

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 9, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Carissa LaTourette
Nichol Mangino
Trak Patel
Casandra Slade

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Bernadette Hanna

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

VISITORS

Carol McGill Heath Rosten
Jean Vargas

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 7 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, Trak Patel and Casandra Slade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION DISCUSSION ITEMS – The topic of appointing an auditor was added to Appointments under the Information/Discussion items.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

BOARD VACANCY – Supt. Jason Lind reported that he has received 10 applications for the School Board vacancy that was created by the resignation of Greg Ball. Supt. Lind said the Board must appoint someone to fill the vacancy within 45 days of the vacancy's occurrence. The Board explained that it would review the applications later in Executive Session.

FACILITIES USE – Dr. Stephen Johns presented a comparison of fees charged by area schools for facilities use. In general, it appears Millburn's rates are low relative to other districts. The Board discussed several facets of facilities use including:

- Covering expenses incurred by the district
- Cost of mowing the athletic fields
- How often the fields are used for school activities
- Showing support for community groups and activities
- Fee comparison of for-profit and not-for-profit uses

- History of rate increases

Board Members asked for more information concerning how often facilities are used, and how much revenue is generated. They also asked the administration for recommendations on any changes to the fees. Action on approving facility use rates will be on an upcoming Board Meeting agenda.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING DATES – Board Members were asked to check their personal calendars in anticipation of setting Board Meeting dates for the 2016-17 School Year. A decision will be made after a new Board Member is appointed.

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT AND LUNCH PRICES – Supt. Jason Lind explained that the current contract with Arbor Management for cafeteria food service can be renewed up to four times without going out for bid. The administration is recommending that the Board approve the fourth renewal of the Arbor contract, with an increase of 2.6 percent for the 2016-17 School Year. This would raise the student lunch price from \$2.70 to \$2.80, and the adult lunch price from \$3.25 to \$3.35. No increase in the milk price is recommended. The current price of milk is 60 cents per carton. The Board discussed forming a committee, including students, to discuss future lunch options. A decision on lunch prices will be made at an upcoming Board Meeting.

HOUSE LEASE – Supt. Jason Lind said the district is in the second year of its three-year lease for the district-owned house adjacent to Millburn Elementary. The house is leased to a staff member in exchange for providing building security checks on weekends. The Board will be asked to renew the lease at the next Regular Board Meeting.

OFFICIAL 2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR – There was no need to change the 2015-16 School Calendar due to weather or other emergency days. Approval of the official 2015-16 School Calendar will be an Action Item at the next Regular Board Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS – Supt. Jason Lind said he will recommend the following appointments for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting:

- Depository—State Bank of the Lake
- Treasurer—Gary White
- Legal Counsel—Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn LLP
- Publisher for Legal Notices—Daily Herald
- Board Clerk—Bernadette Hanna
- Auditor—Milburn Cain

In discussing the Auditor appointment, Supt. Lind said it has been a few years since the Board sought bids for the auditor. He suggested it might be something the Board consider for the 2017-18 school year.

BOARD REPORTS

There were none.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns reported on the following:

- An audit by IMRF is in progress.
- The Illinois Department of Labor is conducting a prevailing wage survey.
- Public Hearings on the Amended Budget and Inter-Fund Transfers are scheduled for May 23, 2016.
- He will investigate whether the school district or the park district is responsible for fence repairs near the Middle School parking lot.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind said he and a few other staff members visited Harrison Middle School in McHenry County to observe programs related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). He said he is continuing to research the possibility of adding STEM options at Millburn Middle School.

Supt. Lind said that he has been hearing positive feedback regarding the Middle School schedule changes. Parent meetings regarding the schedule changes are scheduled this week.

Supt. Lind said he also has been hearing from taxpayers regarding increases in property tax bills.

Board Members complimented the administration on the successful sixth grade orientation for current fifth graders.

Supt. Lind said he and the principals were at Lake High School today where Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner was speaking. He said Rauner told the audience that funding for K-12 education is one of his priorities.

Jane Gattone informed the Board that Supt. Lind will be defending his doctoral thesis next week.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include:

- Appointments
- Public hearings

It was noted that Dr. Stephen Johns, Elizabeth Keefe, Jake Jorgenson, Bennett Walshire and Bernadette Hanna exited the meeting at 7:53 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; and to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given powers to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Carissa LaTourette, Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Nichol Mangino, Trak Patel and Casandra Slade. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8 p.m.

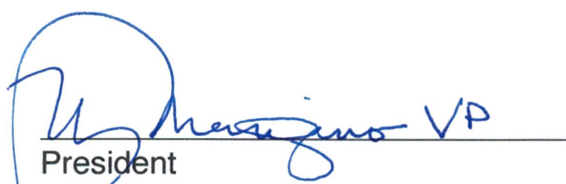
It was noted that Nichol Mangino exited the Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

It was noted that Jason Lind exited the Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.

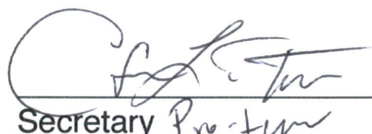
A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Casandra Slade to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Nichol Mangino. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 9:28 p.m.

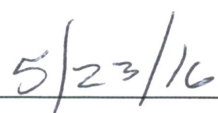
RESUME COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jane Gattone 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. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.


 President
 Board of Education
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ATTEST:


 Secretary
 Board of Education
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 Date

