

## Millburn School District 24

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Board of Education's Committee of the Whole Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2015 – Millburn Middle School

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

Administration in attendance: Superintendent Jason Lind, Business Manager/CSBO Stephen Johns, Director of Technology Joanne Rathunde, Director of Special Services Elizabeth Keefe, Principal Jake Jorgenson.

#### ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS

Three items were added for discussion: the need to find a new Treasurer, the internal audit proposal, and Board Governance.

#### RECOGNITION

Mr. Lind recognized Joanne Rathunde for the immense task of taking the lead on the preparation for the PARCC testing. The prep has been a year-long undertaking culminating in the elementary school testing this week and middle school next week. There will also be an “end-of-year” PARCC test in May at both schools.

#### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### Presentation from School Business Service Division of the Illinois School Board of Education

Mark Anderson, Regional Financial Consultant with the School Business Service Division of ISBE made a presentation to the Board on the district's financial condition. Mr. Anderson works with districts on the state's financial “Watch List.” Mr. Anderson has worked with Mr. Lind and Dr. Johns on the process of improving the district's financial outlook. His short PowerPoint presentation can be found attached to this meeting's agenda on the website.

##### PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)

Mr. Lind mentioned about all the media attention on PARCC. He is withholding opinions until our students have gone through the testing. Testing began at the elementary school today for the weeklong process. Middle school will be tested next week. There is concern about the disruption to schedules as we test our students for MAP testing (student growth, check curriculum), AIMSweb, and PARCC (state accountability to compare us against other schools in our state and on a national level). With PARCC testing there are five sessions in March when 75% of the instruction has taken place for the year and three sessions in May, when 90% of instruction has taken place.

##### Amended 2015-16 School Calendar

The Board will be approving an amended calendar for the next school year. To keep in line with the area high schools, spring break will begin one week earlier than on the original calendar.

##### First Reading Policy 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools

The Board had the first reading of the policy, which highlighted the changes to our current one. After review and the second reading, it will be presented for approval on the March 16 agenda.

##### Treasurer

Mr. Roger Manderscheid will be resigning from his position as District Treasurer. As the treasurer position has been filled by Mr. Manderscheid for many years, the Board directed administration to review the job description and options.

##### Auditor

Our auditor Milburn Cain & Company, submitted their proposal for the internal audit of school records for 2014-15. The Board discussed the option of requesting proposals from other auditors. A purchased service does not require a bid process. After discussing the options, the Board decided to accept the proposal from Milburn Cain at the next Regular Meeting. The cost for auditing will not exceed \$13,000.

##### Board Governance

Mr. Pineau mentioned that the application for recognition is on the IASB website. In the fall of 2013 the Millburn School Board was recognized by the Board Governance Recognition Award Committee for their full board development and event participation. The focus for this program is on the entire board's participation rather than individual board member efforts. The IASB website states, “Excellence in local school board governance requires full board commitment to obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities critical to good governance.” Boards may reapply every two years.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Lind reported the following to the Board:

- March 11 is the IASB Lake Division Spring Meeting in Barrington. The speaker will be discussing social media.
- PARCC testing began at the elementary school this week and moves to middle school next week.
- Millburn's Education Foundation raised over \$21,000 at their March Madness event.
- Mr. Lind is president-elect of the Gurnee Rotary