

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING
August 13, 2018**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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
Ben Walshire, Principal, MES

GUESTS

Carol McGill

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Elementary School, was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Roll call was dispensed with as it had been taken at the Special Board Meeting with the following Board Members in attendance: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

ADDITION of INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - There were none.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation on Decision Making by Dr. Wentzell

Dr. Wentzell made a presentation to the Board about how the brain functions and how decisions are made.

District/Superintendent Goals

Dr. Lind shared the information compiled from the Committee Meeting of July 23, 2018 regarding the district goals. The superintendent's goal is to implement these strategies as delegated by the Board.

Financially Stable and Solvent

- Maintain a balanced budget per board policy
- Feasibility/Exploration of Solar Energy Project
- Tax Abatement Research/Investigate Feasibility
- Communicate with community on financial condition of the district – two times/annually

Positive Culture and Climate

- Increase the cultural competency of the staff in the 2018-19 school year by going through Superintendent-led training
- Create opportunities for cultural interactions with parents and students – hosting at least one focus group on a cultural discussion
- Develop culturally responsive calendar as possible
- Develop initial recruiting contact with Chicago State or another diverse school of higher education
- Host a Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast event

Outstanding Non-Core Academics

- Implement IRLA at K-5 for every student
- Increase ELA achievement at the K-5 level, decreasing gender gap by 2 points during
- Pilot ARC CLA curriculum to two classrooms at each grade level in grades 1-5
- Clearly define and share goals of Millburn gifted program

Science and Technology

- Investigate 2-3 opportunities and recommend one opportunity within budget and connected to standards, to create engineering and tech, STEM experiences at MES K-5 which is missing from the Mystery Science curriculum
- Increase the number of lessons "above the line" on SAMR model (at least one per trimester per teacher)

Board Reflection/Board Agreements

The Board continues to discuss the wording in the Board Agreements regarding attendance at board meetings. This will remain on the agenda under Information/Discussion. Another item discussed was how to add an agenda item. A board member can submit to the president and superintendent, items to consider adding to the agenda. Things to keep in mind are, "Is it on the board calendar?" "Is it on the strategic plan?" and "Is it board work?"

Student Achievement

Dr. Lind shared a performance summary of grades 2-8 in the areas of math and ELA. This chart compared PARCC Achievement and NWEA Achievement.

Curriculum Costs

Dr. Lind prepared a spreadsheet with information requested by the Board regarding curriculum. Listed is the curriculum name, grade level using or piloting, and cost for program.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Ide commented on attending LindenFest where there were a lot of Millburn students participating in the pageant. She was impressed by how confident and well spoken they were. Millburn student Paige Laughman was crowned Little Miss Lindenhurst.

Ms. Casbon LaTourette remarked that there was a lot Internet chats about the GreatSchools grading. They changed their process for grading schools causing the Millburn number to go down. Attempts to update the incorrect basic information were unsuccessful.

Ms. Casbon LaTourette also noted some constructive criticism about the board meetings: meetings run too long; discussions need to be more focused; should be less control over agenda and discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind attended Gurnee Days where he manned the Gurnee Rotary tent.

Dr. Lind spent four hours at Grayslake for Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) training for about 19 people. He will be doing individual reports also. He did not accept payment for this training. Dr. Wentzell suggested an honorarium that comes back to the school. Ms. Casbon LaTourette felt that this training was strengthening bonds with the community.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns reported the cost to replace the boiler at MES will be about \$125,300. North Shore Gas will reimburse \$24,500 of this amount.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Emergency Management Plans for Millburn Elementary and Millburn Middle Schools
- School Improvement Plan Presentation
- Parent/Student Handbook Changes for 2018-19
- Overnight Field Trips 2018-19
- iPad Academy for Parents
- Budget FY19 Adoption
- Superintendent Evaluation Tool

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: 
President

Attest: 
Secretary

August 27, 2018

Date