

## Millburn School District 24

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Board of Education's Regular Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2016 – Millburn Elementary School

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<u>Board of Education:</u>	Jane Gattone, President Greg Ball, Member Casandra Slade, Member	Nichol Mangino, Vice President Diane Campbell, Member	Trak Patel, Secretary Carissa LaTourette, Member
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<u>Administrators:</u>	Jason Lind, Superintendent Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology Bennett Walshire, Principal, MES	Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS
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The first meeting was a Public Hearing for the purpose of waiving holidays for the 2016-17 school year. The holidays to be waived are the same as this year: Veteran's Day in November, Lincoln's Birthday in February, and Casimir Pulaski Day in March. The requirement to waive these days is to have in-school activities that honor these people. We take Presidents' Day in place of Lincoln's Birthday in February. Casimir Pulaski Day is used as a day of student attendance if we've already had a "snow day."

The Regular Board meeting followed the Public Hearing.

#### Action Items

Official School Calendar - the 2016-17 calendar was approved. The first day of school will be a half-day on Thursday, August 25; winter break will be from Monday, December 19 through Monday, January 2; spring break will be March 27-31. The last day, unless snow days are added, will be June 7.

Early Childhood Assessment Option - the Board approved in-district assessments of our early childhood students rather than sending them to the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL). This includes increasing occupational therapy by .1 FTE and additional administrative support.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Executive Session Minutes - the Board approved the recommendation of which closed session minutes should be opened and which should remain closed.

Destruction of Audio Tapes from Executive Session Minutes more than 18 months old - this item was tabled.

#### Consent Agenda

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meetings held on December 14, 2015 and January 11, 2016, Treasurer's Report, the invoices to be paid, student activity account, and the personnel report. The personnel report consisted of accepting a resignation for Catherine Sprague, paraprofessional at MMS and custodian Evangelina Reyes at MES; two leaves of absences - Gina Winiewicz, paraprofessional at MES and for the 2016-17 school year, Maureen Jepsen, speech pathologist at MES. The Board also approved hiring Stacy Towne as a paraprofessional, and substitutes Rafael Mendoza, Thomas Kelly, and Zachary Popp. They accepted the intent to retire in the 2019-20 SY from Kathleen Neville, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.

## **Information/Discussion**

Staffing for 2016-17 – the Administrative Team is still working on staffing needs for next year and will present this to the Board at a future meeting.

### Business Office Report

Dr. Johns' full report can be found attached to the agenda on the website. Some highlights were the bids for the paving/landscape project and lighting/electrical project will be going out in early February. These should be on the March board agenda for review and action.

Public Act 99-0470 requires schools to have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Currently there are no battery operated CO detectors manufactured for commercial or school use. The State Fire Marshall is working on a solution to this issue so we can meet the intent of the public act.

Next meeting: Committee of the Whole Meeting to be held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at Millburn Elementary School.

Submitted by,

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