

Millburn School District 24

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING May 14, 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
Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS
Bennett Walshire, Principal, MES

GUESTS

Carol McGill	Meghan Konicki
Lorie Cipolla	Sara Glade
Donnie Thomas	Cathy Coleman
Melissa Lowrance	Brigid Tuley
Michelle Krupa	

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 7:01 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, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADDITION of INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

MES Mystery Science

Members of the MES Science Committee presented to the Board, which included Ms. Lowrance, Ms. Glade, Ms. Konicki, and Ms. Cipolla. Their PowerPoint noted that the program was interactive, engaging, aligned to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), promotes critical thinking, and incorporates "real world" connection. Every grade level piloted Mystery Science and evaluated it. It was rated excellent. The cost for a three-year subscription for grades K-5 would be \$3,000. The district must provide its' own materials. This year's pilot cost about \$2,500 in materials for K-5. The Science Committee is recommending Mystery Science for purchase.

It was noted that Brendan Murphy entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

MES Studies Weekly

The Social Studies Committee consisting in part of Ms. Krupa, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Tuley, and Ms. Coleman presented their findings to the Board about Studies Weekly. One class from each grade level piloted this. There was an iPad component as well as a consumable for each student. The program was evaluated, but fell short for what the teachers wanted. It does not meet Illinois State Standards; did not provide vocabulary; and ended up just being a supplement. Next steps include looking at other programs and reaching out to other districts. Mr.

Murphy recommended that the committee look at Open Source. The cost for the pilot was \$5,000 and included the online subscription and consumables. The committee is not recommending this program for purchase.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Spectrum Lease Renewal

This is the private autistic program that the district has housed at MES for the past two school years. They rent four classrooms and office space. Dr. Johns will present a renewal lease for the next board meeting.

Red Apple License Agreement

This is a private preschool program that rents one classroom at MES. A renewal agreement will be presented at the next board meeting.

Meal Pricing for 2018-19

Dr. Johns explained that lunch costs will increase by 5 cents.

Arbor Renewal

Dr. Lind informed the board that we have a five-year contract with Arbor Management, which provides our meal service. The contract requires renewal each year.

Auditor – Eder, Casella & Company

Dr. Lind reminded the board that we have been audited for many years by Milburn Cain & Company, which was sold to Eder, Casella & Company. He is recommending that we use their audit services for one more year and then next year requests proposals from other auditing firms.

Summer Help 2018

Dr. Johns recommends hiring summer staff as we have in the past, for custodial/maintenance tasks.

Appointments

Dr. Lind explained that every year we have to make the following appointments:

- Depository (currently State Bank of the Lakes)
- Treasurer (currently Gary White)
- Legal Counsel (currently Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn-HLERK)
- Publisher for Legal Notices (currently Daily Herald)
- Architect of Record (currently WOLD-Ruck/Pate)

Board Meeting Dates 2018-19

The board was presented with a draft of meeting dates representing the second and fourth Mondays of each month from July 2018 through June 2019. It was requested that the Committee of the Whole meeting date be changed from January 14 to January 7 and the July Regular Board date be changed from July 23 to July 16.

IASB Delegate

Ms. Casbon LaTourette asked for a board member to be the IASB delegate representing Millburn at the Triple I Conference. Mr. Murphy was the delegate last year and is willing to continue as the delegate.

IASB/IASA/IASBO (Triple I) Conference

The dates for the conference are November 16 (pre-workshops), 17, 18.

FOIA Requests

The following Freedom of Information Requests were received in April and May:

- Sargeant Shriver Center on Poverty Law requesting information about School Resource Officers.
- NBC Universal requesting information about School Resource Officers.
- Deltek requesting information on our recent architect search.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Approve Legal Notice for Public Hearing for Inter-Fund Transfers – June 18
- IASB Membership Dues for 2018-19
- Lake County Regional Office of Education Membership Dues for 2018-19
- Updated Annual Impact Agreement with Cottonwood Estates
- Public Hearing for Inter-Fund Transfers
- iPad Academy for Parents
- IQWST Science Update
- Newsela Presentation
- Safety Overview (Bus/Building Cameras)
- Equity Goal
- Superintendent Goals

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Murphy acknowledged the 8th grade farewell celebration.

Ms. Casbon LaTourette reported that she:

- viewed a webinar on the funding formula; recommends the Equity Dashboard found on advancedillinois.org website;
- attended a Lake County Board meeting;
- viewed a webinar Essentials of ESSA – what school board members need to know (archived on the ISAB website); and,
- attended the IASB Equity Event on April 24

Dr. Wentzell acknowledged the third presentation on cultural competency by Dr. Hancock from Carthage College. She praised Dr. Hancock's presentation. A discussion ensued about what the next steps should be for the district.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind informed the Board that the MES ELA Committee would be presenting at the next meeting. They would like to move forward with the pilot, providing materials for two classrooms for each grade level. The request for approval of the pilot will also be an agenda item, since, if approved, the materials will take 6-8 weeks for delivery.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

From his Board Report, Dr. Johns highlighted the need to place a legal ad for inter-fund transfers. As required, there will be a public hearing in June for this topic.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Casandra Slade, to enter into Closed Session for the purposes of:

To consider the appointment, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, and,

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 roll call vote, the following Board Member voted Aye: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: Irshad Khan. The motion passed the Board entered into Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.

All visitors exited the meeting at this time.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to exit Closed Session and return to the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all board members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Irshad Khan. The motion passed and the Board reentered Open Session at 9:54 p.m.

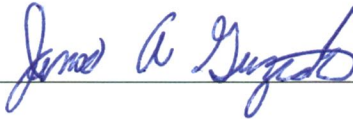
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brendan Murphy, 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 9:54 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: 

President

Attest: 

Secretary

May 21, 2018

Date

Millburn School District 24

Board of Education Meetings

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE BOARD MEETING

MAY 14, 2018

Visitors, please sign in. Public Comment will be taken in the order that names are listed. Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

*Check below if
you wish to
address the Board*

Print Name

Signature

1. Meghan Konicki	Meghan Konicki	
2. Lotte Cipolle	Lotte Cipolle	
3. Sara Glade	Sara Glade	
4. Donnie Thomas	Donnie Thomas	
5. Cathy Coleman	Cathy Coleman	
6. Melissa Lawrence	M. Lawrence	
7. Brigid Tuley	Brigid Tuley	
8. Carol McGill	Carol McGill	
9. Michelle Krupa	Michelle Krupa	
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