

MILLBURN C. C. SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD CLERK

Bernadette Hanna

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent of Schools
Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS
Bennett Walshire, Principal, MES

TREASURER

Gary White

VISITORS

Lorie Cipolla

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Elementary 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, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade. Absent: Maggie Wentzell.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none.

ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS – none.

ACTION ITEMS

Registration Fees for Early Childhood – 8th Grade for 2019-20 SY

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Irshad Khan, to approve the registration fees for students in Early Childhood through Grade 8 as presented with no increase for the 2019-20 school year. On a roll call vote the following members voted Aye: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell.

CLOSED SESSION #1

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to enter into Closed Session for the purpose 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.

On a voice vote all members in attendance voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed and the Board entered into Closed Session at 7:04 p.m.

It was noted that all visitors exited the meeting at this time.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide, to return to Open Session. On a voice vote, all members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed and the Board returned to Open Session at 7:35 p.m.

All guests and administrators returned to the meeting at this time.

ACTION ITEMS, continued

Contract for Jason Lind, Superintendent

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to approve the five-year contract for Jason Lind as superintendent covering the school years of 2019-20 through 2023-24. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Carissa Casbon LaTourette. The following Board Member voted Present: Jin Guziak. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed.

Contract Extension for Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to approve the 157-day contract extension for the 2019-20 school year for Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Carissa Casbon LaTourette. The following Board Member voted Present: Jin Guziak. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed.

Elementary ELA Pilots

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Irshad Khan, to approve the request to purchase two elementary ELA pilot programs – EL Education (approximate cost \$2500) and Units of Study in Reading (\$2,084). On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Denise Ide. The following Board Member voted Present: Jin Guziak. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Brendan Murphy, with a second by Denise Ide, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan. The following Board Member voted Present: Jin Guziak. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed.

The Consent Agenda included:

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting of January 28, 2019
- Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 11, 2019
- Closed Session Meeting of February 1, 2019

Bill Approval and Payment Authorization

Activity Account

Personnel Report

- Resignation: Stacey Towne – 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant MMS
- Employ: Ramya Arikkala – Substitute
Rachel Eckenstahler - Substitute

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Freedom of Information Requests (FOIA) - none.

Fees for 2019-20

The Board discussed the options Dr. Lind presented for possibly putting a family cap on activity/club fees. There are many variables involved, but the end result would be that the district would have an additional loss of funds to support the programs. Dr. Lind is recommending that there be no change to the fees for activities, clubs, iPad Protection Plan, and facility use.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Audit Report FY18 - March 11, 2019
- B. Fees
- C. Robert's Rules of Order for 7-member board

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind reported on the great success that the wrestling team has had. They won regionals and are on to Sectionals.

Dr. Lind reported on how well Millburn graduates were doing in academics at the high school level. From last year's graduating class, 46% of our former students are taking Spanish II. In comparison, only 24% of Antioch Upper Grade students and 20% of Lake Villa's Palombi students are taking Spanish II as freshmen. In addition, Millburn students have the highest average GPA in the class. Millburn accomplishes this with five quarters of middle school Spanish vs. the eight quarters at the other schools. Great job by Mrs. Rodriguez!

In general academics, our former students are also doing very well overall. The Millburn freshmen's average GPA is 3.628. In comparison, the other two schools average 3.117 and 3.078. We can be proud of the success of our students at the next level!

Dr. Lind thanked Ms. Ide for once again organizing "Read Across America" week. He reminded the Board that Literacy Night would be held on Friday, March 1.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT – none.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Murphy commented on the great play by the middle school's Drama class. Kudos to Mr. Cramer and the students. There are thirty-one students involved as actors or tech crew.

Ms. Casbon LaTourette thanked the PTO for the work with the Talent Show. There were thirty-one acts performing.

Ms. Ide and Ms. Casbon LaTourette visited classrooms at MES that were piloting the ARC Core ELA. This program allows for differentiation. Students were excited and engaged about the materials they were using. Teachers are very vested in the program. Ms. Cason LaTourette was interested in the writing portion.

Mr. Guziak attended the last basketball game for the sixth grade girls. Mr. Thomas did a great job with the girls.

CLOSED SESSION #2

A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Denise Ide, to enter into Closed Session for a second time for the purpose 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.

On a roll call vote all members the following members voted Aye: Casandra Slade, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed and the Board entered into Closed Session at 7:59 p.m.

It was noted that all visitors exited the meeting at this time.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

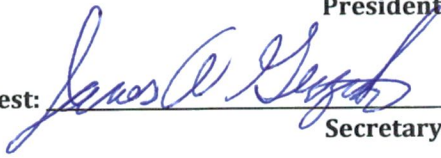
A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide, to return to Open Session. On a voice vote, all members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed and the Board returned to Open Session at 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

**Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois**

By:  _____
President

Attest:  _____
Secretary

March 18, 2019