

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING
September 10, 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	Mariana Bibian	Steve Robinson
Suzanne Dekorsi	Christie Hutson	Judy Calhoun
Sandy Stolzer	Lorie Cipolla	Emily David
Meghan Edelmann	Brigid Tuley	Angelyn Richardson
Andrea Frank	Meghan Konicki	Lisa Anderson
Anne-Marie Maier	Gretchen Polenzani	Lisa Jazo
Dan Jazo	Jodi Laughman	Steve Cipolla
Terri Clay	Cathy Coleman	

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, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Stolzer and Mrs. Cipolla addressed the board and listed the teachers' increased responsibilities and new curriculum. Mrs. McGill reminded the board of the teachers' commitment to education and asked that the staff be fairly compensated. Mr. Robinson stated that he appreciated everything the union has done and asked for a quick resolution to negotiations.

ADDITION of INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Lind asked that the date for the October Committee of the Whole meeting be discussed.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Improvement Plan

Principals Jorgenson and Walshire presented the School Improvement Plan to the Board.

Among other things, Mr. Jorgenson shared the academic goals including:

- Non-fiction reading – ELA teachers applying in classroom aligned to standards; Newsela used as a tool in all classes
- Social Studies – curriculum review and evaluation; possible curriculum pilot with adoption for 2019

Mr. Walshire shared goals for the elementary school:

- ELA Power Standards – working with ELA consultant from the Regional Office of Education

- Reading – an instructional coach was added to the MES staff with the purpose of analyzing where teachers are with their instructional practices; coach and model best practices; set goals and development roadmaps to achieve those goals

Emergency Management Plan

Principals Jorgenson and Walshire also presented information about the district's Emergency Management Plan. Every summer they meet with local law enforcement – both Lindenhurst and Lake County Sheriff's Department. They make recommendations. Lindenhurst Police Department has been more accessible and visible to the students.

Ms. Slade asked if a student had an interaction with the police department, would the school be informed? Mr. Jorgenson said that they spoke about the sharing of information so that either one is not caught by surprise.

Parent University Series

Dr. Lind informed the Board that the first Parent University series will be held on Wednesday, October 3 and then on every early dismissal evening. The time is scheduled from 6:30-8:00 at MES and childcare will be provided for school age children. The first one will be iPad Exploration by a representative from Apple.

Board Reflection/Board Agreements

Ms. Casbon LaTourette informed the Board members that the agreement is on Google Drive.

Superintendent Evaluation Tool

Ms. Casbon LaTourette explained that hiring a diverse staff is much more challenging. A comprehensive plan will have to be developed for hiring a diverse staff.

October Committee of the Whole Meeting

The October Committee of the Whole Meeting is in conflict with Dr. Lind's annual superintendent conference. After much discussion, the Board decided to cancel the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Wentzell attended the SEDOL meeting and met the new superintendent. A budget hearing was held and the budget was presented and approved. They recognized the teacher of the year and a staff member. There will be changes to the way SEDOL is funded, which will start July 2019. Federal funding will go directly to the school districts.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that a student was doing a documentary on Millburn.

Ms. Ide said that the middle school parent night was awesome; there was so much excitement. The MES PBIS assembly was outstanding.

Mr. Khan said Parent Night was organized and timely.

Ms. Casbon LaTourette said the Route 45 Bypass meeting was very informative.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind spoke about the "digital dashboard." A template was released for the purpose of getting the school message out – sharing the school's story. He is also speaking with the state about how accountability will be calculated. Now all students in the "serving" school will be counted. Dr. Lind reported that he attended the SEDOL golf outing fundraiser.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns reported that Independence Boulevard will be closed for about four weeks. Bus times may change.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Salary Compensation Report
- House Lease
- Budget FY19 – Public Hearing & Adoption
- Audit Report FY18
- Board Agreements Discussion
 - Putting time limit on added agenda items
 - Social Media rules
- Revised Superintendent Goals
- Property Tax Levy


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Brendan Murphy 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 8:37 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: 

President

Attest: 

Secretary

September 24, 2018

Date