

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING
November 13, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carissa Casbon LaTourette, President
Casandra Slade, Vice President
Jim Guziak, Secretary
Denise Ide, Member
Irshad Khan, 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
Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS
Ben Walshire, Principal, MES

GUESTS

Carol McGill
James Rivers

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 7:17 p.m. following a Special Board Meeting, 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, Irshad Khan.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comments.

ADDITION of INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

It was requested that Strategic Plan is added to the Information/Discussion items.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review Weapons Policy

The Board reviewed the district's current policy on weapons and the IASB's PRESS policy with footnotes on changes. The discussion will continue on this topic with focus on whether or not to allow off-duty police officers to carry a concealed weapon into the school.

Intercultural Development of Staff

Dr. Lind discussed possible next steps regarding cultural competency within the staff. He offered to speak with other districts and possibly partnering for the training. Kildeer Countryside also has a certified trainer. The staff can be surveyed and the results reported. The survey would be helpful to some degree, but bringing someone in from outside would be best. Dr. Wentzell offered to put Dr. Lind in touch with a colleague who may assist in this endeavor.

IASB Resolutions

The resolutions will be voted on at the Triple I Conference in Chicago held November 17-19. Mr. Murphy is the IASB Representative. Ms. Ide volunteered to be the alternate at the assembly.

Board Agreements

This item was tabled until next meeting.

Strategic Plan

Dr. Lind reported that there were about twenty people including three board members who attended the mid-cycle Strategic Plan update. The main purpose of this event was to report to the public what has been accomplished according to the Strategic Plan and request input on what is working and where the focus needs to be. There were four groups – finance, co-curricular, core curricular, and what a good citizen looks like. There was much discussion about the band program. The iPad and technology in general was another topic discussed. Some suggestions were to survey parents about why band participation is low; teach parents how to navigate the iPad; research the ability for "single sign on" so there are fewer IDs and passwords needed.

Board Reports

Mr. Guziak reported that he looked over the Safety Plan. There was a lot of detail. He made some observations about all pre-negotiated agreements, contracts, and preservation of records that are stored at MES. He recommended that they be stored off campus. Mr. Guziak feels there is a disconnect between what we actually do regarding active shooters and what we are allowed to do according to state law.

Dr. Wentzell took tour with Mrs. Keefe of the special education classes at Millburn Elementary. She will do the same at the middle school. After conversations with the teachers, she is happy to report that the Board's approval of the printers for iPads was a good thing.

Ms. Ide attended the play organized by Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Cramer. The performances were phenomenal and the scenery was impressive.

Both Ms. Ide and Ms. Casbon LaTourette attended the Veterans' Day Assembly and reported it to be "outstanding." The students were respectful and asked good questions. Mrs. Marasco was clear about making sure this event was student-led.

Ms. Casbon LaTourette attended the Lake County Opioid Initiative. She reports that it is a huge problem. They are trying to find ways to stop people from "doctor shopping."

Superintendent Report

Dr. Lind reported that the DALI conference he attended was informative. Unfortunately, the program that would most benefit Millburn in an outreach to the community for Strategic Planning would cost about \$20,000 a year.

Business Office Report

Dr. Johns reported:

- Cafeteria tables at MES are no longer working and not covered under warranty.
- The auditor will be here to present the FY17 audit results

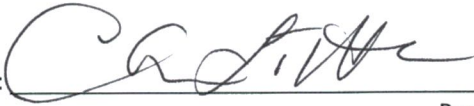
Future Agenda Items

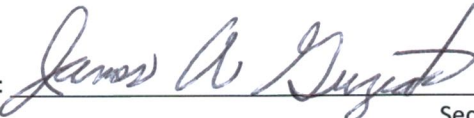
- Completed Summer 2017 Projects
- Selection of Architect
- Adoption of FY17 Property Tax Levy (*December*)
- Weapons Policy
- Band (January)
- Board Agreements

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Maggie Wentzell, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Brendan Murphy. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: 
President

Attest: 
Secretary

November 27, 2017

Date