

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Jan. 9, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Bernadette Hanna

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

VISITORS

Nichol Mangino Deborah Pineau
Logan Balmer Joey Smith
Mary Balmer

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Middle 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 Chris Stream. (Note: Board Member Lisa Scanio submitted her resignation, effective Dec. 19, 2012.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – Supt. Jason Lind notified Board Members that there was a conflict with the March 13 Committee of the Whole meeting and Lake County Division articulation meeting on the same date. It was decided to change the date of the Millburn Board Committee of the Whole meeting to Monday, March 11, 2013.

Supt. Lind said he also would try to schedule an IASB Board Governance Meeting for the Millburn Board during the third week of June.

RECOGNITION – There was none.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

BOARD VACANCY – Supt. Jason Lind announced the resignation of Board Vice President Lisa Scanio, effective Dec. 19, 2012. He said he has notified the Regional Office of Education of the vacancy, as required. The Millburn School Board must fill the vacancy within 45 days, which is Feb. 2, 2013. News of the vacancy has been posted on the website and reported to area newspapers. The term is for the remainder of Ms. Scanio's term, which would be until the Spring 2015 election. Those interested in applying need to send a letter of interest to the district office by Jan. 18, 2013. The Board decided to interview applicants and appoint a new Board Member at the Regular Board Meeting scheduled Jan. 23, 2013.

BOARD ORIENTATION – Supt. Jason Lind said he has set three orientation dates for candidates on the School Board ballot in April. The dates are Feb. 13 and 27, and March 13. He will explain the duties and responsibilities of School Board Members and review various procedures and policies. He said he also will invite the candidates to the Lake County Division Meeting on March 13.

The Board also discussed the various vehicles for receiving legislative updates that affect education. The cost and time commitment involved in various organizations were considered. Board Members and administration will continue to share information to which they currently have access.

REFERENDUM – Supt. Jason Lind said the Board must consider the options it will face if the upcoming referendum passes or if it fails. The Board discussed many facets of the topic, including the following:

- Timeline in which revenue from a successful referendum will be received
- Budget cuts that will be made if the referendum fails
- Deficit projections for both pass and fail scenarios
- Unknown data regarding pensions, state funding and the teachers negotiated agreement
- Future enrollment figures
- Opportunities for future referendums
- Options for restructuring specials, such as Health and Physical Education
- Decisions regarding other specials, such as Art, Music, LRC and AIM
- Continued need for registration and activity fees
- Sustainability of current class sizes
- Methods for disseminating referendum information to the voters
- Effectiveness of town forums
- Estimated cost of a direct mailing to all district residences
- Use of social media
- Communication techniques used in past referendums
- Referendum Committee plans
- Increasing positive district publicity in local news media
- How the School District affects property values
- Local control of the school district

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES REVIEW – Supt. Jason Lind distributed confidential information to the Board Members regarding Closed Session Minutes that need to be reviewed. He included his recommendations for which Minutes can be opened and which should remain closed. The Board will act on the recommendations at the next Regular Meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Supt. Jason Lind said future Board Meeting agenda items include the following:

1. Calendar for 2013-14 School Year
2. Bi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
3. Prevailing Wage Ordinance
4. Overnight Field Trips
 - a. Cheerleaders competition in Springfield
 - b. Eighth Grade Trip to Springfield

BOARD REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT POSITION – Robert Reding reviewed the procedures for appointing someone to fill the position of Board Vice President due to the resignation of Lisa Scanio. He also reported on the duties of the Vice President and how they have been filled in the recent past. Several Board Members expressed an interest in filling the office. The Board will act on filling the position of vice president at an upcoming meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind said he had no further information to report.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns had previously distributed his Business Office Report to the Board, which included information on the following:

- Collection of property tax revenue to date
- Donations received by the district
- Building and Grounds updates on lighting, boiler tune-ups, bleacher inspections, fire equipment inspections, HVAC systems and elevator phones
- Cash flow
- Funds received from the state
- New mandates for reporting employment data

It was noted that Elizabeth Keefe, Joanne Rathunde, Marybeth DeLaMar, Jake Jorgenson and Bernadette Hanna exited the meeting at 8:30 a.m. The Board Members took a short break before entering into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Scott Miller to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to compensation of specific employees of the public body. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Scott Miller, Chris Stream, Joseph Pineau, Robert Reding, Jane Gattone and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Joseph Pineau to exit Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 9:25 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Diane Campbell to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 9:26 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

1/23/2013
 Date