

BOARD of EDUCATION
Millburn C. C. School District #24

SPECIAL MEETING

May 4, 2009
Millburn West School Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Dewitt
Bob Buehler
Chris Stream
Thomas Heinrich
Shawn Lahr
Therese Schmidt

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

James Menzer, Superintendent
Gary White, Comptroller
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
Cheryl Kucera, Director of Curriculum
Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology
Jason Lind, Principal, Millburn Central
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, Millburn West

VISITORS

Ellen Mauer
Bob Reding
Diane Campbell
Guy McGinnis

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn C. C. School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn West School was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was dispensed with as it had been taken prior to the start of the meeting with the following Board Members present: Ken Dewitt, Bob Buehler, Chris Stream, Thomas Heinrich, Shawn Lahr, Therese Schmidt. Absent: none.

Confirm Election Results - A motion was made by Shawn Lahr, seconded by Therese Schmidt, to confirm the results of the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election as canvassed by the Lake County Clerk's Office. Six people ran to fill four positions on the Board of Education. David Bending received 290 votes; Thomas Heinrich received 314 votes; Robert A. Reding received 325 votes; Stacy S. Freeman received 341 votes; Diane Campbell receive 369 votes; Chris K. Stream received 315 votes. Those four receiving the highest number of votes will be seated: Robert A. Reding, Stacy S. Freeman, Diane Campbell, Chris K. Stream. All members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Adjourn Retiring Board - A motion was made by Ken Dewitt, seconded by Bob Buehler, to adjourn the retiring Board of Education *sine die*. All members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Recognition - At this time, on behalf of the Board, Ken Dewitt thanked Therese Schmidt for her 8 years of service to the district. Tom Heinrich's and Stacy Freeman's board member service will be acknowledged at a later date.

Oath of Office - New board members, Diane Campbell and Bob Reding were officially sworn in by reciting the oath of office and took their seats at the board table.

Roll Call was dispensed with as it had been taken prior to the start of the reorganization portion of the meeting with the following Board Members present: Ken Dewitt, Bob Buehler, Chris Stream, Shawn Lahr, Diane Campbell, Bob Reding. Absent: none.

Select President Pro-Tem – The floor was opened for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Bob Buehler nominated Ken Dewitt, which was seconded by Chris Stream. A second nomination was made by Bob Reding for Dr. Menzer, seconded by Shawn Lahr. On a roll call vote the members voted as such: Shawn Lahr for Dr. Menzer; Bob Reding for Dr. Menzer; Chris Stream for Ken Dewitt; Ken Dewitt for Ken Dewitt; Bob Buehler for Ken Dewitt, Diane Campbell for Dr. Menzer. The vote was a three-to-three tie. After some discussion a second roll call was made with the following results: Bob Reding for Dr. Menzer; Chris Stream for Ken Dewitt; Ken Dewitt for Ken Dewitt; Bob Buehler for Ken Dewitt; Diane Campbell for Dr. Menzer; Shawn Lahr for Ken Dewitt. The four-to-two voting resulted in Ken Dewitt being accepted as President Pro-Tem.

Ken Dewitt requested that the order for selecting a board secretary and vice president be reversed from the order on the agenda. There was no opposition to this request.

Selection of President – The floor was opened for nominations for board president. Bob Reding nominated Shawn Lahr for president; Diane Campbell seconded the nomination. Chris Stream nominated Bob Buehler for president, which was seconded by Ken Dewitt. There being no other nominations offered, a motion was made to close nominations by Shawn Lahr, seconded by Chris Stream. All members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed and nominations were closed.

At this time the nominees were offered the opportunity to speak to why they wanted to be president of the board. Mr. Lahr read from his submission to the board and then Mr. Buehler spoke about his reasons. Questions were asked by the board members that included how both candidates addressed decision-making; whether they've taken advantage of workshops and training for board members; the district's financial situation and budget awareness; public speaking; community involvement; whether discussions have been held with area boards about issues; what rules of order are followed and how familiar they are with the rules; whether consideration had been made to change the term of office from two years to one year; committee-of-the-whole meetings; and charging outside groups for facility use.

The question and answer session was followed by the vote. On a roll call vote for the selection of president the members voted as follows: Chris Stream for Bob Buehler; Ken Dewitt for Bob Buehler; Bob Buehler for Bob Buehler; Diane Campbell for Shawn Lahr; Shawn Lahr for Shawn Lahr; Bob Reding for Shawn Lahr. The vote resulted in a three-to-three tie.

Since no decision could be made for board president, reorganization of the board will take place when the seventh board member has been selected. The selection of vice president and secretary will also be made at that time.

Secretary Pro-Tem - A motion was made by Ken Dewitt, seconded by Bob Reding to appoint Chris Stream as Secretary Pro-tem. All members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Reappointment of Board Clerk - A motion was made by Shawn Lahr, seconded by Chris Stream to reappoint Dorothy Pazanin as Board Clerk. All members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Ken Dewitt suggested that the order of agenda items be switched to move New Business before the board enters into Executive Session. There were no objections to this move.

Resignation and Retirement – A motion was made by Bob Buehler, seconded by Chris Stream to accept the resignation effective immediately from the Board of Education submitted by Stacy Freeman and to accept the request for retirement by comptroller Gary White effective August 2009. All members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Executive Session – A motion was made by Chris Stream, seconded by Shawn Lahr to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of selecting four certified staff for Red Apple awards and two non-certified staff for Blue Pen awards. Staff members nominate their peers for these awards. All members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed and the board entered into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Bob Reding, seconded by Bob Buehler to exit Executive Session. All members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed and they exited Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment – There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Bob Buehler, seconded by Chris Stream to adjourn the Special Board of Education meeting. On a voice vote all members present voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chris Stream, Secretary Pro-Tem
Board of Education
Millburn C. C. School District 24

ATTEST:

Kenneth Dewitt, President Pro-Tem
Board of Education
Millburn C. C. School District 24

Date