

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

REGULAR MEETING
Feb. 23, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Buehler
Diane Campbell
Kenneth Dewitt
Shawn Lahr
Robert Reding
Lisa Scanio

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Ellen Mauer, Superintendent
Elizabeth Keefe, Special Education Director
Dr. Cheryl Kucera, Curriculum Director
Joanne Rathunde, Technology Director
Jake Jorgenson, Principal
Jason Lind, Principal

BUSINESS MANAGER

Mary Taylor

TREASURER

Roger Manderscheid

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

VISITORS

Mark Ainslie	Deborah Pineau
Rachel Nichols	Carla Blanchard
Tricia Johnston	Joseph Pineau
Jane Gattone	Nomita Umarwadia
Amy Paxton	Lisa Rudolphi
Ian Hadden	Cindy Brugioni
Joan Green	Greg Ball
Richard Green	Kim Dodd
Kevin McKeever	Chandra Solberg
Laura Brown	Bernadette Hanna

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

Due to the absence of Board Secretary Chris Stream, it was decided to name a Secretary Pro Tem. A motion was made by Kenneth Dewitt and seconded by Lisa Scanio to appoint Diane Campbell as Secretary Pro Tem. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Shawn Lahr and Chris Stream. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Amy Paxton asked how the district was going to continue to offer classes in the arts when the three tenured staff members being released are Art and Music teachers. She said the arts enrich children's lives and promote academic achievement. She thanked the Board for offering non-mandated programs, and asked that the arts continue to be taught regularly.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS – Dr. Ellen Mauer asked that the Board discuss the impending Principal Search for Millburn Central. She said that it was important for Jason Lind, the new superintendent, to head the Principal Search. Mr. Lind agreed to present a plan and timeline for the search to the Board at the next meeting.

It was noted that Shawn Lahr entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA –A motion was made by Kenneth Dewitt and seconded by Robert Reding to remove items C through G under #5 from the Consent Agenda. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Reding and seconded by Kenneth Dewitt to remove Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Feb. 7, 2011 from the Consent Agenda. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Kenneth Dewitt to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding the items that were removed, and including the following:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting and Executive Session of Jan. 18, 2011
 - b. Executive Session of Feb. 7, 2011
 - c. Special Meeting and Executive Session of Feb. 17, 2011
2. Treasurer's Report and Approval
3. Bill Approval and Payment Authorization
4. Activity Funds of Millburn Central and Millburn West
5. Personnel Report
 - a. Accept FMLAs:
 - (1) **Robert Stark**, Custodian at Central
 - (2) **Mary Grom**, Reading
 - b. Leave of Absence and Resignation Agreement for **Teresa Roberts**
6. Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy
 - a. Educational Support Personnel – 5:310 Compensatory Time Off
 - b. Educational Support Personnel – 5:320 Evaluation
 - c. Instruction – 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
 - d. Students – 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights
 - e. Students – 7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
 - f. Students – 7:285 Food Allergy Management Program
 - g. Students – 7:340 Student Records

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

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EXPENDITURES

EDUCATION		BUILDING	
BILLS PAYABLE	\$229,608.92	BILLS PAYABLE	\$78,010.91
PAYROLL	\$676,014.83	PAYROLL	\$42,937.72
VOIDS	-\$1,310.01		
TOTAL	\$904,313.74	TOTAL	\$120,948.63
TRANSPORTATION		IMRF	
BILLS PAYABLE	\$17,722.82	BILLS PAYABLE	\$0.00
PAYROLL	\$49,782.08	PAYROLL	\$38,250.45
TOTAL	\$67,504.90	TOTAL	\$38,250.45
SITE & CONSTRUCTION		BONDS&INTEREST	
BILLS PAYABLE	\$2,190.00	BILLS PAYABLE	\$0.00
		TORT	
		PAYROLL	\$4,174.48
		BILLS PAYABLE	\$703.00
		TOTAL	\$4,877.48
		FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,138,085.20

MINUTES OF FEB. 7, 2011 – Robert Reding asked that the comments included with the roll call vote on the resignation of Dr. Ellen Mauer be either deleted or summarized in the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Feb. 7, 2011. The Board discussed the topic of making comments during a roll call vote and including them in the Minutes. A motion was made by Robert Reding and seconded by Lisa Scanio to table approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Feb. 7, 2011. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

BUS LEASE – Dr. Ellen Mauer said the proposed Bus Lease with Midwest Transit Equipment for Fiscal Year 2012 includes a 2.6 percent increase over the current lease. The new lease also includes an additional bus for special education, and additional fees for new heaters and to re-install the radios. The topic of using an outside company to handle busing was discussed. Dr. Mauer said the district has investigated outsourcing busing. However, legal restrictions do not make it a viable financial option. A motion was made by Kenneth Dewitt and seconded by Shawn Lahr to approve the Bus Lease for 2011-12. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Kenneth Dewitt, Robert Buehler, Robert Reding, Diane Campbell, Lisa Scanio and Shawn Lahr. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

It was noted that Roger Manderscheid exited the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ENERGY AUDIT – A representative from Fanning Howey gave a presentation on the process of an energy audit, which would include assessing energy consumption, evaluating options for savings, and considering cost and payback. He said the audit would take place while the building is occupied, but it would not disrupt classes or require a lot of time with district staff. It would take about 4-6 weeks.

Shawn Lahr also suggested the district investigate SEDAC, a state energy conservation program. The Board discussed the district's current Strategic Plan process and how facilities planning might tie in. It was agreed to continue researching options for an energy audit, and discuss the topic further at the Committee Meeting on March 8. The target date for a decision will be the Board's Regular Meeting on March 21.

CALENDAR FOR 2011-12 – Dr. Ellen Mauer explained that the proposed draft calendar included three institute days at the start of the year to allow for training and articulation. Dec. 23 is a compensation day for the two extended days during parent-teacher conferences in November. Winter break is Dec. 23 through Jan. 6, which is slightly different than the area high schools. It was agreed to put approval of the calendar on the Consent Agenda in March.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Laura Brown announced that the Millburn Central and Millburn West PTOs will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Night from 7-8:30 p.m. March 10 at Millburn Central. All candidates in the upcoming School Board election have been invited. She also repeated a previous request for video streaming of School Board meetings.

Kevin McKeever said he appreciates the Strategic Plan process that is under way, and inquired about the timeline. He also said he doesn't understand how it was decided which teachers would not be rehired for next year. He asked if the proposed cuts and increased fees will accomplish the Board's financial goals. Robert Buehler said the Board is implementing the plan that was previously approved if the referendum did not pass.

Mark Ainslie asked for more transparency about the financial impact of teachers. He also asked about the cost of unemployment insurance. Dr. Mauer said the Board's goal was to cut \$1.1 million from the budget, and that was accomplished with the proposed staff reductions. She said state law was followed in determining which staff members would not be rehired.

Rachel Nichols asked if information could be more specific and easy to find on the website, such as a regular news update that summarize important decisions. She also asked if any staff reorganization will be presented to the community. Dr. Mauer said the teachers will be notified of their teaching assignments in April. She said the community may not find out until much later because changes can occur throughout the summer.

Carla Blanchard said the "Yes! Millburn" committee is working to inform state legislators about Millburn's financial dilemma and asking that the state remit payments that are due to the district.

Jane Gattone asked about recent news stories that the state will be cutting transportation reimbursement to the schools, and what impact that will have on Millburn. Dr. Mauer said that when payments are cut or not received, the district must compensate from other district funds. Mary Taylor said state payments can not be counted on at this time.

Chandra Solberg asked if the district employed any maintenance staff. Dr. Mauer replied that there is one person on staff who handles small maintenance repairs; bigger jobs are outsourced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kenneth Dewitt and seconded by Lisa Scanio to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Robert Buehler, Robert Reding, Diane Campbell, Lisa Scanio, Shawn Lahr and Kenneth Dewitt. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

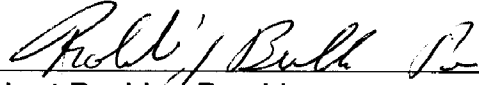
A motion was made by Kenneth Dewitt and seconded by Robert Reding to exit Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMES

The Board resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

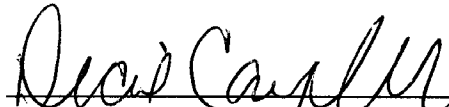
PERSONNEL REPORT – Robert Buehler announced that the Board reached a general consensus to postpone a decision on the staff reductions in order to clarify specific wording in the resolutions. He said the issue will be an action item at the March 8 meeting, which will be a Special Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

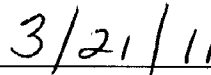


Robert Buehler, President
Board of Education
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ATTEST:



Diane Campbell, Secretary Pro Tem
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24



Date

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Visitors, please sign in.
Public Comment will be taken in the order that names are listed.

Print Name	Signature	Check below if you wish to address the Board
1. MARK ANGELO	Mark Angelo	✓
2. Rachel Nichols	Rachel Nichols	
3. TRICIA JOHNSTON	Tricia Johnston	
4. JANE GATTONE	Jane Gattone	
5. Amy Paxton	Amy Paxton	✓
6. IAN HADDEN	Ian Hadden	
7. Joan Green	Joan Green	
8. Richard Green	Richard Green	
9. Kevin McKeever	Kevin McKeever	✓
10. Laura Brown	Laura Brown	
11. Deborah Pineau	Deborah Pineau	
12. Carla Blanchard	Carla Blanchard	
13. Joseph Pineau	Joseph Pineau	
14. Nonita Umarwadia	Nonita Umarwadia	
15. Lisa Rudolphi	Lisa Rudolphi	
16. Cindy Brugman	Cindy Brugman	
17. Greg Ball	Greg Ball	
18. Kim Dodd	Kim Dodd	
19. Chandra Suberg	Chandra Suberg	
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