

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Sept. 8, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Ball
Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Trak Patel

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Dr. Stephen Johns, Business Manager
Elizabeth Keefe, Special Services Director
Jake Jorgenson, Principal
Bennett Walshire, Principal

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

VISITORS

Carol McGill
Kristen Bethancourt
Judy Calhoun

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 Vice President Diane Campbell. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Greg Ball, Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone and Trak Patel. Absent were Nichol Mangino and Joseph Pineau.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – There were none.

RECOGNITION – Supt. Jason Lind recognized Social Worker Kristen Bethancourt for her efforts in bringing the Facility Dog program to Millburn. He noted that a presentation about the program is the first discussion item on the agenda.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

FACILITY DOG – Social Worker Kristen Bethancourt introduced Ailey, Millburn's Facility Dog. Ms. Bethancourt explained that she started the application process for a Facility Dog about seven years ago with Canine Companions for Independence. Ailey was placed with Millburn about five years ago and Ms. Bethancourt is her facilitator. Ailey has been trained to work in an educational setting with students and adults. She knows 40 commands, and has been bred and trained to maintain a placid temperament. Ms. Bethancourt noted that Ailey's interaction with students promotes the children's verbalization and socialization skills, and helps with relaxation. Students improve their physical skills by helping to groom Ailey or to walk with Ailey in the halls and on the stairs. Ailey was placed with the district free of charge, and Ms. Bethancourt provides all of Ailey's care. She said Ailey provides a positive experience for Millburn students and helps them meet their therapeutic goals.

BOARD VACANCY – Supt. Jason Lind said that the next step toward filling the Board Vacancy will be for the Board to meet tonight in Executive Session to review the candidates and select those to interview.

BOARD VISITS – Board Members were encouraged to contact one of the principals and schedule a visit to one or both schools.

TENTATIVE BUDGET FY15 – Dr. Stephen Johns reviewed a cash flow report with the Board, with estimates through June 2015. Unknown factors include the amount and timing of state funding and the effect of future legislation. It was suggested that the topic of Tax Anticipation Warrants be discussed at the October Committee of the Whole Meeting. Dr. Johns also reported there were some minor adjustments to the Transportation Fund in the Tentative Budget that was approved for public display.

BOARD REPORTS

There were none.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns reported that the snow removal pre-bid meeting was today. The bid will be awarded next week. He also said that new copiers will be delivered this week.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind discussed legislative updates during the Tentative Budget discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include:

- Budget FY 15—Public Hearing/Adoption
- Application for Recognition of Schools 2014
- Salary Compensation Report
- Board Policy 7:140 Students—Search and Seizure and Administration Procedure—Letter to Parents—2nd Reading and Adoption
- Snow Removal Bid
- Superintendent Goals

It was noted that Dr. Stephen Johns, Elizabeth Keefe, Jake Jorgenson and Bennett Walshire exited the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

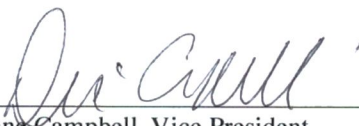
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trak Patel and seconded by Jane Gattone to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Trak Patel, Greg Ball, Diane Campbell and Jane Gattone. Nays: none. Absent: Nichol Mangino and Joseph Pineau. The motion passed. The Executive Session started at 7:50 p.m.


A motion was made by Greg Ball and seconded by Jane Gattone to exit Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Nichol Mangino and Joseph Pineau. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 8:30 p.m.

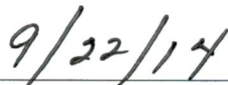
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING RESUMES

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Trak Patel to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Nichol Mangino and Joseph Pineau. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.


 Diane Campbell, Vice President
 Board of Education
 Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:


 Greg Ball, Secretary
 Board of Education
 Millburn School District 24


 Date