

MILLBURN C. C. SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carissa Casbon LaTourette, President
Jim Guziak, Secretary
Denise Ide, Member
Irshad Khan, Member
Brendan Murphy Member
Casandra Slade
Maggie Wentzell, Member

BOARD CLERK

Bernadette Hanna

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO
Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
Ben Walshire, Principal, MES

TREASURER

Gary White

VISITORS

Carol McGill
Tim McGrath, WOLD Architects
Teachers and Parents from John Powers School

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn Elementary School, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade. Absent: Maggie Wentzell.

It was noted that Maggie Wentzell entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several teachers and parents from John Powers School whose children are in the SEDOL Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) program spoke to the Board. They had concerns that if the program was moved to Millburn that the building and staff would not be prepared to assist the students as they are at John Powers.

ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS – none.

ACTION ITEMS

FY18 Property Tax Levy

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to adopt the FY18 Property Tax Levy as presented. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Retirement Incentives from 2015-18 MFT Contract

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide, to approve the MOU regarding the retirement incentives from the 2015-18 contract with Millburn Federation of Teachers. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)- Retirement Incentives from 2018-22 MFT Contract

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide, to approve the MOU regarding the retirement incentives from the 2018-22 contract with Millburn Federation of Teachers. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Administrative Structure

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide, to approve the administrative structure plan as presented. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Denise Ide; the following Board Member voted Nay: Maggie Wentzell; the following Board Member voted Present: Jim Guziak. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Tax Abatement Ordinance

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide, to approve the \$250,000 tax abatement as presented. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Brendan Murphy, Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon La Tourette, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan. Nays: Jim Guziak. Absent: none. The motion passed.

Board Expenses

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide, to approve the Board expenses totaling \$299.57 incurred from the Tri Conference, held in Chicago November 15-18, 2018. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Casandra Slade, Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes were pulled from the Consent Agenda to correct a spelling/grammar error. A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On a roll call vote the following members voted Aye: Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Irshad Khan, Brendan Murphy, Maggie Wentzell, Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

The Consent Agenda included:

- Bill Approval and Payment Authorization
- Treasurer's Report
- Activity Account
- Personnel Report
 - Resign
 - Marianne Peters – 1.0 FTE Nurse
 - Retirement
 - Geneen Hoetzer – 1.0 FTE Elementary PE Teacher effective 2022-23 SY
 - Gretchen Polenzani – 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher effective 2023-24
 - Bernadette Hanna – 1.0 FTE Office Manager effective 6-30-2019
 - Employ
 - Krista Greene - .8 FTE Nurse
 - Elizabeth Dean - .2 FTE Nurse
 - Devin Baker – Assistant Wrestling Coach
 - Cynthia Tellez Pineda – MBAC Counselor

Minutes

A motion was made by Casandra Slade, with a second by Denise Ide, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting and Closed Session of November 26, 2018 with the spelling/grammar correction. On a voice vote all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Housing SEDOL Deaf/Hard of Hearing at Millburn

Dr. Lind informed the Board that SEDOL's Long-range Planning Committee has started meeting to address the funding formula for SEDOL and space for their programs. May be asking for 11 classrooms at MES and 4 or 5 at MMS. They are looking for a guarantee of this space for ten years. Questions that would need to be addressed:

- What does that mean for our teachers?
- Do we have the necessary training?
- What is the impact on the district?
- Would classrooms have to be renovated?
- What is SEDOL's role?

More discussion will place on this topic and Dr. Lind will keep the Board informed.

Annual State of Affairs

The Annual State of Affairs will be published in the Daily Herald newspaper on November 30, 2018.

First Reading of Board Policy

The following policies received a first reading by the Board Members:

- 6:150 Instruction – Home and Hospital Instruction
- 7:270 Students – Administering Medicines to Students

The Board discussed the pros and cons of having an opioid antagonist and Epi-pens on hand in case of emergencies.

Board Agreements

The Board agreed on using the language presented at the last meeting regarding adding agenda items.

School Calendar for 2019-20

Dr. Lind presented the Board Members with a calendar with religious dates taken from the Lincolnshire school district student handbook. Many of these dates fall on weekends or breaks that are already planned. Two problems that arise are the animosity created among the groups and childcare conflicts for parents. After consulting with our attorney, Dr. Lind was told that the legal position is that you are not supposed to take off religious holidays unless you won't have enough students or staff in attendance. The attorney did not recommend it and most schools are going to a secular calendar so that no one is offended. Dr. Lind was looking for guidance from the Board about pursuing the calendar with religious holidays included or a secular calendar. Ms. Ide felt that secular is the way to go. Ms. Casbon LaTourette would like to teach about the different cultures without celebrating them.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- House Lease Lottery/Contract Renewal 2019-20
- License Agreement with Red Apple Academy, Inc. for 2019-20 SY
- Audit FY18
- Update on District Goals
- 2019 Summer Projects
- Registration, Activity/Club and Facilities Use Fee

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind reported the following in accordance with the District Goals:

- The district remains financially stable and solvent.
- The Champions for Equity group has met eight times and would like to continue their discussions. They are reading "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism" by Robin DiAngelo.
- Met with Northeastern Illinois University – Goodwin School of Education regarding short and long-term goals for improving the pipeline. A major concern for the school is they had 1,000 students in the education program and now have 100.
- Working on ELA curriculum at MES. Want to continue with ARC or look at another program.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns highlighted the following from his report:

- The boiler at MES is up and running
- Looking at energy savings programs
- Met with the Lindenhurst Planning Committee regarding Briarwood, a proposed 55 and older community about waiving impact fees.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Murphy reported that both the band and choir concerts were awesome. Ms. Wentzell complimented the choir directors on choosing pieces that were secular at MMS and at MMS; there were two Christian pieces and one Hanukkah. Ms. Ide added that they sang so beautifully.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Denise Ide, to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By: _____

President

Attest: _____

Secretary

January 28, 2019

Date