

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Millburn School District 24  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Jan. 11, 2016

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

VISITORS

Carol McGill  
Nina Kenney

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 Jane Gattone. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Nichol Mangino and Trak Patel. It was noted that Casandra Slade entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m., and Carissa LaTourette entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Greg Ball was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nina Kenney of the Lake Villa District Library informed the Board that the library's winter reading program is in support of the Lake County Discovery Museum's upcoming exhibit, *First Folio: The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare*. The library has chosen the book, *The Millionaire and the Bard*, as its Winter One Book. Ms. Kenney presented the Board a copy of the book on behalf of the Friends of the Library.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION DISCUSSION ITEMS – It was agreed to move two Future Agenda Items to the Information/Discussion portion of the agenda: Public Hearing to Waive Holidays for 2016-17 School Year; and the Calendar for the 2016-17 School Year.

Diane Campbell gave a short summary of her duties as Millburn's representative to the SEDOL Governing Board. It was confirmed that Nichol Mangino is Millburn's alternate representative if Ms. Campbell is unable to attend.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

STRATEGIC PLAN – Supt. Jason Lind distributed data concerning participation rates in school activities. Increasing the number of middle school students participating in activities is part of the Strategic Plan. Supt. Lind said he is continuing to collect data, which can be used during upcoming discussions about school fees, including activity fees. It was suggested that the district survey middle school students about activities they participate in outside of school, reasons they do or do not participate, and what types of activities they might like to see added. Participation in the fine arts may also be considered when discussing scheduling for next year.

Another component of the Strategic Plan that was addressed by Supt. Lind is the technology component. He said that as the district moves toward fulfilling its goal of having an iPad for every

student, it needs to consider providing an iPad for every teacher. He said this may be possible before the end of the school year, and will provide a strong classroom benefit now and in the future. He will provide more details in coming months.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT OPTIONS – Supt. Jason Lind reviewed the options for completing Early Childhood Assessments next school year. He is recommending that the district conduct the assessments, which were previously completed through SEDOL. He believes a change in SEDOL’s fee structure will allow Millburn to conduct its own Early Childhood Assessments more economically and effectively. The Board asked for clarification regarding additional staff that would be needed to conduct the assessments. The proposed plan includes adding a 0.1 FTE Occupational Therapist, and using other projected savings, about \$55,000, toward an additional administrative position. Board action on the Early Childhood Assessment Option, including proposed additions to staff, will be on the agenda at the next Regular Board Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING TO WAIVE HOLIDAYS – Supt. Jason Lind said during discussions about the calendar for the 2016-17 School Year, it was determined that the district might choose to waive three state holidays: Veteran’s Day, Lincoln’s Birthday and Casimir Pulaski Day. A Public Hearing, as required by the state, will take place before the next Regular Board Meeting about waiving these holidays.

CALENDAR FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR – Supt. Jason Lind said he has compiled a draft calendar for the 2016-17 school year, and has asked for staff input. It is similar to this school year’s calendar in which students attend on Veteran’s Day and participate in activities that highlight the meaning of the holiday. Presidents Day will be a school holiday. Casimir Pulaski Day will be a holiday, unless there is a need to make up a snow day. A second snow make-up day also will be built into the calendar. The designation of Winter Break was a challenge because of varying high school schedules. The proposed calendar has Millburn’s Winter Break as Dec. 19-Jan. 2. Approving the calendar will be an action item at the next Regular Board Meeting.

## BOARD REPORTS

Jane Gattone said she attended the Festivus celebration at the Middle School. She said students appeared to be engaged and enthusiastic as they participated in activities such as a giant Jenga game and various computer game competitions, all with an emphasis on team-building.

## BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns gave updates on the paving/landscape project and the lighting/electrical project. He is planning to have recommendations on both projects and Board approval of bids at a special meeting March 14, the same day as the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind said a representative from the state division on assessments is scheduled to speak at the upcoming Lake County Superintendent’s meeting. He expects a discussion about PARCC testing; a new mandated science test for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders; and changes in Illinois from ACT to SAT for high school students.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include:

- Public Hearing to Waive Holidays for the 2016-17 School Year
- Calendar for the 2016-17 School Year
- Early Childhood Assessment Option
- Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Tapes

It was noted that Dr. Stephen Johns, Elizabeth Keefe, Joanne Rathunde and Bennett Walshire exited the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

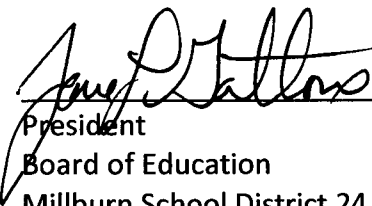
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Diane Campbell to enter into Executive Session to discuss 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; and to discuss student disciplinary cases. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Trak Patel, Nichol Mangino, Casandra Slade, Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: Greg Ball. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:32 p.m.

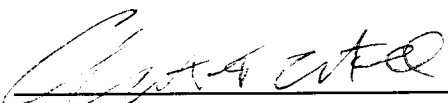
It was noted that Jake Jorgenson exited the meeting at 9 p.m.

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Casandra Slade to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Greg Ball. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 9:23 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Carissa LaTourette 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 meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

  
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 President  
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 Millburn School District 24

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 Secretary  
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