

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Millburn School District 24

SPECIAL MEETING  
June 6, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Campbell  
Jane Gattone  
Scott Miller  
Joseph Pineau  
Robert Reding  
Lisa Scanio  
Chris Stream

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Ellen Mauer, Superintendent  
Elizabeth Keefe, Special Education Director  
Dr. Cheryl Kucera, Curriculum Director  
Joanne Rathunde, Technology Director  
Jake Jorgenson, Principal  
Jason Lind, Principal

BUSINESS MANAGER

Mary Taylor

VISITORS

Laura Brown  
Nancy Stream  
Anne Hoffman  
Erika Lindley  
Valerie Powley  
Bernadette Hanna

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Central School, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Robert Reding. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Scott Miller, Joseph Pineau, Robert Reding, Lisa Scanio and Chris Stream.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Robert Reding explained that the format for public comment would change starting with the June 20, 2011 meeting. At future meetings, public comment will be on the agenda only at the beginning of the meeting. However, the agenda for tonight's meeting allows for public comment at both the beginning and end of the meeting.

Mr. Reding asked for public comment. There was none at this time.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ED-RED PRESENTATION – Erika Lindley presented the Board with an overview of the goals and activities of Ed-Red, an organization that lobbies in Springfield on behalf of suburban school districts. She distributed the latest issue of the Ed-Red newsletter and discussed current legislative topics that affect education.

FACILITIES STUDY – The Board discussed the possibility of a Facilities Use Study, including the cost of such a study, the value of short-term and long-projections, and the best time to authorize such a study. The Board agreed to add the estimated cost of a Facilities

Use Study to next year's budget. Board Member Jane Gattone said she will work with the superintendent and business manager to screen potential businesses to conduct the study, and report to the Board in October.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPOSITORY – The Board reached a general consensus to designate State Bank of the Lakes as the school district depository. This item will be on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER – The Board reached a general consensus to appoint Roger Manderscheid as the school district treasurer. This appointment will be on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL – The Board reached a general consensus to appoint Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn as the district's legal representation. This appointment will be on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLISHER – The Board reached a general consensus to designate the Daily Herald as the publisher of district legal notices. This item will be on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

NEGOTIATION PLANNING – The Board discussed planning for negotiations with the teachers regarding their contract that expires June 30, 2012. Topics discussed included a timeline, possible training sessions, and who would be on the negotiation team. Board Members Joseph Pineau and Lisa Scanio agreed to serve on the Negotiation Committee. Dr. Ellen Mauer said she would contact the staff member who led the teachers' negotiation committee this past year, and inform her about the Board discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN – Dr. Ellen Mauer reported that more than 50 people attended the recent Community Engagement Day. Steps 1 and 2 of the Strategic Plan process are now complete. The Board agreed they would like to retain Linda Hansen as the facilitator for Step 3, which involves creating the plan and implementing the vision. Dr. Mauer said this was an option under the original contract previously approved by the Board. Dr. Mauer said she will contact Mrs. Hansen with this information.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY – The following policies were presented for a First Reading:

General Personnel – Solicitation By or From Staff 5:140

Instruction – Organization of Instruction 6:30

Community Relations – Connection with the Community 8:10

Community Relations – Public Suggestions and Concerns 8:110

These policies will be added to the Consent Agenda at the next Regular Board Meeting for a Second Reading and Approval.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH CURRICULUM – Dr. Cheryl Kucera presented the plan that will be implemented during the 2011-12 school year for teaching middle school math. The plan

provides more opportunities for accelerated coursework. It also aligns Millburn's math curriculum with the expectations of the public high schools, and new state standards.

UPDATE ON BUSINESS MANAGER SEARCH – Jason Lind reported that several highly qualified candidates applied for the position of Business Manager. He and Elizabeth Keefe screened 11 applicants. He intends to invite five candidates to return for second interviews within the next week.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Scott Miller to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Joseph Pineau, Lisa Scanio, Jane Gattone, Scott Miller, Diane Campbell, Chris Stream and Robert Reding. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. After a short break, the Executive Session began at 9:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Scott Miller to exit Executive Session. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Lisa Scanio, Jane Gattone, Scott Miller, Diane Campbell, Chris Stream, Robert Reding and Joseph Pineau. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 9:42 p.m.

#### SPECIAL MEETING RESUMES/ACTION ITEMS

It was noted that the Special Meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m.

WAIVER ON ADMINISTRATIVE COST LIMIT – A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Joseph Pineau to approve the Resolution for a Waiver on the Limitation of Administrative Costs. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Jane Gattone, Scott Miller, Diane Campbell, Chris Stream, Robert Reding, Joseph Pineau and Lisa Scanio. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

RE-APPROVE TECHNOLOGY LEASE – Dr. Ellen Mauer explained that at the Jan. 18, 2011 meeting the Board approved a technology lease with Apple by a 4-1 vote, with two Board Members absent. The district lawyers said that a 2/3 majority is needed, and asked that approval of the lease be voted on again. A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Diane Campbell to re-approve the Apple lease (Option 2). On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Scott Miller, Diane Campbell, Robert Reding, Joseph Pineau, Lisa Scanio and Jane Gattone. Nays: Chris Stream. Absent: none. The motion passed.

MAINTENANCE POSITION -- A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Chris Stream to hire **Phillip Churchill** for the full-time district maintenance position. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Diane Campbell, Chris Stream, Robert Reding, Joseph Pineau, Lisa Scanio, Jane Gattone and Scott Miller. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

RESIGNATION – A motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Jane Gattone to accept the resignation of **Elizabeth Jenkins**, full-time Grade 1 Teacher. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Chris Stream, Robert Reding, Joseph Pineau, Lisa Scanio, Jane Gattone, Scott Miller and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Laura Brown said some people who were not able to attend the Community Engagement Day are wondering when they can add their input to the process. She also spoke regarding the new format for Public Comments on Board Meetings. She said the end of the meeting is a good time to comment on what happened at the meeting. She said she is concerned that eliminating this time for Public Comment will close some lines of communication.

Valerie Powley said she would encourage the Board to ensure that the Strategic Plan Committee has representation from both schools. She also asked Board Members not to make comments that might indicate the district is “giving up” on Millburn West. She said these types of comments tend to divide the district, rather than bring the schools together.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lisa Scanio and seconded by Chris Stream to adjourn. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

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Robert A. Reding, President  
Board of Education  
Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:

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Chris K. Stream, Secretary  
Board of Education  
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