

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn C.C. School District 24

SPECIAL MEETING
Aug. 3, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Campbell
Kenneth Dewitt
Shawn Lahr
Robert Reding
Lisa Scanio
Chris Stream

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Ellen Mauer, Superintendent
Elizabeth Keefe, Special Services Director

BUSINESS MANAGER

Mary Taylor

VISITORS

John Taylor
Elizabeth Hennessy

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn C.C. School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Central School, was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Shawn Lahr. Roll call was taken, noting the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Kenneth Dewitt, Shawn Lahr, Robert Reding, Lisa Scanio and Chris Stream. Robert Buehler was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT -- There was none.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS -- Kenneth Dewitt said he would like to discuss future funding options. The topic was added to the agenda, after the Action Items.

INFORMATION ITEMS

REFUNDING OPPORTUNITY -- Elizabeth Hennessy of William Blair & Company explained that because short-term interest rates have dropped, there is a refunding opportunity available that could benefit taxpayers. Two bond issues -- one maturing 12/1/2011 with an interest rate of 4 percent, and one maturing 12/1/2014 with an interest rate of 4.65 percent -- could be recalled. They would then be re-issued at an interest rate of 3 percent or less. This would result in a total savings to taxpayers of about \$118,000 over six years. Ms. Hennessy said that although taxpayers may not notice the slight difference in their tax bills, it would be financially prudent to pursue this refunding opportunity. She recommended that the Board approve a resolution authorizing the refunding. Dr. Ellen Mauer said the resolution will be on the agenda of the next Regular Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

BULLYING POLICY -- A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Diane Campbell to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Bullying Policy 7:180. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Buehler. The motion passed.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES POLICY -- A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Chris Stream to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Operational Services Policy 4:60. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Buehler. The motion passed.

PERSONNEL-- A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Diane Campbell to approve the following Personnel Action items:

Re-employ **Anna Rodewald** as a full-time Grade 3 Teacher at a contract salary of \$40,081.

Employ **Kelly Gregori** as a 0.4 FTE Speech Pathologist at \$50 per hour.

Employ **Kristine Bardi** as a 0.4 FTE Occupational Therapist at a contract salary of \$21,716.

On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Diane Campbell, Lisa Scanio, Shawn Lahr, Chris Stream, Robert Reding and Kenneth Dewitt. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Buehler. The motion passed.

IMRF AGENT -- A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Robert Reding to appoint Mary Taylor as an Authorized Agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Buehler. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM

FUTURE FINANCIAL OPTIONS -- Kenneth Dewitt said the Board should consider what would happen to the district if it had to prepare a 2-, 3- or 4-year plan to eliminate the need for a Tax Anticipation Warrant. Dr. Ellen Mauer said that if, for instance, the Board wanted to trim \$1 million a year from the budget every year for four years, that would be the equivalent of cutting about 20-25 teachers a year. She said that type of cutting would have serious consequences for the district. The Board discussed other options, such as continuing to borrow through Tax Anticipation Warrants, increasing class sizes, or attempting to increase revenue through a referendum. The Board agreed it's important to continue to educate the community about school finance, and to continue to discuss future financial options.

It was noted that Mary Taylor and Elizabeth Keefe exited the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Robert Reding to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Lisa Scanio, Shawn Lahr, Chris Stream, Robert Reding, Kenneth Dewitt and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Buehler. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Kenneth Dewitt and seconded by Robert Reding to exit Executive Session and re-enter the Special Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Buehler. The motion passed, and the Executive Session was exited at 8:39 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RESUMES

BOARD TRAINING -- Dr. Ellen Mauer reminded Members about the Board Retreat planned for Saturday, Aug. 8, at Millburn Central, and the upcoming IASB conference in Chicago.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Robert Reding and seconded by Kenneth Dewitt to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Shawn Lahr, President
Board of Education
Millburn C.C. School District 24

ATTEST:

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

Date

Millburn C. C. School District 24
 Lake County, Wadsworth, IL 60083

Board of Education Meeting
 Executive Session

Date of Meeting Aug 3, 2009

<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Meeting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Meeting

Board Members Present	Administrators Present	Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Buehler, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mauer, Ellen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Pazanin, Clerk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campbell, Diane		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dewitt, Kenneth		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lahr, Shawn		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reding, Robert		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scanio, Lisa		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stream, Chris		

Motion to enter into Executive Session:

Moved: <u>Diane Campbell</u>	Seconded: <u>Robert Reding</u>	Time: <u>8:15 p.m.</u>
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Roll Call Vote: YES NO

	YES	NO
Buehler, Robert <u>Absent</u>		
Campbell, Diane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dewitt, Kenneth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lahr, Shawn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Reding, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Scanio, Lisa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Stream, Chris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
TOTAL	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

Topic of Discussion: Personnel

Motion to exit Executive Session:

Moved: <u>Kenneth Dewitt</u>	Seconded: <u>Robert Reding</u>	Time: <u>8:39 p.m.</u>
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 President, Board of Ed.

 Secretary, Board of Ed.

 Date