

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 7, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Scott Miller
Joseph Pineau
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

Cheryl Drake
Bernadette Hanna

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 7:13 p.m. by Vice President Lisa Scanio. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Scott Miller, Joseph Pineau and Lisa Scanio. Robert Reding and Chris Stream were absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS – Diane Campbell asked the Board Members if they were willing to each make a personal donation to purchase gift cards to be used as raffle prizes at the upcoming Staff Appreciation Picnic. All Board Members agreed.

NWEA MAP 2012 SPRING ASSESSMENTS – Dr. Cheryl Kucera presented information on the results of the recent NWEA Spring Assessments. She explained that the district chose to administer NWEA tests based on the Common Core Standards, even though those standards will not be fully implemented in the district until 2014. As a result, some NWEA scores show a decrease from the previous testing cycles. Dr. Kucera said she has contacted NWEA and area school districts regarding the anomalies in test scores and the affect on overall growth. She is contacting teachers and parents with an explanation. She also is in the process of contacting the feeder high schools to assure that Millburn eighth graders are placed correctly in their high school classes. Dr. Kucera's presentation is posted on the district website.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Supt. Jason Lind discussed several topics that will be included on future Board Meeting agendas, including:

A. Approve Board Meeting dates for FY13 – The Board previously discussed switching meeting days to Wednesdays. Board Members were presented with two meeting schedules: one with meetings on the first and third Wednesdays, and one with meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays. There was a general consensus that the second and fourth Wednesdays would be the schedule of choice.

B. Approve the Final Amended Budget for FY12

C. Approve Summer Help – Supt. Lind said he will add information on Summer Building Projects. The Board also discussed the plan for moving classrooms over the summer and how community members can volunteer to help.

D. Approve Appointments – These include the district Depository, Treasurer, Legal Counsel and Publisher.

E. Approve FY13 Memberships – These include the Lake County Educational Service Center and the Illinois Association of School Boards.

BOARD REPORTS – Board Members discussed their participation in the upcoming Blue & White and Red & White banquets that will honor eighth graders and their parents.

Diane Campbell said she will be attending an upcoming training session sponsored by IASB on the Open Meetings Act. Other Board Members have completed the training online.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Supt. Jason Lind said this is a busy time of year for student activities. He has been attending Theater Club productions and Band and Choir concerts, along with many other end-of-the-year events.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT -- Dr. Stephen Johns reported on the following:

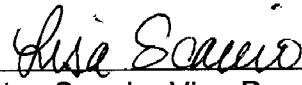
- Preliminary information on the FY13 Budget will be presented at the May 21 meeting.
- The Bond Refunding closing was May 1, reducing local property tax payments by a total of \$339,717 over the next eight years.
- Workers Compensation claims are up this year. Dr. Johns will implement a plan to try to reduce claims by purchasing step-ladders to assist with moving this summer, scheduling a custodial training session, and circulating a series of safety reminders to all employees.
- The School Maintenance Project Grant has been submitted to ISBE, and it appears the district has a good chance of receiving the funds.
- The district is gathering information for a free energy audit provided by the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center based out of the University of Illinois.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Joseph Pineau and seconded by Jane Gattone 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: Joseph Pineau, Diane Campbell, Scott Miller, Lisa Scanio and Jane Gattone. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Reding and Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:04 p.m.


A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Scott Miller to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Reding and Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMES -- A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Scott Miller to adjourn the Committee Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Robert Reding and Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

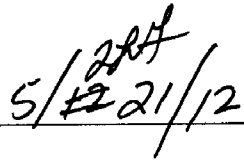


Lisa Scanio, Vice President
Board of Education
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ATTEST:



Jane Gattone, Secretary Pro Tem
Board of Education
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Date