

## Millburn School District 24

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Board of Education's Public Hearing, Special Meeting, and Committee of the Whole Meetings

Monday, September 14, 2015 – Millburn Middle School

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<u>Board of Education:</u>	Jane Gattone, President	Nichol Mangino, Vice President	Trak Patel, Secretary
Greg Ball, Member	Diane Campbell, Member	Carissa Casbon, Member	Cassandra Slade, Member

<u>Administrators:</u>	Jason Lind, Superintendent	Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO
	Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology	Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
	Bennett Walshire, Principal, MES	Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS

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### **PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:00 p.m. the Public Hearing was opened for comments about the FY16 Budget. There were no public comments. Dr. Johns reported that the only change is to the budget since the last board meeting is a \$450,000 transfer to Capital Projects from the Transportation Fund via the Education Fund. This has no impact on the total revenue or expenditures for the year.

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

At 7:15 p.m. the Board entered into the Special Meeting. The only action item was the adoption of the FY16 Budget. All Board Members voted Aye. You can view the FY16 Budget on the website under District – From the Business Office.

### **COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING**

#### Recognition

The Millburn Board of Education has been awarded the IASB School Board Governance Recognition. They will be acknowledged at the IASB Lake Division Fall Meeting in October and the Joint Annual Conference in November. According to the IASB website, this program is designed to recognize “school board that have engaged in activities and modeled behaviors that lead to excellence in local school governance in support of quality public education”. This is a renewal for the Millburn School Board of Education as they were awarded this recognition in 2012.

Mr. Lind recognized the Administrative Team for their contribution in a successful Compliance Review and Licensure Audit.

#### Information/Discussion

##### *School Improvement Plan Presentations*

Middle School principal Jake Jorgenson presented his School Improvement Plan to the Board. The PowerPoint highlighted how the Curriculum Committee works towards Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Math is fully aligned to standards. The new curriculum was adopted for this school year. ELA is also fully aligned to standards. The same unit template is used between grade levels with adjustments as needed. In Science, units are organized between grade levels. CCSS alignment is nearly completed. The curriculum is largely teacher generated until the adoption of text or other resource is made. In June, new standards were made available for Social Studies. The alignment process will begin this school year. Mr. Jorgenson's presentation included overall NWEA scores and comparisons. Based on NWEA national norms, 33% of students scored at or above the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile. Millburn Middle School had 56% of students at or above the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile in Reading and 50% in Math last school year.

Mr. Jorgenson's ending slides dealt with the climate at the middle school, behavior referrals comparison over three years, extracurricular programming and student involvement, communication, and facilities and finance.

Ben Walshire, principal at Elementary School presented his School Improvement Plan to the Board. His PowerPoint highlighted academics, climate, communication, and finance. Mr. Walshire's academic goals for the elementary school is to increase the number of students proficient (on or above average) on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in Math and Reading; increase the number of students on or above the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile on MAP Math and Reading; and to create a baseline writing score for future assessments.

Mr. Walshire's strategies for reading are to develop a reading leveling system and assign levels for every students in K-5; to provide professional development on Guided Reading in the fall; and to offer opportunities for teachers to observe other classrooms. A new writing program is being implemented and a baseline will be created within two years to monitor student growth for writing. Forty-five minutes has been built into the schedule for writing/language arts.

Unit assessments for math will be monitored throughout grade levels to assure mastery of skills and provide reteaching opportunities in small groups. Ninety minutes is scheduled for math every day. There will be a focus on 5<sup>th</sup> grade math since there is a history of low growth and proficiency.

Committee work continues for social studies and science during this school year.

Mr. Walshire's ending slides also showed a decrease in majors and minors issued for behavior as well as a survey about bullying with responses from students and teachers.

#### *Request to Lease Land for Cell Tower*

The Board is interested in pursuing a conversation about this, but would only consider if the lease amount was increased. Board President Gattone will contact the Heritage Trails Homeowners' Association for their input.

#### **BOARD REPORTS**

Ms. Casbon reported that she helped out at kindergarten lunch. Since lunch at school is a new experience for our youngest students, helpers are needed in the beginning days as they learn the process.

Ms. Gattone encouraged the members to plan a Board Visit by contact the principals to make arrangements.

#### **BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT**

Dr. Johns reported that 86% of the property taxes have been collected. MES received a Reader's Choice Grant. This grant was submitted by Technology Integration Specialist, Suzanne Dekorsi. MES received a set of 18 books.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Lind reported that there have been 38 responses from parents and 10 from teachers from the Strategic Plan Survey.

Mr. Lind went to an informational session in Chicago. The state treasurer, Michael Frerichs addressed the group on the topic of state finances. In addition there was a three-panel group represented by the social services sector, the Center for Budget and Tax Accountability, and the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois.

Mr. Lind articulated with Grayslake and Antioch. Writing curriculum tends to be a common theme among the schools.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Salary Compensation Report
- B. Application for Recognition of Schools 2015
- C. Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing
- D. Superintendent Goals

The next meeting will be a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, September 28, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. - Millburn Middle School.

Submitted by,  
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