

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Oct. 13, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Ball (via speaker phone)
Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Carissa LaTourette
Trak Patel

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Dr. Stephen Johns, Business Manager

VISITORS

Lorie Cipolla

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Elementary School, was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Jane Gattone. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Greg Ball (via speaker phone), Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette and Trak Patel. Absent were Nichol Mangino and Casandra Slade.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – Supt. Jason Lind reported that three sessions have been completed toward developing a new Strategic Plan for the district. Two of these sessions were with community members and one was with the certified staff. Participants in the sessions ranked the positive and less-than-positive aspects of the district, discussed their vision for the district, and prioritized the ways to achieve the vision goals. Supt. Lind tabulated the results and presented them to the Board. He also displayed the large worksheets that were used during the sessions. He said some recurring themes were technology, foreign language, handwriting, writing, well-rounded students, and a balanced education. There are four more sessions scheduled in the next few weeks. When the planning sessions are completed, it will be up to the School Board to finalize and approve the Strategic Plan, and the administration to implement it.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY – Dr. Stephen Johns presented information regarding the Property Tax Levy process. He discussed various aspects of the levy including PTELL (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law), the Consumer Price Index, the state property tax rate cap, the method of calculating the levy, the value of new construction, and the district's current and past EAV (Estimated Assessed Value). The First Reading of the 2015 (pay 2016) Tax Levy is scheduled for the Regular Board Meeting on Oct. 26, 2015. A Truth In Taxation Hearing and adoption of the 2015 Tax Levy is scheduled for the Regular Board Meeting on Nov. 23, 2015.

BOARD REPORTS

Jane Gattone asked Board Members to check their availability for a meeting in January or February with IASB Field Representative Barb Toney.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns reported that the company interested in leasing district land for installation of a cell phone tower is reviewing the feasibility of the project. If the company decides it wants to move forward with the project, the district will begin lease negotiations.

Dr. Johns also reported that Temple Farms has agreed to make the necessary repairs in the track and soccer fields to eliminate the erosion problem. This will be at no cost to the school district.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind reported on the following:

- His dissertation proposal has been approved and he can move forward toward completing his doctoral program.
- The Strategic Plan consultant is scheduled to attend the Nov. 9 Committee of the Whole Meeting to facilitate writing the document. The start time of the meeting may be changed to 6 p.m.
- Teachers received training on the new K-5 writing program at the recent inservice.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include:

- First Reading of the Truth and Taxation Publication
- Superintendent's Contract

It was noted that Dr. Stephens Johns exited the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Trak Patel 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: Diane Campbell, Trak Patel, Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette and Greg Ball. Nays: none. Absent: Nichol Mangino and Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 7:52 p.m.

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Trak Patel to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Nichol Mangino and Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 8:20 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Carissa LaTourette 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 Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.


 President
 Board of Education
 Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:


 Secretary
 Board of Education
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 Date