

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Feb. 8, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Ball (via internet)
Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Carissa LaTourette
Nichol Mangino
Casandra Slade

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Dr. Stephen Johns, Business Manager
Elizabeth Keefe, Special Services Director
Jake Jorgenson, Principal
Bennett Walshire, Principal

VISITORS

Carol McGill
Terri Kudelka
Charlene Johnsos

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 p.m. by President Jane Gattone. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Nichol Mangino and Carissa LaTourette. It was noted that Casandra Slade entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m., and Greg Ball participated via an internet connection starting at 7:03 p.m. Trak Patel was absent.

Due to the absence of Board Secretary Trak Patel, it was decided to name a Secretary Pro Tem. A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Nicole Mangino to name Carissa LaTourette as Secretary Pro Tem. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Greg Ball, Trak Patel and Casandra Slade.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Terri Kudelka addressed the Board concerning hearing and vision screening. She said that last year someone from the state was at the elementary school conducting hearing and vision screening. She said her daughter was one of the student's tested and it was a very lengthy process. Ms. Kudelka said that she was unaware of the testing. She also said it was unnecessary because her daughter has a known hearing problem that is documented in her school records. Ms. Kudelka said parents should be notified of any testing before it takes place, and parent permission slips should be required. She also suggested that the topic be addressed in the Parent/Student Handbook. Supt. Jason Lind said that he would look into the matter and contact Ms. Kudelka to discuss her concerns.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

FANNING HOWEY LIFE SAFETY PLAN PRESENTATION – Charlene Johnsos, of Fanning Howey Architecture and Engineering, presented the Life Safety Plan for Millburn School District that will be submitted to the state. In preparing the plan, Fanning Howey surveyed all areas of both school buildings, prioritized areas of code violations and concerns, estimated the cost of repairs and estimated a timeline for completion. Items in the plan include upgrades to the fire and smoke alarms, door closures, ventilation, and exhaust systems, The Board will be asked to approve and sign the final report to the state at an upcoming Board meeting.

FEES FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR – Supt. Jason Lind said that he is continuing to research and compare school fees in surrounding districts, as a follow up to the Board's discussion last month on the topic. He will present a comprehensive package concerning all fees--registration, activity and facilities use fees--at an upcoming Board meeting.

STAFFING FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR – Supt. Jason Lind reported that Middle School Principal Jake Jorgenson is continuing to work with the Scheduling Committee. Once the committee has formulated scheduling recommendations, then staffing recommendations will follow. Supt. Lind pointed out that the topics of fees and staffing are related to budgeting. He reminded the Board that a representative from PMA will be at the next Board meeting to give a presentation on the district's financial outlook.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT – Board President Jane Gattone said that the topic of the Superintendent's Contract will be discussed in Executive Session.

BOARD REPORTS

Carissa LaTourette said she has been giving private voice lessons, on a volunteer basis, to seven middle school choir students. The vocal students will perform in a short recital on Feb. 16 at the middle school. The lessons and recital are part of

the students' preparation for the upcoming solo and ensemble contest. Ms. LaTourette said the students are very talented and she has found it very rewarding to be working with them.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns said he had nothing further to add.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind said that the eighth grade class participated in a Diversity Training program recently. He hopes that it can be repeated for the seventh and sixth graders.

Another upcoming program is the district-wide Talent Show, which will be March 9 at the Middle School.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include:

- PMA financial presentation
- AIM presentation on gifted education
- Staffing and Fees for the 2016-17 School Year
- Life Safety Plan

It was noted that Dr. Stephen Johns, Elizabeth Keefe, Jake Jorgenson and Bennett Walshire exited the meeting at 7:45 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: Diane Campbell, Casandra Slade, Jane Gattone, Nichol Mangino, Carissa LaTourette and Greg Ball. Nays: none. Absent: Trak Patel. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 7:50 p.m.

It was noted that Jason Lind exited the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

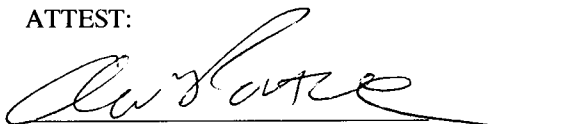
A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Nichol Mangino to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Trak Patel. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 8:50 p.m.

RESUME COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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: None. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.


 President
 Board of Education
 Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:


 Secretary
 Board of Education
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 Date