

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING
June 13, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Gattone
Nichol Mangino
Diane Campbell
Carissa LaTourette
Heath Rosten
Casandra Slade

BOARD CLERK

Bernadette Hanna

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
Ben Walshire, Principal MES
Jake Jorgenson, Principal MMS

GUESTS

NONE

The 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 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Gattone. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette, Nichol Mangino, Heath Rosten, Casandra Slade. Absent: Trak Patel.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comments.

ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS - Two items were added:

- Setting a date for a grievance discussion
- Middle School schedule update

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Proposed Board Meeting Dates 2016-17

There will be changes to the proposed meeting dates before the Board approves them. One will be to move the October Committee of the Whole Meeting to week three since the Monday of week two is a holiday (Columbus Day). The other change will be that all meetings from July to September will be held at Millburn Elementary. There is no air conditioning at the middle school until the replacement chiller is manufactured and installed.

2016 Joint Annual Conference of IASB/IASA/IASBO

This joint conference is organized by the Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators, and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials.

The Board was asked to check their calendars and let Dr. Lind or Bernadette Hanna know whether they can attend the annual meeting in Chicago. The dates are November 18 through 20.

Review of Board Agreements

The agreement will be reviewed and updated at a future meeting.

Review of Board Governance

The “Next Steps” will be approved at the next regular meeting. Ms. Gattone commented that she felt the meeting went really well. IASB Representative Barbara Toney suggested selecting another meeting date within the next few months.

Writing Curriculum Update

Dr. Lind reminded the Board that they adopted Lucy Calkins curriculum last year. The teachers in grades 2-5 completed their 2-day workshop the week school was over. Teachers from Emmons joined this workshop as well. This week K-1 teachers will do a 2-day workshop as well. The presenter is a reading and writing specialist (coach) at a Barrington elementary school and consults for Lucy Calkins part time. This changes the structure of how teachers teach writing. The implementation takes 3-5 years.

Set a Date for Grievance Discussion

In a grievance process, if the grievor is not content with the decision of the principal, step 2 is to grieve to the superintendent. If the grievor still is not satisfied, step 3 of the process is to go before the Board if there is a grievance that the teachers have that they feel is a violation of the contract. The date set for this grievance discussion in Closed Session will be 6/27/16. The district's attorney will be there as will their union representation.

The Board will listen and ask questions. The district's attorney will draft a response, which needs to be presented in 10 days to the union and the grievor.

Middle School Schedule Update

Mr. Jorgenson has been working hard getting everything up to speed. Dr. Lind and Mr. Jorgenson met with parents who were not happy with the new choices at middle school. The Survey Monkey sent to students in 6-8 was favorably received.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Mangino attended the SEDOL meeting. Infinitec awards were presented and a new executive board was seated. They are using the "Bridges" program developed by a social worker. This program is based on cognitive behavioral therapy. Students who attend the program have a marked decrease in suspensions. Suspension rates were decreased by 60%.

Ms. Gattone commented on 8th grade graduation ceremony. Mr. Jorgenson did a great job organizing everything and the surprise "Stormtroopers" were well received. The acoustics were much better than in previous years. Ms. Mangino added that the speeches were wonderful, both Ms. Gattone's and Dr. Lind's, and also the students' speeches.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns' reported:

- Progress is being made on the lighting and paving projects
- Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will conduct the GASB 45 Study
- State accepted Millburn's Life Safety Plan; this is updated every 10 years.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

No additional reports.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Facilities Use Fees
- Prevailing Wage Resolution
- Interest Transfer Resolution
- Resolution for Inter Fund Transfers

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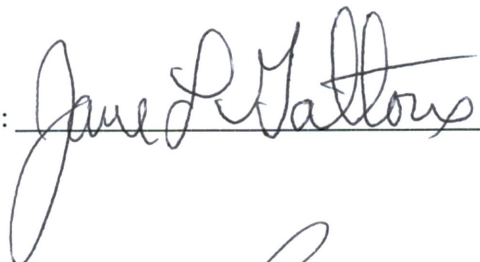
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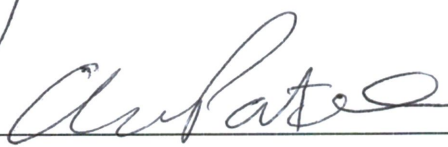
- Semi-Annual Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes
- Destruction of Audio Tapes from Executive Session Minutes more than 18 Months Old
- Board Agreements
- Board Governance "Next Steps"
- Superintendent's Contract

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nichol Mangino, and seconded by Casandra Slade to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Trak Patel. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Board of Education
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Lake County, Illinois

By:  President

Attest:  Secretary

6/27/16 Date