

Millburn School District 24

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES of March 19, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carissa Casbon LaTourette, President
Jim Guziak, Secretary
Irshad Khan, Member
Brendan Murphy, Member
Maggie Wentzell, Member

BOARD CLERK

Bernadette Hanna

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

TREASURER

Gary White

VISITORS

Tim McGrath, WOLD/Ruck-Pate Architects
Carol McGill
Elena Loyola

The Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Middle School, was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: Casandra Slade, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was no addition of discussion items.

ACTION ITEMS

Agreement with WOLD-Ruck/Pate, Architects of Record

A motion was made by Maggie Wentzell, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to approve the agreement with WOLD-Ruck/Pate as the architects of record. On a roll call vote the following members voted Aye: Jim Guziak, Brendan Murphy, Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Nays: none. Absent: Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Casandra Slade. The motion passed.

It was noted that Irshad Khan entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Memorandum of Understanding with Millburn Federation of Teachers – Homework Hut

A motion was made by Brendan Murphy, with a second by Maggie Wentzell, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the increase in the stipend for Homework Hut. On a roll call vote the following members voted Aye: Brendan Murphy, Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Irshad Khan. Nays: none. Absent: Denise Ide, Casandra Slade. The motion passed.

"Newsela" – Social Studies Curriculum for Middle School

Dr. Wentzell stated that even though Mr. Jorgenson explained the program very well, she would prefer to see a presentation by the teachers piloting the curriculum. A motion was made by Maggie Wentzell, with a second by Irshad Khan, to approve the social studies curriculum for middle school. On a roll call vote the

following members voted Aye: Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy. Nays: none. Absent: Denise Ide, Casandra Slade. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

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

The Consent Agenda included:

- Approval of Minutes - Regular and Closed Session I and Closed Session II Meetings of February 26, 2018, Committee of the Whole and Closed Session Meetings of March 12, 2018
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Bill Approval and Payment Authorization
 - Activity Account
 - Personnel Report
- Employ: Melissa Ramirez – Bus Driver and Jennifer Obrycki – 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Associate

INFORMATION and DISCUSSION

Sports Available at Millburn Elementary

Dr. Lind responded to a parent inquiry about having more sport opportunities for the students at the elementary school. Dr. Lind explained that teachers could choose to create programs or intramural sports. Currently, fifth graders are able to participate in wrestling, track, and cross-country. Middle School is interscholastic so there is competition with other schools.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Administrator Contracts (April BOE)
- Summer Projects 2018 (April BOE)
- iPad Academy for Parents
- Auditor
- IQWST Science Update

BOARD REPORT

IASB Spring Meeting – Speaker Dr. David Schuler “Refining Ready”

Several board members commented on the IASB Spring Meeting. Dr. Wentzell noted that Dr. Schuler spoke about not having random courses, only sequential, planned courses targeting either career or college readiness. Ms. Casbon LaTourette noted that Dr. Schuler mentioned that more students go to college than ever (70%) but only 42% graduate. Commonalities of the students who received their BA were that all passed Algebra II, took AP classes, and did at least 24 hours of community service. When Dr. Wentzell questioned who will do all the additional paperwork required for the Department of Education's ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), Dr. Lind replied that many entities will touch the different programs that will compile the required information. Mr. Murphy noted that when ISAT was changed student scoring dropped to 40% and then when PARCC was introduced, scores dropped to 30%. He feels Millburn is going a good job. Ms. Casbon LaTourette stated that she enjoyed Dr. Schuler's enthusiasm and being given permission to see things in a different way.

Mr. Khan mentioned that he would be involved on April 11 in a meeting the governor at a press conference talking about the cost shift in teacher retirement. Originally, teachers paid half and the state was to pay half. The state has not paid their share for many years, thus causing the crisis. The legislators are trying to shift the cost to local districts. Where do schools get money – property taxes.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind informed the Board that Millburn hosted a presenter from Boise State about how to engage boys in reading and literature in general. There were about five or six other school districts that attended the presentation. In looking at new curriculum, Millburn looked at a Pearson product. However, that company is trying to sell off the curriculum side of the business and focus on testing, which is much more profitable.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns noted that in trying to solve the water pump issue at Millburn, there is only one local company that will work with our size of equipment.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Brendon 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 roll call vote the following board members voted Aye: Jim Guziak, Irshad Khan, Brendon Murphy, Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Nays: none. Absent: Denise Ide, Casandra Slade. The motion passed and the board entered Closed Session at 7:52 p.m.

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

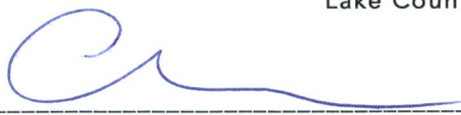
A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Brendon Murphy, to return to Open Session. On a voice vote all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Denise Ide, Casandra Slade. The board returned to Open Session at 8:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Brendon Murphy, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Denise Ide, Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: _____



President

Attest: _____



Secretary

Date: April 23, 2018