

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
REGULAR BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING
December 14, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Ide, Vice President
Jim Guziak, Secretary
Sean Coleman
Stephen Gray
Brendan Murphy
Ardre Orie

BOARD CLERK

Veronica Lynn Willis

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
*Note: All Administrators were excused due to Social Distancing.

VISITORS

Via Zoom

The Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Elementary School via Live Stream Link due to COVID-19 Social Distancing Order, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice President Denise Ide. Roll call was taken with the following members in attendance: Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy and Ardre Orie. Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADDITION of NON ACTION ITEMS

There were no addition of non action items.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval to Post the Report on Shared Services Or Outsourcing

There was no approval needed to Post the Report on Shared Services Or Outsourcing.

Adopt the FY 2020 Property Tax Levy (Board Policy 4:10)

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to Approve the Adoption of the FY 2020 Property Tax Levy (Board Policy 4:10). On a roll call vote, the following board members voted Aye: Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy, and Ardre Orie. Nays: None. Absent: None. Jim Guziak voted Present. The motion passed.

Appoint School Board President

A motion was made Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to Appoint the School Board President. A nomination was made by Stephen Gray to appoint Denise Ide School Board President. Denise Ide declined the nomination. A nomination was made by Denise Ide to appoint Brendan Murphy School Board President. On a voice vote, the following board members voted Aye: Stephen Gray, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy, and Ardre Orie. Nays: None. Absent: None. Jim Guziak voted Present. The motion passed. Brendan Murphy is the School Board President.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, the following board members voted Aye: Brendan Murphy, Ardre Orie, Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, Jim Guziak and Denise Ide. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
 - Special Meeting Minutes October 12, 2020
 - Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes October 12, 2020
 - Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes Closed Session October 12, 2020
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes October 26, 2020
 - Special Board Meeting Minutes November 9, 2020
 - Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes November 9, 2020
 - Regular Board of Education Meeting November 30, 2020
- Personnel Report
 - Resignations/Terminations
 - Danijela Lowney – MBAC Counselor
 - Bridgette Bennett – MES Special Education Paraprofessional
- Treasurer's Report and Approval
- Bill Approval and Payment Authorization
- Activity Account

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Remote Learning Update

In an attempt to assess any suggested changes or improvements Dr. Lind asked the community for feedback regarding how remote learning is going via ThoughtExchange. Dr. Lind shared some highlights with the board.

Of the 329 participants, there were 317 thoughts and, 11,440 ratings. Participants thought having a schedule is essential. Their biggest concern is the social and emotional aspect of remote learning. Lastly, teacher engagement and enthusiasm is very important with elementary school aged students. Top themes included Live Instruction Learning, Falling Behind, Child Learning, Class, Concerns with Social Interaction, Time, and Work to name a few.

Board Appointment Process

Denise Ide briefly explained the need to appoint someone to Carissa Casbon LaTourette's seat for the remainder of her term. The board will go into closed session tonight to review candidates who submitted their information and decide who to appoint at the next meeting in January, 2021.

District Phone System

The district has been in need of upgrading the phone systems. Last year before plans were finalized the quote received was too expensive once it was finalized. The district can do a request for proposal, interview new companies, or do both so that there are price comparisons. The phone system at the elementary school is 20 years old. The phone system at the middle school is 15 years old. Both systems need to be replaced. The district will begin looking for vendors after Winter Break.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Audit FY20 (Board Policy 4:80)
- Press Policy Updates
- Revise Policy 4:60
 - Purchases and Contracts
- Review of Board Agreements
- Board Self Governance Goals and Draft of Revised Goals 2019-2020

A correction to the Future Agenda Items was made by Denise Ide to change Board Self Governance Goals and Draft of Revised Goals 2019-2020 to Board Self Governance Goals and Draft of Revised Goals 2020-2021. Board Clerk Veronica Lynn Willis noted the change.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind has been meeting with area Superintendents to talk about returning to school plans. They also meet with Lake County Health Department. The plan is to hold off on bringing students back into the buildings for two weeks after Winter Break at the Health Department's recommendation. January 19, 2021, would be the earliest Millburn's phase-in plan would start safely, beginning with the younger students like Millburn did in the fall.

Social and emotional support for staff members was a subject, more specifically how is the district supporting its staff members. Millburn continues to provide support to staff members. Staff members can complete a survey during the weekly check-in for support, there is an electronic communication called the Sunday Slice created by Kari Gedville for staff to share things like how their weekend went. Thursdays the district hosts district-wide STRONG meetings for staff. Staff members send notes to each other to connect and grow and generally encourage one another.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns displayed the Business Office Report linked on the agenda with no additions.

BOARD REPORTS

There were no board reports.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to enter into closed session for the purpose of:

- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).

On a voice vote all Members voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None. The board entered into closed session at 7:52 p.m.

It was noted that Business Manager Stephen Johns exited the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy to adjourn the Regular Meeting. On a voice vote all Members voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: Brian President

Attest: James A. Bryant Secretary

January 25, 2021
Date