

Millburn School District 24

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING April 9, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carissa Casbon LaTourette, President
Jim Guziak, Secretary
Denise Ide, Member
Irshad Khan, Member
Brendan Murphy, 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
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS
Bennett Walshire, Principal, MES

GUESTS

Carol McGill
Suzanne Dekorsi
Anne-Marie Maier
Michelle Krupa

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Elementary School, was called to order at 7:00 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, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADDITION of INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

It was requested that two items be added: cultural competency and water bottles.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tech Presentation by Grade 5 Teachers

Ms. Dekorsi introduced fifth grade teachers, Ms. Maier and Ms. Krupa. They presented to the board how Schoology is used for surveys/polls and student comments. Students can have input into what they want to do on a party day or sign up to volunteer for SEDOL. They can post answers to questions that can only be seen by the teachers.

Resolution Appointing a Representative and Alternate to the Governing Board of Cooperative 90's Health and Dental Plans

Dr. Lind explained that it has become necessary for the administrators of our health and dental plans to control the number of people who attend the meetings. A resolution is necessary to appoint Dr. Lind and Dr. Johns as the representatives.

Staff Appreciation/Retirement Event

Dr. Lind informed the board that Wednesday, May 30th is the date for the annual staff appreciation honoring all staff and those reaching milestone years – 5, 10, 15, etc. This is also the time that any retirees are recognized.

Tour of MES

Dr. Lind took the Board Members on a tour of the maintenance rooms that house the boilers and water system.

It is noted that Brendan Murphy entered the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Cultural Competency Goals

Dr. Wentzell asked how the school calendar is developed with particular attention on the religious holidays. Dr. Lind explained that the calendar is developed by staff after being given the broad guidelines (required number of days of attendance, teacher institute days, etc.) They are also given copies of calendars of the three feeder high schools with some emphasis placed on Lakes High School's calendar since this is the high school the majority of students will attend. The Board can ask that cultural competency be a highlighted goal when considering the calendar dates. It was suggested that a focus group with staff and parents could be formed to see how this can be attained. Dr. Lind asked the board to clarify the desired outcome for the upcoming school year. There will be further discussion in the future.

Water Bottles

Dr. Wentzell suggested that water bottles should not be passed out at the meetings with concerns for the environment. Mr. Guziak took exception to this stating that this was a personal agenda item. Mr. Khan offered that we should look at what we currently do for the environment and how we recycle. It was suggested that board members could bring their own beverage.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Change in date for June 25 Board Meeting
- Water Well Solutions (SUEZ)
- Auditor
- IQWST Science Update
- Newsela Presentation
- iPad Academy for Parents
- Administrator Contracts
- Summer Projects 2018
- Summer Help 2018

BOARD REPORTS

Dr. Wentzell reported that the SEDOL meeting is scheduled for the same night as the IASB Board Governance. There will be three public discussion dates before the final budget approval in August.

Ms. Casbon LaTourette reported that she would be attending a conference at the Federal Reserve about pension reform in the State of Illinois. She will report back after this conference. She also recently attended the Lake County Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind reported that the Title II funding is about \$34,000. He was given permission to shift \$10,000 of Title IV new money into Title II in order to help pay for the Apple professional development.

Dr. Lind also informed the Board that Gurnee Rotary 5K Glow Run is Friday, April 20 from 6:45-9:00 p.m. at Great America.

Dr. Lind has purchased his ticket for the superintendent relief trip to Puerto Rico. About 8-10 superintendents will be providing Relief Through Leadership by taking supplies down to a school from June 23-29. This trip was spearheaded by Jim McKay, Superintendent from District 117.

Dr. Lind reminded the Board that they could have an individual meeting with Dr. Michelle Hancock from Carthage College regarding the Intercultural Diversity Inventory.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns informed the Board that the actual property tax levy is \$14,471,194.57.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. On a roll call vote, the following Board Member voted Aye: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed the Board entered into Closed Session at 8:04 p.m.

All visitors exited the meeting at this time.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Jim Guziak, with a second by Casandra Slade, to exit Closed Session and return to the Regular Board Meeting. On a voice vote, all board members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed and the Board reentered Open Session at 8:34 p.m.

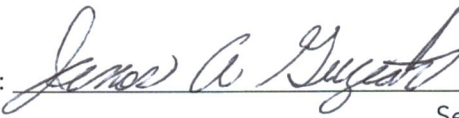
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brendan Murphy, with a second by Denise Ide, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. 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

April 23, 2018

Date