

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

VISITORS

Pat Monahan	Tami Monahan
Collin Monahan	Blake Wilshire
Gail Wilshire	Dylan Wilshire
Neil Holland	Ann Marie Burke
Jon Burke	Bernadette Hanna
Nicholas Burke	Terese Boudart
David Boudart	Dave Schroeder
Alicia Keys	Kim Ball
Carol McGill	

BUSINESS MANAGER

Dr. Stephen Johns

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

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 7:03 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, Lisa Scanio and Chris Stream.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Neil Holland said he is concerned about the proposed increases in registration fees, and the inequity it will impose on those of lesser means. He said the proposed registration fees are higher than many more affluent districts. In terms of activity fees, he said that if a child has an ability, it should be fostered by the school system. He said he feels strongly that public education is a right, not a privilege.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS – Supt. Jason Lind congratulated the four Millburn students who qualified and participated in the recent state wrestling competition: Collin Monahan, Blake Wilshire, Nicholas Burke and David Boudart. Wrestling Coach David Schroeder explained that for the boys to advance to state they had to be in the top four in regional competition and the top three in sectionals. Only 24 wrestlers in each weight class qualify statewide. David Boudart finished as a sixth place medalist in the state. Mr. Schroeder complimented the wrestlers not only for their individual accomplishments but also for their tenacity, leadership and team spirit.

CONSENT AGENDA – A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Joseph Pineau to approve the Consent Agenda, including the following:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting and Executive Session of Feb. 22, 2012
 - b. Committee of the Whole Meeting and Executive Session of March 13, 2012
2. Treasurer's Report and Approval
3. Bill Approval and Payment Authorization
4. Activity Accounts for Millburn Central and Millburn West

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

EXPENDITURES

3/31/12

EDUCATION

BILLS PAYABLE	\$262,644.53
PAYROLL	\$621,796.58
MISC	
TOTAL	\$884,441.11

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

BILLS PAYABLE	\$39,605.49
PAYROLL	\$32,790.40
TOTAL	\$72,395.89

TRANSPORTATION

BILLS PAYABLE	\$21,982.64
PAYROLL	\$55,045.47
TOTAL	\$77,028.11

**IMRF/SOCIAL
SECURITY**

BILLS PAYABLE	\$10,663.00
PAYROLL	\$40,188.44
TOTAL	\$50,851.44

CAPITAL PROJECTS

BILLS PAYABLE	\$0.00
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DEBT SERVICE

BILLS PAYABLE	\$0.00
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TORT

BILLS PAYABLE	-\$80,054.00
PAYROLL	-\$472.94
TOTAL	-\$80,526.94

FUNDS TOTAL

\$1,004,189.61

RESOLUTION FOR HONORABLE DISMISSAL – A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Lisa Scanio to approve the Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Teachers on Contractual Continued Services as written, with regret. The teachers are Lisa Anderson, Lori Cipolla, Sara Glade and Erin Michel. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Jane Gattone, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Chris Stream, Diane Campbell, Joseph Pineau and Scott Miller. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION FOR NON-REEMPLOYMENT OF PART-TIME PERSONNEL – A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Joseph Pineau to approve the Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Part-Time Personnel as written. The part-time employee is Kristine Bardi. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Chris Stream, Diane Campbell, Joseph Pineau, Scott Miller and Jane Gattone. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

PERSONNEL REPORT – A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Chris Stream to approve the Personnel Report, as follows:

1. Accept Resignation from Kristin Tierney, 1.0 FTE Occupational Therapist effective 6/01/2012
2. Reemploy Kristin Tierney as 0.6 FTE Occupational Therapist for the 2012-13 School Year
3. Reemploy Kristine Bardi as 0.4 FTE Occupational Therapist for the 2012-13 School Year

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

REGISTRATION FEES – President Robert Reding asked for a motion to open the discussion on fees for the 2012-13 School Year. A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Lisa Scanio to approve the Registration Fees for the 2012-13 School Year as proposed. The Board discussed many facets of the issue, including:

- Difference between registration and activity fees
- Amount of revenue raised by increased fees
- Effects on a future referendum
- Expectation of school families that fees will be raised
- Financial effect on families
- Determining a reasonable fee to charge those receiving services
- Benefits to the community of a public education system
- Current financial condition of the district and future outlook
- Public perception about school fees, and the history of fee increases

The Board closed the discussion, and voted on the motion to approve Registration Fees for the 2012-13 School Year as proposed, which is an increase of \$20 per student from last year, including the Technology Fee. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Diane Campbell, Joseph Pineau, Scott Miller, Jane Gattone, Lisa Scanio and Robert Reding. Nays: Chris Stream. Absent: none. The motion passed.

It was noted that Roger Manderscheid exited the meeting, and Marybeth DeLaMar entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ACTIVITY FEES -- A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Chris Stream to approve the Activity Fees for the 2012-13 School Year as proposed. The Board then opened discussion on Activity Fees, including the following topics:

- Covering the cost of each individual activity as compared to covering the total cost of all activities
- Extent to which some activities subsidize others
- Number of participants in an activity compared to the overall cost
- Public's awareness of the cost of each activity
- Value of school-sponsored activities compared to other community and private offerings
- Effect higher fees may have on participation
- Parents' expectations that activity fees will increase
- Role extracurricular activities play in the educational experience
- Parents' ability to pay higher fees
- Setting minimum participation numbers
- Point when covering cost of an activity becomes prohibitive
- Fundraising as a way to cover costs
- Range of fee increases from 25 to 250 percent
- Simplicity and fairness of setting flat fees
- Variety and number of activities offered
- Cost of "no-cut" activities compared to activities that have limited participants
- Students in activities represent Millburn to the community

The Board closed the discussion, and voted on the motion to approve Activity Fees for the 2012-13 School Year as proposed, which is \$300 for Band; \$150 for each sport; \$150 for Choir, Drama and Scholastic Bowl; and \$50 for each Club. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Diane Campbell, Joseph Pineau, Scott Miller and Robert Reding. Nays: Jane Gattone, Lisa Scanio and Chris Stream. Absent: none. The motion passed.

The Board took a short break at 8:30 p.m. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

ACTIVITY BUS FEES – A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Joseph Pineau to approve the Activity Bus Fees for the 2012-13 School Year as presented. The Board then opened discussion on Activity Bus Fees. Supt. Jason Lind explained that the Activity Bus Fee proposal leaves the rates the same as this year. He said the district should save some overall transportation costs next year because of the change to grade level centers. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Joseph

Pineau, Scott Miller, Jane Gattone, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Chris Stream and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Supt. Jason Lind reviewed the status of future agenda items including: Board policy updates; a possible referendum in April 2013; \$50,000 matching grant application for capital improvements; and approval of the eighth grade trip to Springfield.

BOARD REPORTS – There was none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Lind said there were no additional items to be discussed in his report.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT -- Dr. Stephen Johns discussed several topics including: monthly salary variations; TAW payments and draws; the latest revenue and expenditure figures; and cash flow figures.

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

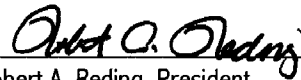
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Scott Miller to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, personnel, and 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, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Chris Stream, Diane Campbell and Joseph Pineau. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Joseph Pineau to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

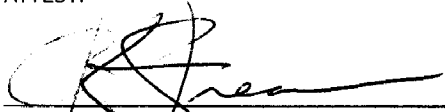
REGULAR MEETING RESUMES

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Chris Stream to adjourn the Regular Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.



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

ATTEST:



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

16 APRIL 2012

Date