

# **Highlights** from the Millburn District 24 Board of Education Meeting

Note: The following are not to be confused with actual minutes taken at the meeting. The official minutes are approved at the following month's Regular Board of Education meeting and then posted on the website.

## **Public Hearing for FY15 Budget - September 22, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. at Millburn Middle School**

Board Members present: Joseph Pineau, President, Diane Campbell, Vice President, Jane Gattone, Nichol Mangino, Trak Patel. Absent: Greg Ball, Secretary.

Administrators present: Jason Lind, Superintendent, Stephen Johns, Business Manager, Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology, and Principals Jake Jorgenson and Ben Walshire.

Board President Joseph Pineau opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Public Hearing concerning the FY15 Budget. He asked board members if anyone had any questions regarding the budget. There were none and the meeting was opened for public comments. No one in the audience signed up to speak. The public hearing section is held open for at least fifteen minutes for any latecomers who wish to address the board about the budget.

During this time, Mr. Lind read a letter received from a parent in another school district attending a soccer game. The parent commended the assistance from the Millburn parents that one of the students received for a medical condition. Parents helped to calm the student, took her pulse, etc., while her parents were reached by phone for advice on how they could help the girl. Permission was given to use a "rescue inhaler" and all ended well.

Mr. Pineau took this opportunity to say that the 24-Hour Challenge was very well organized with volunteers and responsibilities for everyone involved. Mr. Lind mentioned that for the last two years, paid security has been added to the event. Sherry Pooley was recognized for her organization of the volunteers, helping to secure the "perimeter" of the fields, AND for cleaning the portable toilets! Recognition also goes to PE teachers, Dan Jazo and Kevin Yost for organizing this event every year. Students have a great time.

The Public Hearing section was adjourned and the Board entered into the Regular Board meeting.

## **Regular Board Meeting of September 22, 2014 - 7:15 p.m. at Millburn Middle School**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Middle School teacher, Carol McGill spoke on behalf of the Millburn Teachers Federation. She expressed appreciation to the PTO, who provides support with volunteers, money for teachers to spend at Brainstorm, hours spent organizing volunteers, fundraising, and other activities to benefit students and teachers. Thank you, PTO!

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### FY2015 Budget Adoption

The Board unanimously adopted the budget as presented for the FY15 school year.

#### Consent Agenda

All items were approved, which included past meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report, monthly bills, Activity Account, Personnel Report, the adoption of Board Policy 7:140 Students - Search and Seizure, the snow removal bid (awarded to ICE, Snow Removal & Landscaping), report on shared services, the Application for the Recognition of Schools, and the Superintendent goals.

#### Disposition of Surplus Library Books

The district has multiple copies of books after merging both K-8 buildings and would like to sell these at the Literacy Night to parents for fifty cents to \$1.00. Any books remaining will be donated to a local, non-profit organization. Mr. Lind read the Resolution for the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property in accordance with the Illinois School Code.

#### Salary Compensation Report

The Education Information System (EIS) Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report was presented as required prior to being posted on the website.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Intent to Issue Tax Anticipation Warrants
2. Fine Arts Program

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Pineau just emphasized from the last meeting for Board Members to schedule time to visit the schools starting next month.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Lind met with the Antioch districts that feed into High School District 117. He reported that the high school will no longer administer the EXPLORE tests, which tracks for the ACT. The high school will go back to NWEA testing for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. They would like to share services with us to purchase NWEA testing results from grade 3 forward for those students who will be attending Lakes High School. *Side note – our projected high school enrollments are as follows: 57% to Lakes High School; 25% to Warren Township High School; and 18% to Grayslake North High School.*

Mr. Lind also informed the Board that he is composing a letter to the community about Senate Bill 16, which will cause Millburn School District to lose over \$638,000 per year if it passes.

## **BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT**

Dr. Johns reported:

1. 84.5% of property taxes have been collected.
2. The Regional Office of Education conducted the annual safety check of the buildings. Official report should be favorable, as staff has become more informed of safety issues.
3. The public hearing and approval of the property tax levy will be at the October 27 Board meeting. Discussion about the levy will take place at the October COW meeting.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session for the purpose of interviewing three candidates for the Board vacancy. After the interviews concluded, the Board spent time discussing the candidates. They returned to Open Session to appoint Cassandra Slade to fill the vacancy until the end of April. The Oath of Office was administered and Ms. Slade was seated and welcomed as the new board member.

### **Millburn School District Board of Education**

Mr. Joseph Pineau, President

Ms. Jane Gattone, Member

Ms. Diane Campbell, Vice President

Mr. Trak Patel, Member

Mr. Greg Ball, Secretary

Ms. Nichol Mangino, Member

Ms. Cassandra Slade, Member

Just as a reminder, Millburn School District 24 will have three school board seats to be filled at the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election. Candidates who are elected will fill four-year terms expiring in April 2019.

Nominating petition forms will be available starting Tuesday, September 16. Forms can be picked up at in the office of the Board Secretary at 18550 Millburn Road, Wadsworth, on any business day between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Candidates for the office of school board can begin to circulate nominating petitions for signatures beginning September 23, 2014. The period for filing nominating papers runs from December 15 through December 22, 2014.

Next meeting: Committee of the Whole - Tuesday, October 14, 2014 – Millburn Elementary School