. If you have a large group, please designate one representative to speak. Committee members may ask clarifying questions during the comment section, but will usually postpone further discussion and/or action until further public input.

There were no comments.

- III. Approval of [November 1, 2023 Facilities Committee Minutes](#)

Nubs and Shannon should abstain from the approval of these minutes.

Motion by Kevin Blake, second by Nubs Ashbeck to approve the November 1, 2023 Facilities Committee Minutes. Nubs Ashbeck and Shannon Murray abstained. Motion carried.

- IV. School Forest Advisory Committee Minutes

- A. [November 6, 2023 School Forest Advisory Committee Minutes](#)

Pond shelter that is in progress, plans were a little off as the blueprint was turned 180 degrees. The building is complete and inspections have been completed.

Al Curtis has passed away and the tree planting around arbor day will be in memory of him.

Fifth grade overnights have been resolved. A new medical release form will need to be filled out for anyone spending the night.

Friends of the Forest wanted to donate money for a new brush mower. It was suggested that we maybe consider a forestry department to come out and clear everything back how it was first. We are waiting on bids for an arborist.

Nubs Ashbeck stated he is on the forestry committee with Lincoln County, he can help assist with that if needed.

V. Purchase of School Furniture

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dale Bergman.

Dale Bergman mentioned there is a lot of furniture within the district that is in need of replacement. A lot of that would be in the libraries. Dale has been getting some quotes for new furniture. This will come out of the existing building maintenance budgets. Some will be ESSER funds and some will be budget funds.

Dr. Kelley Strike stated she will give an overview in the HR Finance Committee meeting.

Ron Liberty suggested this might not be the best time to update furniture as city taxes went up and thought the community will not be happy with this.

Dr. Kelley Strike said this is a budget that we have had out there for this.

Ron Liberty suggested this go through the HR Finance Committee for approval before it goes to the full board.

Motion by Nubs Ashbeck, second by Ron Liberty to approve the purchase of school furniture to be forwarded to the HR Finance Committee. Motion carried.

VI. Purchase of MHS Fieldhouse Screens

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dale Bergman.

Dale Bergman mentioned we will be replacing two screens that divide the two courts at the High School Fieldhouse due to the screens getting worn out from daily use. This will be the motors as well with the curtains. This will be paid through the existing budget.

Ron Liberty suggested this go through the HR Finance Committee for approval before it goes to the full board.

Motion by Nubs Ashbeck, second by Kevin Blake to approve two new divider curtains for MHS Fieldhouse to be forwarded to HR Finance Committee. Motion carried.

VII. Summer Projects List

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dale Bergman.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval of the summer maintenance projects as funding is available.

Dale Bergman explained we consistently update these items throughout the year. Some items carry through the years due to the priorities of the projects and the funds available. The playgrounds at Kate Goodrich and Washington will be paid under ESSER funds for replacement, others will be through the budget that the board has approved previously. Equipment and maintenance updates. Sealcoating has been put off for a few years and Washington / Kate Goodrich / Pine River are in need of sealcoating. John from Lee Recreation came and talked to Dale about playground equipment. Dale stated he spoke with Heather Soberg about the two playgrounds and possibly when replacing, to just update and have one. Dale will continue to talk with Heather about this.

Shannon Murray stated that some of Kate Goodrich playground equipment is designed for older kids. Dale Bergman mentioned that the secondary playground was initially set up for the older kids.

Ron Liberty questioned PRMS door 22 and why will it cost so much to replace one door? Dale Bergman explained that it will be the whole curtain wall of doors, not just one door.

Ron Liberty suggested this go through the HR Finance Committee for approval before it goes to the full board.

Motion by Kevin Blake, second by Nubs Ashbeck to approve the summer maintenance projects to be forwarded to the [HR Finance Committee](#). Motion carried.

VIII. Standing Agenda Item - Safety Sub-Committee Minutes

A. [December 18, 2023 Safety Sub-Committee Minutes](#)

-WSSCA safety conference coming up and having more staff attend.

-Fencing and safety in the playgrounds.

-Student hold process when we had the hold at the HS.

-Tyler Verhasselt gave his county update.

-Chief Josh Klug was unable to attend.

-Dale Bergman stated he is completing the Student Hold Process and uploading it to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

-Evacuations to actual rally points in upcoming training sessions.

IX. Items for Next Meeting and Next Meeting Date

A. March 6, 2024

X. Adjournment

Motion by Nubs Ashbeck, second by Kevin Blake to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.