

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Jan. 9, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Dr. Stephen Johns, Business Manager
Elizabeth Keefe, Special Services Director
Dr. Cheryl Kucera, Curriculum Director
Joanne Rathunde, Technology Director
Marybeth DeLaMar, Principal
Jake Jorgenson, Principal

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

VISITORS

Carla Blanchard	Rachel Nichols
Tammy Harris	Cindy Brugioni
Michele Miller	Deborah Pineau
Tricia Johnston	Larry Dwyer
Sue Stone	

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn West School, was called to order at 7:02 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, a motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Diane Campbell to appoint 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 – Deborah Pineau invited the Board Members to attend the 12th Annual March Madness Benefit sponsored by the Millburn Education Foundation. This year's event will take place March 10 at Midlane Country Club.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

K-8/GRADE LEVEL CENTERS – Board Members spoke individually to express their thoughts on the topic of grade level configuration for the schools next year, specifically whether the district schools should remain K-8 buildings, or switch to grade level centers. Each of the six Board Members present at the meeting said they were planning to vote for grade level centers. The Board continued to discuss the issue after the individual statements. Discussion topics included:

- Current enrollment numbers at each school
- Outlook for state funding
- Providing the best possible education for all students
- Meetings and discussions on this topic over the past few years
- Opinions expressed by school administration and staff
- Financial ramifications
- Research presented by the district committee
- Inequities in class sizes
- Uniting the district
- Repetition of services
- Ability to reach future goals
- Unique character of Millburn School District
- Process followed to research the topic and present information
- Using all district assets equitably and efficiently
- Future evaluation of changes
- Home values and the housing market
- Student achievement
- Successfully making the transition

The Board said it will take a formal vote on the issue at the Regular Meeting of Jan. 18.

ISAT COHORT STUDY – Dr. Cheryl Kucera presented the ISAT Cohort Study 2011. She discussed the ISAT Exceeds standard, Millburn Meets/Exceeds statistics, the concept of grade level cohorts, and cohort data. She discussed how this information can be used when determining the number of students moving from the Meets to the Exceeds category. The presentation is posted on the district website.

BUS LEASE – Supt. Jason Lind reported that he and Dr. Stephen Johns are reviewing the current bus lease and preparing to seek bids for next year's service. The Board discussed the timeline for the bid process, the length of the lease, and other items that might be addressed in the bid.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Topics that will be addressed at upcoming meetings include: Grade Level Configuration; Millburn Before and Afterschool Care Program; Kindergarten Enrichment Program; Proposed 2012-13 Calendar; Review of Closed Session Minutes; and the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Supt. Jason Lind discussed several topics, including the dates of the holiday break; the impact of higher class sizes on the staff; and progress toward meeting the Superintendent Goals.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT – Dr. Stephen Johns updated the Board on a meeting he had with the auditor, Mr. Lind, Mr. Reding and Mr. Pineau to discuss changing the way some financial information is reported. He displayed several graphs and charts to illustrate statistics on budget figures and cash flow since the beginning of the fiscal year. Dr. Johns also reported on other issues including: a bond refunding opportunity; donations to the

district; grant awards; contact information for the sheltered annuity plan; and facilities work that was completed over winter break.

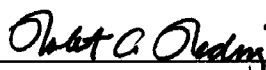
It was noted that Marybeth DeLaMar, Stephen Johns, Jake Jorgenson, Elizabeth Keefe, Cheryl Kucera and Joanne Rathunde exited the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Diane Campbell 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 public body to determine its validity and for consideration and discussion of “student disciplinary cases” and other matters relating to individual students. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Scott Miller, Joseph Pineau, Robert Reding and Lisa Scanio. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 9:10

A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Jane Gattone to exit Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMES

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Diane Campbell to adjourn. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

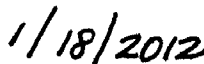


Robert A. Reding, President
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:



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



Date