

MILLBURN C. C. SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 8, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carissa LaTourette, President
Casandra Slade, Vice President
Heath Rosten, Secretary
Jim Guziak, Member
Denise Ide, Member
Brendan Murphy, Member
Maggie Wentzell, Member

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

VISITORS

Carol McGill

BOARD CLERK

Bernadette Hanna

The 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 7:00 p.m. by President Carissa LaTourette. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Carissa LaTourette, Brendan Murphy, Heath Rosten, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Budget Amendment

Drs. Lind and Johns are recommending amending the FY17 Budget by transferring money from Operations and Maintenance into Capital Projects Fund. Capital Projects are for major repairs like the lighting project, asphalt, chiller, etc. Any item about \$50,000.

Dr. Lind explained the details of each fund to the Board Members. The approval of a public hearing will be an agenda item at the May 22 meeting. This will allow the amended FY17 Budget to be put on public display. The budget can then be approved thirty days after that.

Board Policy 2:125

The Board reviewed the current and updated policy regarding Board Member Expenses and the Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements.

Board Policy 5:60

The Board reviewed the current and updated policy regarding General Personnel Expenses.

1:1 iPad Update

Dr. Lind informed the Board that a lease is expected to be presented at the next Board meeting. At least five Board Members need to be in attendance to approve this lease.

Science Curriculum Update K-5

Dr. Lind stated that the Science Committee would have a proposal for a pilot program for the June 26 meeting. This is an online program, which integrates technology through a subscription service. The cost is expected to be \$1500 for K-5. The district will still have to supplement because this pilot is missing the engineering component of science.

Social Studies Curriculum Update K-5

Dr. Lind said the committee did not like anything that was available. They would like to wait another year to see what the publishers create.

Appointments

Dr. Lind informed the Board that the following appointments need to be made at the next meeting:

Depository (currently State Bank of the Lakes)

Treasurer (currently Gary White)

Legal Counsel (currently Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn-HLERK)

Publisher for Legal Notices (currently Daily Herald)

He will be recommending that we remain with our current providers.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Ide presented a slide show of the activities she visited. She attended the "Live the Arts" display at Warren Township High School. At MES, she visited:

- Ms. Jazo's kindergarten – making books, creating calendars
- Ms. Novak's first grade - working on a mother's day project
- Ms. Coleman's second grade – first time doing cursive
- Ms. Hessing's students – fine motor skills and reading. She was using the iPad to read with another student.
- Ms. Dajka fifth grade tech – using All the Right Type and then worked on Google Drive
- Ms. Hoetzer and Ms. Michael – fifth grade PE – working on track and fields events
- Ms. David's – third grade – practice math skills on Schoology
- Ms. Walsh – fourth grade – silent reading and class business
- Ms. Lowrance – fifth grade – Brain Pop - taking a quiz about adverbs

She was impressed with how well the students worked together. At the middle school, she visited Ms. Mahoney seventh grade science. The students do an experiment before they know any of the background information. Then they read about what happened and why. Then they repeat the experiment. Students are really enjoying the hands-on science experiments.

Ms. Slade mentioned that there was a social media posting from someone moving into the Millburn area, but they were shocked at the tax bill. The comments following this posting were favorable towards Millburn.

Mr. Rosten and Dr. Wentzell attended an event at "Chances" and the Millburn Education Foundation's "Muffins with Mom."

Ms. LaTourette attended the Warren Township High School Centennial.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind met with Ms. LaTourette and Ms. Slade to review the agenda. A suggestion was made that in Dr. Lind's weekly Board Report, he mention one event that matches with a superintendent goal. He is working on a professional development plan for next year with iPads. Dr. Lind finished tabulating the SEssentials. This is a survey giving feedback from staff and students. He will write up a summary and present that to the Board.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. John reported that meal prices would need to increase by 10 cents to \$2.85. The Food Service Bid goes to the state for approval and then we can proceed with bid process. After the winning bidder is known, references are checked and then final approval is need by the state. The final step is for the Board to approve the new contract at a Special Meeting on June 12. Dr. Johns informed the Board that training is coming up for the new financial software.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cottonwood Estates Annual Impact Fee

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Heath Rosten, to enter into Closed Session to discuss the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Carissa LaTourette, Brendan Murphy, Heath Rosten, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Closed Session began at 8:28 p.m.

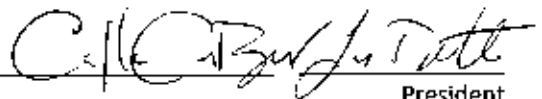
It was noted that Ms. Keefe, Mr. Jorgenson and all visitors exited the meeting at this time.


A motion was made by Casandra Slade, seconded by Jim Guziak, to exit Closed Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Closed Session ended at 9:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Casandra Slade, second by Maggie Wentzell, 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 Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: 
President

Attest:  _____
Secretary

May 22, 2017
Date