

Millburn School District 24

HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Education's Regular Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2015 – Millburn Middle School

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

Administration in attendance: Superintendent Jason Lind, Business Manger/CSBO Stephen Johns, Director of Technology Joanne Rathunde, Director of Special Services Elizabeth Keefe, Principals Jake Jorgenson and Ben Walshire

ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Profile Score was added for discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved the Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Teachers on Contractual Continued Service. Due to declining enrollments, Mr. Lind informed the Board that two positions would be decreased – one fifth grade teacher and one social work position.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items were approved, which included the minutes of past meetings (posted on the website), Treasurer's Report, payables, and Activity Account. Also, the amended calendar for the 2015-16 school year (posted on the website), revised Board Policy 7:50 on School Admissions and Students Transfers To and From Non-District Schools (posted under School Board Policy Manual), and the audit proposed by Milburn Cain & Company for the year ending June 30, 2015. The cost for this will not exceed \$13,000.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Lind shared the Financial Profile Score with the Board giving the district's total scores figured out to 2024. Indicators include Fund Balance to Revenue Ratio, Expenditure to Revenue Ratio, Days Cash on Hand, Percent of Short-Term Borrowing Max Remaining, and Percent of Long-Term Debt Margin Remaining. The district will not get of the state's Financial Watch List until 2020 and will be on the state's Financial Early Warning until 2025. Much of the district's financial stability depends on the state.

Mr. Lind also discussed the upcoming election on April 7th. We have three board positions open. Nichol Mangino and Casandra Slade are running for another four-year term each, and Carissa Casbon is a write-in candidate for a four-year term. All provisional and late-arriving ballots voted by mail are reported 14 days after the election. The official canvass of the results occurs the following day. The Board expects to be able to conduct its' regular business at the April 27th meeting and then seat and reorganize the new board on the same night.

BOARD REPORT

Ms. Gattone reported about attending the IASB Lake Division Spring Meeting. The speaker talked about social media sites and the one that caught Ms. Gattone's attention was "Yik Yak." This site is intended for sharing with those in close proximity to the user, making it more intimate and relevant for people reading the posts. Due to the widespread bullying and harassment committed through Yik Yak, many schools and school districts have taken action to ban the app, including several Chicago school districts. There is a way to put a "security fence" around the schools to block it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Lind reported that PARCC testing went very well at the middle school today. Ms. Rathunde stated that they learned from some things that did not go well in the beginning at the elementary school and were able to prevent the same from happening at the middle school.

Mr. Lind wanted to make sure the Board knew that Carissa Casbon also attended the IASB Lake Division Spring Meeting. There was a special training segment for new board members that she attended prior to the start of the evening.

Mr. Lind articulated with the High School District 117 feeder schools. PARCC was discussed. Also, May 12 the Board is invited to the dinner meeting to be held at Grass Lake School. A formal invite will be sent soon.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns went over some of the items in his report:

- The security cameras and security window film will be installed at both schools over spring break. Mr. Pineau wanted to know if we had a policy on how long the film is kept on the server. Dr. Johns will look into this.
- Dr. Johns is applying for a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for pre-heaters for the buses. It is the Illinois Clean Diesel Grant as using the pre-heaters will reduce pollution from the buses.
- At the April Committee of the Whole Meeting, a presentation by a representative from architects Fanning & Howey will be made. Two board members are needed to serve on the Project Team, which will also include the superintendent, business manager, head of building and grounds, and the principals. Meetings will take place over the summer focusing on the Master Facilities Plan.
- Cash flow is positive. Dr. Johns does not anticipate needing a Tax Anticipation Warrant until May and that will depend on the early tax dollars that arrive that month.

- Four heat exchange units filed on rooftop units this winter. Two at MES and two at MMS. He is most concerned about the failure of the ones at the middle school since they are only ten years old.

Dr. Johns detailed report can be found attached to the agenda on the website.

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. AT MILLBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.