

MILLBURN C. C. SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 10, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Gattone, President
Carissa LaTourette, Vice President
Trak Patel, Member
Heath Rosten, Member
Carissa Slade, Member
Maggie Wentzell, Member

BOARD CLERK

Bernadette Hanna

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO
Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
Ben Walshire, Principal, MES
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS
Adam Rowlands, Assistant Principal, MES/MMS

VISITORS

Carol McGil	Brendan Murphy
Kurt Ebenhoch	Denise Ide
Jim Guziak	

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: Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette, Trak Patel, Heath Rosten, Maggie Wentzell. Absent: Diane Campbell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ebenhoch spoke to the Board about an incident involving bullying and cell phones. He provided the Board with statistics about absenteeism and teen deaths due to cyber bullying. He asked the Board to consider removing cell phones as they affect safety, social skills, and academic issues.

ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS - there were none.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Summer Help

Dr. Johns informed the Board that we would be posting openings for summer help in the custodial department and the tech department.

1:1 Update

Dr. Lind reported to the Board that the cost of the iPads would be \$389 per device instead of the \$600 he had budgeted. They are looking into different leasing options. The teachers have been asked about the number of desktops needed and the location of desktops. Dr. Lind would like to sell what we have either as a private sale or use a company. The Tech Committee will be considering options such as which grades should take the iPads home. Dr. Lind will schedule parent nights during May for a Question & Answer session. He is preparing a FAQ to be sent out soon. There will be a required parent meeting for take home rights.

Internet Feedback Button

Dr. Lind presented a program for community or anyone who visits our website to click on a "Let's Talk" button. A series of topics are offered and then comments can be made under it. Hawthorn and Gurnee school district have this program currently, but it is not used to its' full potential. Neither school receives much input via this system. The cost would be \$4700 per year for licensing. How the Board receives feedback can be discussed at the Board Governance meeting in June. This system allows people to comment anonymously or leave an email for a response. This feature caused concern among Board members. There is a "contact" button on the website currently and emails are routed to whomever would be best to respond depending on the topic. There is also an email directly to the Board available on the website. Dr. Lind also receives these emails. It was suggested that these contact emails need to be advertised more to the parents and community.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. LaTourette visited the elementary school and went into classes piloting the iPad. She will also be visiting the middle school soon. Mr. Reston remarked that the Millburn Family Run was a good event.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind reported that he is working on information about the iPad initiative. Committees are already meeting for scheduling for the 2017-18 school year. Ms. Keefe is busy with annual meetings. Dr. Lind informed the Board that he would be including the new board members in on his Friday newsletter.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns informed the Board that an amendment to the bus lease was needed in order to turn in one of the 71-passenger buses for a small bus to be used as a spare. He is still waiting for information back from the insurance company and the company who did the repair on the gym floor before moving forward.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Superintendent Evaluation
- Resolution Regulating Travel, Lodging, and Meal Expenses
- Update on the Bullying Program

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Carissa LaTourette, to enter into Closed 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: Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette, Trak Patel, Heath Rosten, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell. Nays: none. Absent: Diane Campbell. The motion passed. The Closed Session began at 8:02 p.m.

It was noted that Dr. Johns, Ms. Rathunde, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Jorgenson, Mr. Walshire, Mr. Rowlands and all visitors exited the meeting at this time.

A motion was made by Jane Gattone, seconded by Carissa LaTourette, to exit Closed Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Diane Campbell. The motion passed. The Closed Session ended at 8:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Carissa LaTourette, second by Trak Patel, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Diane Campbell. The motion passed. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: Jane Gattone President

Attest: Chubake Secretary

April 24, 2017
Date