

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

SPECIAL MEETING
Aug. 20, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Scott Miller
Joseph Pineau
Robert Reding
Lisa Scanio
Chris Stream

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Dr. Stephen Johns, Business Manager
Dr. Cheryl Kucera, Curriculum Director
Marybeth DeLaMar, Principal
Jake Jorgenson, Principal

VISITORS

Joe Vlasak	Kelly Vlasak
Cheryl Drake	Bernadette Hanna
Linda Boomer	Brigid Tuley
Kevin Tuley	Tracy Prieto
Chris Deceatis	Mary Sineni
Leroy Nordlund	Steve Berzon
Jane Yarnell	Carla Sayre
Daniel Whalen	Rachel Papierniak
Phil Serdar	Vimal Natarajan
Mark Dalbec	

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn West School, was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Robert Reding. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Scott Miller, Joseph Pineau, Robert Reding, Lisa Scanio and Chris Stream.

It was agreed that Superintendent Lind should explain some background information concerning action items on the agenda before Public Comment was heard.

Mr. Lind said that he learned about a week ago that Afterschool Club does not have the necessary site license from the Department of Children and Family Services to operate a before- and after-school child care program at Millburn Central and Millburn West. He also learned that Afterschool Club would not have enough time to obtain the needed license before the start of school on Aug. 23. Mr. Lind said that the district had received legal advice not to sign a waiver to relieve Afterschool Club, or other businesses renting space at Millburn West, of their responsibility and liability.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Linda Boomer asked about the district's plans to provide its own program for before- and after-school care.

Leroy Nordlund asked about the district's long-term plans to provide permanent care on school sites.

Steve Berzon asked why the Afterschool Club was allowed to operate in the past without a site license and who should be held accountable.

Jane Yarnell said the Lindenhurst Park District has authorized her to offer park district personnel to run and staff a child care program at the Millburn sites.

Daniel Whalen said his main concern is transportation.

Rachel Papierniak said she also has concerns about transportation and is interested in the Park District proposal.

Phil Serdar said his main concerns are transportation, consistency, transition, communication and the availability of an on-site program.

Mary Sineni asked about bus route options if a child attends another child care program.

ESTABLISH DISTRICT BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM – The Board discussed many facets of the DCFS licensing issue and the district's ability to offer its own program. Discussion topics included:

- The workload on current district employees
- Illinois School Code regulations
- The Park District's need for a site license to operate at Millburn schools
- How district families are affected
- The process for hiring and administering a district-run program
- Compensation to current district employees that would be involved with the program
- The length of time the district will offer an on-site program
- Financial implications
- Other businesses that have contracts for child care or kindergarten enrichment programs
- A timetable for reviewing a district program
- Communicating information to district families
- Allowing outside businesses to run programs in the future
- Effects on the regular school program

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Lisa Scanio to approve a Resolution to Establish a Before- and After-School Program at Millburn Central and Millburn West, as read by Mr. Lind. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Scott Miller, Joseph Pineau, Robert Reding, Chris Stream, Jane Gattone, Lisa Scanio and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

It was noted that Dr. Cheryl Kucera exited the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

ESTABLISH KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT MILLBURN WEST – The Board discussed the three kindergarten enrichment programs that were proposed to be in operation this upcoming school year. Only one group, Kindergarten Connections, had enough students enrolled to continue with plans to offer its program. The Board also discussed whether the district should offer its own kindergarten enrichment program or kindergarten daycare option. Topics discussed included:

- Implications of the district starting its own program
- Kindergarten Connections' lack of a site license from DCFS
- The involvement of a former Millburn teacher
- Differences between daycare and kindergarten enrichment
- Reasons parents may choose a kindergarten enrichment program
- Perception of a "class system" in which some families cannot afford such a program
- Options open to parents who were expecting to utilize the program
- District obligations regarding special education and fee waivers
- Financial implications for the district
- Considering a kindergarten enrichment program in the future

At the end of the discussion, the Board decided to table action on a proposal to establish a district kindergarten enrichment program.

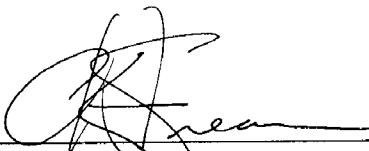
Superintendent Lind was asked to contact Red Apple Academy concerning its contract to rent space at Millburn West.

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Chris Stream to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The Special Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Robert A. Reding, President
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:



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



Date