

Millburn School District 24

HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Education's Regular Meeting

March 14, 2016 – Special Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting

March 29, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting

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Board of Education: Jane Gattone, President Nichol Mangino, Vice President Trak Patel, Secretary
 Greg Ball, Member Diane Campbell, Member Carissa LaTourette, Member
 Casandra Slade, Member

Administrators: 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

March 14, 2016 – Special Meeting

Public Comments – Parents addressed the Board with concerns about the need for more training and support regarding ADD/ADHD for students, parents, and teachers. They also spoke about the importance of entering information in PowerSchool in a timely manner as one of the best ways to communicate with parents about student grades and assignments.

Action Items

The main purpose of having a Special Meeting was to approve the Application for the Ten-Year Life Safety Survey, and award contracts for paving/landscaping, and lighting/electrical bids. The Board approved all three items.

March 14, 2016 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Information/Discussion

- Technology Pilot – the Board will be considering piloting 1:1 iPads for one entire grade level at both buildings, plus one class in another two grade levels. Staff Development is still being investigated so everyone will be ready for the 2016-17 school year.
- Middle School Scheduling - the Middle School Scheduling Committee continues to meet to incorporate foreign language, choir, and band in the daily schedule.
- Staffing 2016-17 – once the schedule is final, the Board will be presented with staffing needs for the upcoming school year.

- Summer Help – the Board was informed that it was time to consider how many summer positions would be needed to get projects finished.

Board Reports

Diane Campbell told the Board about the SEDOL meeting she attended. An attorney from Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick, and Kohn spoke about Senate Bill 100. This bill addresses issues with student discipline/student behavior. The attorney also noted that “zero tolerance policies” are not a good idea.

Carissa LaTourette commented on the Millburn Talent Show. There were 38 acts in the show. Artwork created by our students that Mrs. Reu displayed received a lot of attention.

Ms. LaTourette also acknowledged that most of our students got “firsts” at the IGSMO Organizational Contest. Mrs. Gundlach’s great organization at this event helped everything run smoothly.

Jane Gattone said the IASB Spring Board Dinner was good, but the speaker cancelled. Mr. Lind said the same speaker was able to present at the Lake County Superintendent’s meeting.

March 29, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting

Action Items

Amended FY16 Budget

The Board reviewed the amended FY16 Budget and approved it to be placed on public display. This amended budget can be found on the website or at the district office. The amended budget will be on the agenda for approval at the regular meeting in May.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved all items on the consent agenda, which included past meeting minutes, Treasurer’s report, payables, Activity Account, and Personnel Report.

Information/Discussion

Scheduling – there has been continued discussion on the middle school schedule. They are working with specials groups on what would work the best. There will be foreign language and a period so students will not miss their core subject areas. Band and choir will be held during the school day.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2016 at Millburn Elementary School.