

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Sept. 14, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Carissa LaTourette
Nichol Mangino
Trak Patel
Casandra Slade

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Bernadette Hanna

VISITORS

Carol McGill

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 7:17 p.m. by President Jane Gattone. Roll call had been taken earlier at the Public Hearing with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette, Nichol Mangino, Trak Patel and Casandra Slade. Greg Ball was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION DISCUSSION ITEMS – There was none.

RECOGNITION – Jane Gattone announced that the Millburn School Board has once again earned School Board Governance Recognition from the Illinois Association of School Boards. The award recognizes school boards that learn and practice effective governance behaviors. The Millburn School Board will be recognized for this achievement at the IASB conference in November. This is the second consecutive time that Millburn has received the recognition, which can only be earned every two years. Ms. Gattone thanked Carissa LaTourette for her efforts in coordinating and submitting the application. She also thanked all the Board Members for committing to the necessary hours for extra training, and for developing the skills needed for good governance.

Supt. Jason Lind also recognized the administration team for its work preparing for the compliance review by the Regional Office of Education. He said this extensive audit takes place every four years, checking all aspects of the school district ranging from teacher certification to academic schedules. He especially thanked Bernadette Hanna for her work in the area of Human Resources.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRESENTATION – Jake Jorgenson, principal of Millburn Middle School, and Bennett Walshire, principal of Millburn Elementary School, each presented the School Improvement Plan for their school. They discussed the plans, goals and achievements for each school, including action steps for continued improvement. The presentations included a review of recent NWEA test scores with comparisons to previous years, an overview of the PBIS behavior intervention program, methods for regular communication with staff and the community, and student involvement in extracurricular activities.

PROPERTY LEASE/CELL PHONE TOWER – Supt. Jason Lind reported that the district was contacted by Global Signal Acquisitions IV, LLC. The company is interested in leasing 2,500 square feet of property at Millburn Middle School to build a 150-foot high cellular tower. The Board reviewed a drawing that showed two proposed locations for the tower. Board Members discussed several aspects of the topic, including:

- Possible terms of the lease, including an estimated range of compensation
- Impact on the landscape
- Role of the school district attorney
- Potential support to the district's wireless capability

- Informing the community
- Safety considerations
- Necessary easements and access

The Board agreed that the district should continue to obtain more information. Jane Gattone said she would contact the Heritage Trails Homeowners Association regarding the proposal.

BOARD REPORTS

Carissa LaTourette said she was one of several parents who volunteered to help kindergarten students in the cafeteria during the first weeks of school. She said the process went very smoothly.

Jane Gattone reminded Board Members that they are invited to schedule a visit at the schools any time during the school year.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns said the district has received more than 85 percent of the property tax revenue anticipated to be received in calendar year 2015. He also reported that Millburn Elementary School secured a Readers' Choice Grant from the Illinois School Library Media Association. The school will receive a set of 18 books for its Media Center.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind reported on the following:

- Responses to the survey he sent last week to teachers and the community have been coming in slowly.
- He attended a meeting of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability held recently in Chicago.
- He articulated with Grayslake at Antioch high schools, collaborating on teaching and learning activities and opportunities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

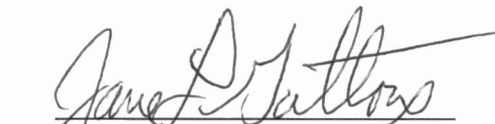
Future agenda items include:

- Salary Compensation Report
- Application for Recognition of Schools 2015
- Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing
- Superintendent Goals

EXECUTIVE SESSION


It was determined that there was no need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nichol Mangino 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: Greg Ball. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



 President
 Board of Education
 Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:



 Secretary
 Board of Education
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 Date