

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BUSINESS MANAGER

Dr. Stephen Johns

TREASURER

Roger Manderscheid

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Dr. Cheryl Kucera, Curriculum Director
Joanne Rathunde, Technology Director

VISITORS

Nathan Gundlach	Brad Gundlach
Rebecca Gundlach	Denise Fields
Jen Gari	Bernadette Hanna
James Gari	Carine Lancaster
Olivia Gari	Chuck Zalupukis
Wesley Gari	Michael Zalupukis
Lisa Zalupukis	

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 Reding. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Scott Miller, Joseph Pineau, Robert Reding and Lisa Scanio. Chris Stream was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS – There was none.

RECOGNITION – Supt. Jason Lind introduced fifth grade student Wesley Gari and asked him to describe the origami crane project that he organized. Wesley explained that a student at Millburn West is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant. Wesley said there is a Japanese legend that says if a sick person receives a thousand cranes he will get well. So Wesley organized an origami crane-making project within his grade level, and the 1,000th crane was finished today. Supt. Lind added that last year Wesley organized the “Socks for Japan” project after that country was devastated by the tsunami.

Next, teacher Carine Lancaster told the Board about a technology assignment given to eighth graders. The students must create a 1-3 minute video on a health topic of their choice. The assignment involves creating a storyboard, learning to use a video camera including various photography techniques, and importing their video into iMovie. Mrs. Lancaster recognized two students who did outstanding work on the project--Grant Fields and Nathan Gundlach—and showed their videos to the Board.

Supt. Lind informed the Board that several Millburn teachers had been recognized by parents in a recent survey sponsored by the Special Education District of Lake County. He explained that the SEDOL Advisory Board offered an online survey to parents whose children receive special services in their district. Out of the 125 survey responses throughout the county, Millburn teachers and staff received 62 acknowledgements that they made a positive difference in a child's life.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA – It was requested that the Personnel Report be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote. A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Diane Campbell to approve the Consent Agenda, including the following:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 16, 2012
 - b. Special Meeting of May 7, 2012
 - c. Committee of the Whole Meeting and Executive Session of May 7, 2012
2. Treasurer's Report and Approval
3. Bill Approval and Payment Authorization
4. Activity Accounts for Millburn Central and Millburn West
5. Final School Calendar for 2011-12
6. Board Meeting Dates for 2012-13
7. Memberships for FY13
 - a. Lake County Education Services at a cost of \$3,209
 - b. Illinois Association of School Boards at a cost of \$4,286

On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Diane Campbell, Joseph Pineau, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Scott Miller and Jane Gattone. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

PERSONNEL REPORT – A Board Member asked for more information regarding the Personnel Report. Supt. Jason Lind explained that the two speech pathologists listed in the report currently work for the district on an hourly basis and do not receive benefits. The action being recommended is to hire them as full-time employees. They would be replacing two speech pathologists that are not returning next year. Overall, the district is reducing its speech services by 1.2 positions. A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Diane Campbell to approve the Personnel Report, including: (a) Hire **Kelly Gregori** as 1.0 FTE Speech Pathologist; and (b) Hire **Kirsten Deacetis** as 1.0 FTE Speech Pathologist.

On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Joseph Pineau, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Scott Miller, Jane Gattone and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

CREATE SPECIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT POSTION – Supt. Lind explained that a one-to-one assistant is needed for a special education student to finish the school year. A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Jane Gattone to create a 0.7 Special Services Assistant position for the remainder of the school year. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Scott Miller, Jane Gattone, Diane Campbell and Joseph Pineau. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

HIRE SPECIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT -- A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Joseph Pineau to hire **Jennifer Allie** as a 0.7 Special Services Assistant for the remainder of the school year. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Robert Reding, Scott Miller, Jane Gattone, Diane Campbell, Joseph Pineau and Lisa Scanio. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

It was noted that Roger Manderscheid exited the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

EXPENDITURES

5/31/12

EDUCATION

BILLS PAYABLE	\$205,379.15
PAYROLL	\$653,089.08
MISC	
TOTAL	\$858,468.23

TRANSPORTATION

BILLS PAYABLE	\$21,553.74
PAYROLL	\$54,820.83
TOTAL	\$76,374.57

CAPITAL PROJECTS

BILLS PAYABLE	\$0.00
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OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

BILLS PAYABLE	\$50,490.79
PAYROLL	\$33,249.21
TOTAL	\$83,740.00

**IMRF/SOCIAL
SECURITY**

BILLS PAYABLE	\$-
PAYROLL	\$40,615.78
TOTAL	\$40,615.78

**DEBT
SERVICE**

BILLS PAYABLE	\$3,472.50
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TORT

BILLS PAYABLE	\$0.00
PAYROLL	-\$472.94
TOTAL	-\$472.94

**FUNDS
TOTAL**

\$1,062,198.14

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

RENAMING SCHOOLS – Supt. Jason Lind said that Board Secretary Chris Stream has proposed that this might be a good time to consider renaming the two schools. Mr. Stream, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting, suggested that with the change to grade level centers, the schools might be more appropriately named Millburn Elementary School and Millburn Middle School. In discussing the proposal, Board Members listed many positive aspects such as accurately identifying the schools, unifying the community, changing the culture of two separate entities, signaling the district's vision for the future, and taking advantage of timing the name change with the transition to grade level centers. Reasons not to change the school names included financial considerations, personnel time commitments, and the number of items that must be changed, including signs, logos and stationery.

Supt. Lind read the Board Policy regarding naming the schools. It was agreed that Board President Robert Reding would investigate the various aspects of changing school names in accordance with the policy. He will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Supt. Jason Lind said future agenda items include a possible referendum in April of 2013, a Budget Review, and a Resolution to pay back the Tax Anticipation Warrants.

BOARD REPORTS – Diane Campbell said she attended the recent IASB Open Meetings Act training. A point that was emphasized is that the taping of Executive Sessions should be with actual tape, as opposed to a digital recording. Mrs. Campbell also reported on her recent Board Visits to Central and West. She said it is evident that the teachers are making a huge, positive impact on the students.

Board Members were reminded that a Board training session with Barbara Toney, an IASB Field Services director, is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 19. It is hoped that the Board can have a draft of its Recognition application ready to present to Ms. Toney for her review. Board Member Scott Miller will begin preparing the application, and seek assistance from other Board Members, as needed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Supt. Jason Lind said he had nothing further to add at this time.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT -- Dr. Stephen Johns said he hoped to have more specific financial information once the Illinois Legislature adjourns May 31. Supt. Lind said he will continue to disseminate financial updates to the community and encourage taxpayers to contact their legislators.

It was noted that Dr. Cheryl Kucera, Joanne Rathunde and Dr. Stephen Johns exited the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Scott Miller to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Scott Miller, Jane Gattone, Diane Campbell, Joseph Pineau, Lisa Scanio and Robert Reding. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 7:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Jane Gattone to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

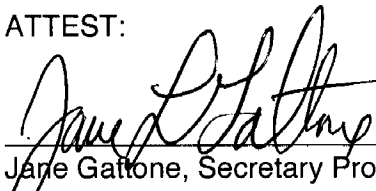
REGULAR MEETING RESUMES

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Lisa Scanio to adjourn the Regular Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



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

ATTEST:



Jane Gattone, Secretary Pro Tem
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24



Date