

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING
March 11, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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
Kathy Naughton, Eder, Casella & Co.
Val Donnen, Superintendent, SEDOL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none.

ADDITION of INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Requests for these items to be added: Staff Appreciation, SEDOL meeting, establish a minimum amount of time to review board documents.

It was noted that Mr. Khan entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Kathy Naughton, Manager at Eder, Casella & Company is one of the auditors who completed the FY18 district audit. She presented highlights of the audit to the Board. There were many regulatory changes to the audit this year, but last year's fund financial statements can be compared to the one in the current audit. Audits are posted on the district website.

It was noted that Mr. Murphy entered the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

SEDOL Update

Dr. Val Donnen, the superintendent of the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL), spoke to the Board members about the long time partnership SEDOL and Millburn have had. Currently, there are five SEDOL classrooms housed at Millburn – three at MES and two at MMS. They are looking at housing several more classrooms in both buildings beginning with the next school year. There will continue to be discussion and information shared about the programs.

Briargate Subdivision Update

Dr. Johns has been in meetings about the proposed 55+ community. The developer is Pulte Homes. They are requesting a waiver of the builder impact fees. These fees are charged to the builder to help cover the gap of when children start school (thus impacting class size, number of teachers, etc.) and when taxes are collected, usually one year in arrears. Since it is a community for older adults with no children, the builders are asking for the waiver.

Fees

Dr. Lind recommends that there be no change in the amount charged for student activities, clubs, iPad Protection Plan, and for Facilities Use.

Robert's Rules of Order

The Board discussed timed discussions. Every board member would be able to have a say before any member speaks twice. This is not meant to restrict, but to invite more discussion. After much discussion, the majority of members wanted timed discussions during the business meeting, as long as there is flexibility.

SEDOL Meeting

The District needs to have a representative attend the SEDOL meeting to be held on March 13. SEDOL meetings are held quarterly on Wednesdays. Ms. Casbon LaTourette will attend the March 13th meeting.

Staff Appreciation

Ms. Ide would like to make sure that there is a board representative to take on the responsibilities of organizing the annual staff appreciation.

Time to Review Board Documents

Mr. Guziak commented that more time is needed to review agenda items, especially when contracts are involved. He feels that a minimum amount of time should be established and if that time is not possible, a vote should be postponed. Mr. Guziak was assured that the delay in receiving the contracts was not a usual occurrence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Summer Projects

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind shared a video from NBC news that featured two former special education students playing basketball at Grayslake North High School.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns reported to the board that the 2019 Summer Projects were bid by six companies. The architect made the process very organized. They will contact the low bidder to make sure they understood everything that needed to be included in the bid. The low bid was \$429,500, which is under budget.

Dr. Johns reported that he is looking at cameras for both schools not to exceed \$50,000.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Slade said she read in a third grade class for "Read Across America" and was very impressed with the comprehensive questions that the students asked.

Mr. Murphy informed the Board that four wrestlers went to state – three 8th graders and one fifth grader.

Ms. Ide attended the fifth grade fair about planets and was impressed with the display and how excited the students were to share their knowledge.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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 the following members voted Aye: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed and the Board entered into Closed Session at 9:24 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, second by Denise Ide, to return to Open Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Maggie Wentzell. The board returned to Open Session at 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Denise Ide, 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: Maggie Wentzell. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By:  _____
President

Attest:  _____
Secretary

March 11, 2019

Date