

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24
REGULAR BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING
February 24, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carissa Casbon LaTourette, President
Denise Ide, Vice President
Jim Guziak, Secretary
Sean Coleman
Stephen Gray
Brendan Murphy
Ardre Orie

BOARD CLERK

Veronica Lynn Willis

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO
Elizabeth Keef, Director of Special Education
Bennett Walshire, Principal, MES

TREASURER

Gary White

VISITORS

Kirsta Ehmke
Carol McGill

The Regular Board of Education 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 members in attendance: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Sean Coleman, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy and Ardre Orie. Absent: Stephen Gray

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADDITION of NON ACTION ITEMS

There were no addition of non action items.

It was noted that Stephen Gray entered the meeting at 7:03 PM

ACTION ITEMS

Second Reading and Approval of Board Policies

An amended motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to approve the second reading of Board Policies, with the pull of Policy 7:60 to include the omission of the section titled Request for Non-Resident Student Admission.

- 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 5:50 Drug - and Alcohol-Free Workplace
- 5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information
- 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
- 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
- 6:40 Curriculum Development
- 6:110 Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
- 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program
- 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
- 7:60 Residence

On a voice vote the following board members voted Aye: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy and Ardre Orie. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

Award the Contract for Millburn Summer 2020 Civil work to Lorusso Cement Contractors, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$186,000.00 along with Unit Price Numbers 1-5 and Alternates Numbers 1-2, for a total contract amount of \$322,100.00

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to award the contract for Millburn summer 2020 civil work to Lorusso Cement Contractors, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$186,000.00 along with unit price numbers 1-5 and alternate numbers 1-2, for a total contract amount of \$322,100.00. On a roll call vote the following board members voted Aye: Ardre Orie, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, and Brendan Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

Award the contract for the removal of an abandoned chimney and the associated roof repair to Camosy Incorporated for a total contract amount of \$8,155.00

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy to award the contract for the removal of an abandoned chimney and the associated roof repair to Camosy Incorporated for a total contract amount of \$8,155.00. On a roll call vote, the following board members voted Aye: Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy, and Ardre Orie. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

Award the contract for replacement of five (5) windows, a sliding patio door, and deck board replacement to Efraim Carlson & Son for a total of contract amount of \$21,650.00

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy to award the contract for replacement of five (5) windows, a sliding patio door, and deck board replacement to Efraim Carlson & Son for a total of contract amount of \$21,650.00. On a roll call vote, the following board members voted Aye: Stephen Gray, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy, Ardre Orie, and Carissa Casbon LaTourette. Nays: Jim Guziak and Sean Coleman. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Approve the National Geographic Social Studies Pilot for MMS

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to approve the National Geographic Social Studies Pilot for MMS. On a voice vote, the following board members voted Aye: Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy, Ardre Orie, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Sean Coleman, and Stephen Gray. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

Tax Abatement Ordinance

A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Stephen Gray, to approve the tax abatement ordinance in the amount of \$50,000.00. On a roll call vote, the following board members voted Aye: Brendan Murphy, Ardre Orie, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, and Denise Ide. Nays: Jim Guziak. Absent: None. The motion passed.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Denise Ide, with a second by Brendan Murphy, to approve the Consent Agenda. On a roll call vote, the following board members voted Aye: Ardre Orie, Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, and Brendan Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

Consent Agenda

- Treasurer's Report and Approval
- Bill Approval and Payment Authorization
- Activity Account
- Personnel Report

Employ: Susan Frank - Substitute
Neil Schmitt - MES Custodian
Jennifer Haley - Substitute **Pending Background Check Results**

Position Change: Heather Speck - MES Custodian to MBAC Counselor

It was noted that Gary White exited the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

FOIA Requests

A FOIA Request was received from Northeastern Regional Group which requested public basic identifying information for all employees.

District Goals Update

Dr. Lind presented the approved district goals from July/August 2019. He linked a report that provided the dates that Ali Hearn would be scheduled to work with staff. Ali has been in the district for the last 7 days working with different aspects of the district. He then reviewed providing ELA supports at the first and fifth grade levels, services will be provided by a consultant for twenty days this year. Each visit has averaged about 3 days thus far. Melissa Lowrance is a teacher on special assignment working daily with staff and each teacher group so there is continuity. The district is close to being successfully removed from ISBE's financial watch list. The district's Martin Luther King Breakfast was successful. There is some work to do on some of the goals.

Solar Panel Updates

Dr. Lind sent information regarding solar panels in the board notes. Dr. Lin recommends talking about them in the future when the price decreases.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Press Policy Updates
- SEDOL Discussion

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Lind presented during information/discussion.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Johns provided his detailed report via email.

BOARD REPORTS

Sean Coleman reported the wrestling program is going well. Mr. Coleman attended a tournament this weekend and observed the students being well behaved. Mr. Coleman added hats off to the coaches as he is looking forward to Regionals.

Stephen Gray attended a 7th grade basketball game about a week and a half ago and noted how well it went. He also attended the first grade concert and added Mr. Gorr was outstanding.

Stephen Gray also reported the talent show at MMS was incredible. There is a lot of student talent. Middle school students were a class act and Jake Jorgenson, MMS Principal, did a great job

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Denise Ide, to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

On a roll call vote the following members voted Aye: Carissa Casbon LaTourette, Sean Coleman, Stephen Gray, Jim Guziak, Denise Ide, Brendan Murphy and Andre Orie. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed and the Board entered into Closed Session at 9:18 p.m.

It was noted that all visitors exited the meeting at this time.


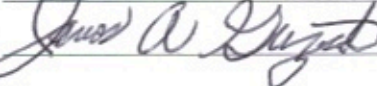
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Denise Ide, to return to Open Session. On a voice vote all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed. The Board entered into Open Session at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Carissa Casbon LaTourette, with a second by Brendan Murphy to adjourn the Regular Meeting. On a voice vote all Members voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By:  President
Attest:  Secretary

March 16, 2020
Date