

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
March 14, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Ball (via internet)  
Diane Campbell  
Jane Gattone  
Carissa LaTourette  
Nichol Mangino  
Trak Patel

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      Carine Lancaster  
Suzanne Dekorsi

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 8:27 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, Nichol Mangino and Trak Patel. Casandra Slade was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

TECHNOLOGY PILOT – Supt. Jason Lind explained that the Technology Committee is recommending that the district expand its 1:1 Technology Initiative for the 2016-17 School Year. The plan is to have all students in two grade levels (one grade at each school building) supplied with an iPad. In addition, one class in another grade level at each school building would also receive iPads. This would mean that four grade levels would have a staff member trained in the program. The long-range plan would be to have all district students participating in the 1:1 program in School Year 2017-18. Supt. Lind presented a summary of the financial impact, including staffing, devices and training. The Board asked to have more detailed financial information for future discussions. Supt. Lind encouraged Board Members to visit the classrooms that are participating in the pilot this year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULING – Supt. Jason Lind said that the administration is continuing to work on scheduling for the middle school next school year. He said parents were surveyed regarding their children's interest in taking Spanish, and the response was very positive. One

scheduling option being considered is to offer two sections of specials so that students would have more opportunities. Supt. Lind said a final scheduling draft will be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

STAFFING FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR – Supt. Jason Lind presented the estimated cost for several staffing options, including Spanish, the fine arts, and AIM. Other financial considerations involve curriculum, materials and staff development. The final staffing decisions will be made after the Middle School schedule is approved.

SUMMER HELP – Dr. Stephen Johns said he is seeking input from the school principals regarding the need for building maintenance. He is planning to hire about seven full-time-equivalent summer employees. The summer project list will be prepared and presented to the Board at a future meeting.

### BOARD REPORTS

Diane Campbell said she attended a recent SEDOL meeting where she learned that SEDOL has scheduled small-group budget meetings the week of May 9. She will email information to Board Members. She also said that districts were advised to carefully consider any new policy recommendations regarding changes in the law about student discipline, zero tolerance and suspensions.

Carissa LaTourette said the district Talent Show was a success. A new addition this year was the display of student artwork. Ms. LaTourette also reported on a short vocal recital given by students preparing for competition. She volunteered to help train and prepare the students.

Jane Gattone reported that she attended the recent IASB Lake Division meeting. The main speaker canceled, but she was able to discuss common issues with school board members from nearby districts.

### BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns submitted a written report including detailed information about a recommendation to amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. He is recommending the change to support a larger one-time capital improvement expenditure than the one that had previously been budgeted (\$650,000 instead of \$450,000). He included a Budget Amendment Schedule that calls for a Public Hearing and Budget Adoption on May 23, 2016.

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind said that Beth Purvis, the State Secretary of Education was the guest speaker at the Lake County Superintendents Meeting.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include:

- Scheduling and Staffing for School Year 2016-17
- Budget Amendment

It was noted that Dr. Stephen Johns, Elizabeth Keefe, Joanne Rathunde, Jake Jorgenson, Bennett Walshire and Bernadette Hanna exited the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

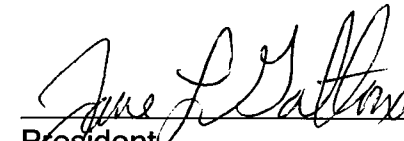
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Nichol Mangino and seconded by Trak Patel 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: Trak Patel, Carissa LaTourette, Nichol Mangino, Jane Gattone, Greg Ball and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 9:08 p.m.


A motion was made by Carissa LaTourette and seconded by Trak Patel to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 9:54 p.m.

**RESUME COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nichol Mangino 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: Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

  
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President  
Board of Education  
Millburn School District 24

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary  
Board of Education  
Millburn School District 24

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