

**Merrill Area Public Schools  
Special Board of Education Meeting  
April 22, 2024 – Minutes**

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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, Amber De Rizzo, Jacqueline Gremler, Ronald Liberty, Paul Proulx and Kevin Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: Mike Hornischer and Brett Woller. Others present: Shannon M. Murray, Superintendent; Andrew Caylor, Systems Administrator; and, Tammy Woller, Recorder.

Newly elected board member Amber De Rizzo recited the oath of office.

President Blake reviewed the ground rules for election of officers.

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for President. Liberty 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 Liberty to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kevin Blake for President. Motion carried unanimously. **Board President for the 2024-2025 term is Kevin Blake.**

President Blake opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Proulx 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 Liberty to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Brett Woller for Vice President. Motion carried unanimously. **Board Vice President for the 2024-2025 term is Brett Woller.**

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

President Blake called for additional nominations for Clerk.

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

MOTION by Proulx, second by Gremler to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ron Liberty for Board Clerk. Motion carried unanimously. **Board Clerk for the 2024-2025 term is Ron Liberty.**

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

President Blake called for additional nominations for Treasurer.

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

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Gremler to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Paul Proulx for Board Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. **Board Treasurer for the 2024-2025 term is Paul Proulx.**

MOTION by Liberty, second by Ashbeck to approve the board goals (as written) for the Board of Education for 2024-2025. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty 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 Liberty, second by Ashbeck to appoint Paul Proulx as representative to the CESA #9 Board of Control, with myself (Ron Liberty) as Alternate Delegate. Motion carried unanimously..

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Gremler 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 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the process for filling the vacancy created by Linda Yingling. It was the consensus of the Board to list the legal notice in the Foto News for two weeks; there will be two written questions; the deadline to file will be May 15, 2024; the interviews will be May 22, 2024; and, the Board Officers will create a list of questions for the interview.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Gremler to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Liberty  
Board Clerk

Tammy Woller  
Recorder