

## **Millburn School District 24**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING March 12, 2018**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carissa Casbon LaTourette, President  
Casandra Slade, Vice President  
Jim Guziak, Secretary  
Denise Ide, Member  
Brendan Murphy, Member  
Maggie Wentzell, Member

#### **BOARD CLERK**

Bernadette Hanna

#### **ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Jason Lind, Superintendent of Schools  
Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO  
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services  
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS

#### **GUESTS**

Carol McGill  
Meghan Konicki  
Meghan Edelmann  
Elena Loyola

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Middle School, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: Irshad Khan

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Parent Elena Loyola addressed the board questioning why there were no sport activities at the elementary school. The board will place this on a future agenda as a discussion item.

#### **ADDITION of INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

It was requested that the upcoming student "Walk Out" event be discussed.

#### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### Tech Presentation by Grade 3 Teachers

Ms. Edelmann and Ms. Konicki presented an activity in which the board members participated with the iPad. Nearpod presents interactive lessons, where the students take virtual field trips, use creative space, take quizzes, polls, and answer open-ended questions. The students are engaged and excited when it is "Nearpod Time" in their classroom. The board was able to witness both the teacher side and the student side of the lesson. This is used with other apps like Schoology and Seesaw so students always have the lesson right in front of them. The board thanked the teachers for their presentation.

##### ESSA

Dr. Lind reported to the board about Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This replaces the federal act "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB). The principals will be responsible for even more data collection and accountability. They will be looking at chronic absenteeism, college and career readiness, and fine arts as student success and school quality indicators. Academic indicators include ELA and math proficiency and growth, English Learner, and science proficiency.

##### Assessments

Dr. Lind told the Board that although there will be a replacement for PARCC, it won't occur for at least three more school years. Dr. Lind shared a chart that listed different assessments or tools that the district uses at various levels.

### Architect Agreement

Dr. Johns informed the board that he has reviewed the contract from WOLD, Ruck/Pate, architects with our attorney over some of the key pieces of the contract. The fees are either the same or less than what was in the last architect contract.

### Student Walk Out

Dr. Lind sent out an email to parents regarding the recent school violence in Florida. In that email he invited students to speak with their building principal to discuss safe activities for civic engagement. Mr. Jorgenson said that four eighth grade students approached him the next day. Together they began to make a plan for March 14<sup>th</sup> that would be acceptable, safe, and meaningful.

Ms. Casbon LaTourette commented that she loved that this action started out with a letter from the superintendent inviting the students to approach their principal about plans, and then that students actually followed up with Mr. Jorgenson.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Architect Contract
- Memorandum of Understanding – Homework Hut
- Curriculum Approval – MMS Social Studies “Newsela”
- Administrator Contracts (April BOE)
- Summer Projects 2018 (April BOE)
- Sports at Millburn Elementary School

### **BOARD REPORTS**

Ms. Casbon LaTourette commented that Literacy Night and the entire week of Read Across America was great. Organizer Denise Ide mentioned that every reader commented how polite and engaged the children were.

Dr. Wentzell noted that the first Cultural Competency workshop was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was directed by Dr. Michele Hancock from Carthage College and was attended by five board members and administrators.

Ms. Slade thanked Carissa Casbon LaTourette and Denise Ide for the amazing Talent Show production. She was impressed that students shared their talent fearlessly.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Lind informed the board that he attended the Lakes Theater performance of Thoroughly Modern Millie. Many former Millburn students performed.

### **BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT**

Dr. Johns reported that MES continues to have sulfur and related water issues. They are moving forward with repairs.

The final increase for health insurance through Co-op 90s is only 2% for PPO and no increase for HMO. Open enrollment for our insurance programs is from April 24 through May 15 with a June 1 effective date.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the 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. On a voice vote, all board members voted Aye. Absent: Irshad Khan. The motion passed the Board entered into Closed Session at 9:11 p.m.

All visitors exited the meeting at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Jim Guziak, with a second by Casandra Slade, to exit Closed Session and return to the Regular Board Meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Irshad Khan. The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jim Guziak, with a second by Casandra Slade, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Irshad Khan. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Board of Education  
Millburn School District 24  
Lake County, Illinois

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

March 19, 2018

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Date