

BOARD of EDUCATION
Millburn C. C. School District 24

Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 5, 2011
Millburn Central School Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Reding
Lisa Scanio
Jane Gattone
Scott Miller
Joseph Pineau

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Stephen Johns, Business Manager
Cheryl Kucera, Director of Curriculum
Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology
Marybeth DeLaMar, Principal, Millburn Central
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, Millburn West

BOARD CLERK

Bernadette Hanna

VISITORS

Amy Paxton
Carla Blanchard
Leslie Dreyer
Ashley Crawford
Paula Fernandez

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of Education of Millburn C. C. School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Central School was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following Board Members present: Scott Miller, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Jane Gattone, Joseph Pineau. Absent: Diane Campbell and Chris Stream.

Public Comments – there were no public comments offered.

SEDOL Presentation – Dr. Tom Moline, Superintendent of the Special Education District of Lake County, addressed the Board and invited them to tour the SEDOL facilities and see the classrooms in action. A short video of SEDOL teachers and students engaged in a reading process was shown. Dr. Moline thanked everyone for their time and emphasized his offer of a personal tour to any and all board members.

Snow Removal Bid - Dr. Johns informed the Board that the bid notice was placed in the newspaper with the mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held on October 6. At this time, the bidders will visit both schools and Dr. Johns will explain what areas need to be cleared of snow and other expectations. The bid opening is scheduled for October 12.

PERA/SB7 Presentation – Mr. Lind prepared a PowerPoint presentation to explain The Performance Evaluation Reform Act of 2010 (PERA). An advisory council has been formed to create a state model for principal and teacher evaluation written plans. There will be a revised rating scale of excellent, proficient, needs improvement, unsatisfactory. There will also be required Board training. A new evaluation plan will need to be created and implemented as early as 2012-13 school year. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

School Board Visits – Principals DeLaMar and Jorgenson informed the Board that they were prepared for their visits. Board members can call the principals to set up a day they would like to visit the schools. Board members would sign in at the office and pick up a map of the building. It is requested that board members highlight the rooms they visit so the same rooms are not visited by the next board member. If there is a particular room or class that a Board member would like to observe, the principals can make sure that it is available the day of the visit. Board members are encouraged to interact with the teachers and students. Board members should sign out and return the map to the office when they leave. Ms. Scanio stated that she wanted to make sure that teachers are aware that their visits are not for the purpose of evaluating but just to see how things are going.

Board Presentation Expectations - Mr. Pineau presented a financial analysis model to be used for proposals. Dr. Johns will review this document.

Superintendent Goals – The draft of the Superintendent Goals for 2011-12 was presented. Goals areas were in alignment with Strategic Planning, i.e., Student Learning, Facilities and Finance, Communication, Culture and Climate, with the added areas of Personnel and ongoing expectations. Ms. Gattone stated that she wanted to make sure that the goals were fair and attainable.

Strategic Plan Update – Mr. Lind stated that the committees are going well. Mr. Lind will check with the Facilities and Finance Committee to see if a presentation with a Q & A session can be scheduled for December.

Illinois School Report Card - Dr. Kucera presented a PowerPoint highlighting the district's demographics and ISAT results by school. Dr. Kucera stated that the district is in the fourth year of a curriculum freeze. The Board will need to look at new curriculum soon. Dr. Kucera will present on Common Core at the November Committee meeting.

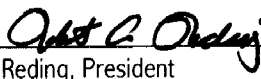
Tax Levy Resolutions – Dr. Johns presented the time line for the Tax Levy. At the October 17 meeting, the Board will view the tentative Tax Levy. The Truth in Taxation Notice will be published in the newspaper in preparation for the Public Hearing on November 21. The Tax Levy will be presented for adoption at the November 21 Board meeting.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Lind attended the Lake County Superintendent's Fall Leadership Conference in Galena, IL on October 2-4. Timothy Waters, President and CEO of McCrel (Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning) was the keynote speaker. This company created the software for the Power Walkthroughs that the administrators have recently been trained to implement.

Mr. Lind reported that 400 out of 560 middle school student participated in this year's 24 Hour Challenge.


Mr. Lind reported that the Joint Inservice will be held on Friday, October 7 at Lakes High School. Staff from five schools are participating in the staff development. Twelve of our teachers will be presenting on various topics. The schools share the cost of the speaker. This year's speaker is Manuel Scott, one of the Freedom Writers.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Lisa Scanio, seconded by Joseph Pineau to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote all members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Diane Campbell and Chris Stream. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



Robert Reding, President
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ATTEST:



Lisa Scanio, Vice President
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