

Millburn School District 24

HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Education's Regular Board Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2014 – Millburn Elementary School.

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Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Trak Patel, Jane Gattone, Greg Ball, Casandra Slade, Nichol Mangino. Absent: Joseph Pineau

Recognition

Mr. Lind recognized Middle School Principal Jake Jorgenson and Special Services Director Elizabeth Keefe for their organization during the recent tragic event.

Action Items

Bus Lease

The Board approved a four-year bus lease for sixteen 71-passenger buses, two 28-passenger buses, and two wheelchair buses. This new lease will cost \$2,200 less per year than we paid for the past three years. The bus company comes on site to service the buses. If brakes or tires need to be replaced during the term on the lease there will be no charge.

IMRF Voluntary Payment to Reduce Unfunded Liability

This item was removed from agenda at this time.

Consent Agenda

All items were approved. This includes past meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report, payables, Activity Accounts, and Personnel Report.

Information/Discussion

PMA Presentation

Steven Crouse from PMA Financial Network presented the Financial Planning Program for Millburn. The Financial Planning Program is a comprehensive, interactive planning process that can be updated to assist the District in making important financial decisions. The items used to create the data are:

- Five Years of Audited Annual Financial Reports
- FY15 Budget
- Tax Levy / Extensions / Maximum Tax Rates
- Equalized Assessed Valuation
- Enrollment
- Staffing Ratios
- Compensation and Benefits
- District Assumptions

District revenue is received as follows:

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| Federal | 1.4% |
| General State Aid | 16.6% |
| Other State | 9.0% |
| Property Taxes | 63.9% |
| Other Local | 9.1% |

District expenditures are paid out as follows:

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| Unemployment Benefits | 0.3% |
| Capital Outlay | 2.3% |
| Other Objects | 3.6% |
| Non-Capitalized Equipment | 4.1% |
| Supplies and Materials | 5.7% |
| Purchased Services | 8.1% |
| Benefits | 17.1% |
| Salaries | 58.8% |

Strategic Plan

Mr. Lind just wanted to get the Strategic Plan discussion started. He would like to start in the spring to engage the community in the planning process.

Board Report

Mrs. Gattone visited the Middle School. The Ellis Island project was going on. Students were dressed very realistically. Some students were doing push ups to "prove they were healthy to be allowed to enter the country." She also visited the sixth grade music class while they were in the computer lab learning about Garage Band and how to make their own music patterns. Mrs. Reu was working on surrealism. Mrs. Gattone also visited an eighth grade math class and the staff rooms during lunch break. She ate lunch in the cafeteria and said that the chicken quesadillas were very good. There was a lot of energy and a lot of activity going on.

Mr. Ball visited the Elementary School and read to four different classrooms. One class was talking about how open the room is, because last year there were two more desks squeezed in there. Kindergarten teachers were saying how the students are already at the reading level that half-day kindergarteners were at the end of the year. Mr. Ball said it was nice to see the energy, excitement, and happiness of the students.

Mrs. Mangino related that at the Vision 20/20 conference it was said that full day kindergarten gives you the "biggest bang for your buck" down the road in achievement scores.

Business Office Report

Dr. Johns reported that we have received 98.89% of property tax revenue. The district received approval for tax anticipation warrants from State Bank of the Lakes for \$500,000, which can be requested in \$100,000 increments. Standard & Poor's upgraded the district from A- negative to A- stable.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Lind turned his section over to the principals so they could report on the assemblies coming up this week.

Mr. Jorgenson – MMS

Tuesday – Willow Tree will present to parents about grief counseling

Wednesday – Choir and Band performance for the students

Thursday – Greek Day and PTO Assembly - tumbling trampoline group with a positive message

Friday – PBIS celebrations in the afternoon

Mr. Walshire - MES

Monday – MES Choir performed

Wednesday – AM – fundraiser for Feed Our Starving Children. Will present a check to them. Collected \$5,543.00 (pennies and M&M sales), which will pay for 24,496 MEALS. Third grade teacher Mrs. Overman was very passionate and spearheaded the organization of this most worthwhile project.

Wednesday PM – PTO magician show

Future Agenda Items

- A. School Improvement Presentation
- B. Fanning & Howey Presentation (Master Facility Plan)
- C. Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
- D. Building Use, Activity, and Registration Fees for 2015-16
- E. Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrants

At 8:10 the Board adjourned to go into Executive Session.

Next meeting: Committee of the Whole Meeting – Monday, January 12, 2015 – Millburn Middle School – 7:00 p.m.