

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
April 11, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Ball
Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Carissa LaTourette
Nichol Mangino
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

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| Carol McGill | Nancy Stream |
| Suzanne Dekorsi | Jean Vargas |
| Carine Lancaster | Emily Coleman |

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 7:11 p.m. by President Jane Gattone. Roll call was taken at the preceding Special Meeting with the following Board Members in attendance: Greg Ball, Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette, Nichol Mangino and Casandra Slade. Trak Patel was absent.

Due to the absence of Board Secretary Trak Patel, Casandra Slade continued as Secretary Pro Tem as determined at the earlier Special Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

SCHEDULING, PROGRAMMING AND STAFFING – Jake Jorgenson gave a presentation on the proposed Middle School schedule for the 2016-17 School Year. He stressed that flexibility has to be a key factor when changing the schedule and adding new components. He also said that the schedule changes support the priorities from the Strategic Plan.

Key points in the proposed schedule include:

Continues into 8th grade the increase in instructional math minutes

Keeps math and ELA as double periods

Establishes a second time during the school day for pull-out instruction, such as AIM and special education, so that students do not miss core classes

Science and Social Studies scheduled consecutively to create a block period

Offers Band, Choir and Drama as electives during the school day

Offers Spanish language instruction in seventh and eighth grade

Provides extension opportunities in some subject areas

Mr. Jorgenson discussed the financial impact and curriculum needs related to the proposed schedule. He also said that if the new schedule is approved, next steps would include informational meetings with parents, and a selection process for class electives.

Supt. Jason Lind recommended additional staffing to support the proposed schedule and expanded programming. This would include an additional 0.5 FTE teacher for AIM, and additional staff for study hall supervision.

Another component of programming for the 2016-17 School Year is the continuation and expansion of the 1:1 technology pilot. Supt. Lind recommended that two full grade levels—one in the elementary and one in the middle school—be equipped with iPads for each student. This would be in addition to the current program of one classroom in each of two grade levels. To support this technology expansion, Supt. Lind recommended adding a 0.5 FTE technology position.

The Board discussed the cost of purchasing iPads and the possibility of charging fees or offering a protection plan to cover some costs. Joanne Rathunde pointed out that there is a residual value to the equipment.

The Board also discussed the financial sustainability of the proposed changes.

Changes to the schedule, programming and staffing will be an action item on an upcoming Board Meeting agenda.

ACTIVITY FEES – The Board discussed possible changes in Activity Fees for next school year, particularly the fees affecting band, choir and technology. Approval of Activity Fees for the 2016-17 School Year will be included on an upcoming Board Meeting agenda.

BOARD REPORTS

Four Board Members—Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette, Trak Patel and Casandra Slade—recently visited the third grade classroom that is piloting the 1:1 iPad program. Board Members said they were impressed with the teacher’s ability to tailor a story to a child’s individual reading ability, and with the quick feedback regarding each student’s success in meeting the lesson goals.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns reported that the pre-construction meeting for the elementary building lighting project was held. Work is set to begin as soon as school is out for the summer. He also gave updates on several topics, including energy rebates, the summer project list, middle school roof repairs, the property tax levy, open enrollment for insurance, and developer agreements for the Cottonwood Subdivision on Miller Road.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind said he had nothing further to add.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include:
 Scheduling and Staffing for School Year 2016-17
 Fees for School Year 2016-17
 Filling the Board Member vacancy
 Superintendent’s contract

It was noted that Dr. Stephen Johns, Elizabeth Keefe, Joanne Rathunde, Jake Jorgenson, Bennett Walshire and Bernadette Hanna exited the meeting at 8:40 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. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Carissa LaTourette, Nichol Mangino, Jane Gattone, Casandra Slade, Diane Campbell and Greg Ball. Nays: none. Absent: Trak Patel. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Nichol Mangino and seconded by Greg Ball to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Trak Patel. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 9:05 p.m.


RESUME COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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: Trak Patel. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



 President
 Board of Education
 Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:



 Secretary
 Board of Education
 Millburn School District 24

4-25-16

 Date