

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

SPECIAL MEETING
March 8, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Buehler
Diane Campbell
Kenneth Dewitt
Shawn Lahr
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

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

VISITORS

Scott Miller	Nancy Reding
Meghan Konicki	Mark Ansle
Pam Ainslie	Bernadette Hanna
Cheryl Drake	Jane Gattone
Steven Loos	Tom Heinrich
Georgene Loos	Nomita Umarwadia
Joan Green	Christine Jones
Laura Brown	Cindy Brugioni
Joe Pineau	Jay Kao
Rachel Nichols	Carla Blanchard

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Millburn School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, held at Millburn West School, was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Robert Buehler. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Robert Buehler, Diane Campbell, Kenneth Dewitt, Shawn Lahr, Robert Reding, Lisa Scanio and Chris Stream.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Scott Miller asked when the district will be able to bring back educators, and when class sizes will be able to start decreasing. He also asked how long increased class sizes are sustainable before there is a decrease in the quality of education.

ACTION ITEMS

HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF TEACHERS ON CONTRACTUAL CONTINUED SERVICE –

A motion was made by Chris Stream and seconded by Kenneth Dewitt to approve the Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Teachers on Contractual Continued Service: Heidi Anderson, Keiko Johnson and Ann Souza. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Chris Stream, Kenneth Dewitt, Robert Buehler, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Diane Campbell and Shawn Lahr. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

DISMISSAL OF FOURTH-YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHERS – A motion was made by Kenneth Dewitt and seconded by Robert Reding to approve the Resolution for Dismissal of Fourth-Year Probationary Teachers for Financial Reasons: Lisa Anderson, Lorie Cipolla, Becky Curran, Sara Glade, Paul Hedlund, Carol Keller, Heather Kline, Leah Langanke, Mary LeMieux and Emily Summers. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Kenneth Dewitt, Robert Buehler, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Diane Campbell, Shawn Lahr and Chris Stream. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

NON-REEMPLOYMENT OF FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD-YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHERS – A motion was made by Shawn Lahr and seconded by Diane Campbell to approve the Resolution for Non-Reemployment of First, Second and Third-Year Probationary Teachers: Elizabeth Boron, Jenifer Carter, Dana Ready, Cynthia Gallagher, Randee Harger, Adam Jarvis, Maureen Jepsen and Andrea Rouse. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Robert Buehler, Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Diane Campbell, Shawn Lahr, Chris Stream and Kenneth Dewitt. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

NON-REEMPLOYMENT OF PART-TIME TEACHERS – A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Shawn Lahr to approve the Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Part-Time Teachers: Julie O'Connor, Brigid Tuley and Shoundra Washington. On a roll call vote the following Board Members voted Aye: Lisa Scanio, Robert Reding, Diane Campbell, Shawn Lahr, Chris Stream, Kenneth Dewitt and Robert Buehler. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

It was noted that Jake Jorgenson entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

PRESENTATION ON TRIMESTERS – Teachers Nancy Reding and Meghan Konicki gave a presentation on switching to a school year based on trimesters, instead of the current quarterly system. The presentation included information regarding which Lake County schools use trimesters, the results of a Millburn staff survey, and the benefits of making a change. Dr. Ellen Mauer said the change to trimesters will be in place for Kindergarten through Grade 5 next year. Grades 6-8 will continue on quarters.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – Howard Crouse of PMA presented the latest financial projections for the district. They included updated figures on the district's Equalized Assessed Valuation and the Consumer Price Index, and also took into consideration the staff cuts and increased fees for next year. Mr. Crouse said these actions have had a positive financial impact on the district.

ENERGY AUDIT – Shawn Lahr presented information he obtained from the Illinois Smart Energy Design Assistance Center. Board Members will review this information, in addition to information presented previously by Fanning Howey. It will be discussed at a future Board Meeting.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH – Jason Lind said the job opening for principal of Millburn Central School has been posted, and more than 30 applications have been received to date. Parents and staff were invited to complete an online survey. Results from the survey were used to create the candidate profile. The goal is to have a final candidate to present to the Board for approval at the May 16 meeting.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF FEB. 7, 2011 – The Board discussed the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Feb. 7, 2011, which included verbatim comments made during a roll call vote. Issues discussed included: whether comments should be made once the discussion has ended; if there is a precedent for including in the Minutes comments made during a roll call vote; whether the attorney had reviewed the comments; whether comments should be added for personal reasons; and the official purpose of the Minutes. The Board Clerk was asked to resubmit the Minutes as originally written. Approval of the Minutes will be included on the next Regular Meeting agenda.

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

- Instruction – 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- Instruction – 6:40 Curriculum Development
- Instruction – 6:110 Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
- Instruction – 6:130 Program for the Gifted
- Instruction – 6:140 Education of Homeless Children
- Instruction – 6:160 English Language Learners

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Laura Brown reminded those present that the PTOs of both schools were sponsoring a Meet the Candidates forum on March 10. All candidates on the ballot in the upcoming School Board election have been invited. She asked if a phone call could be made to all parents to remind them to vote in the election. She also requested video streaming of Board meetings.

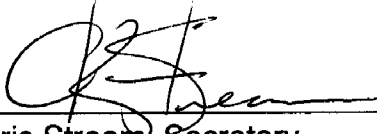
STRATEGIC PLAN – Lisa Scanio reported that the Strategic Plan survey has been distributed via email, and is also available on the district website. She encouraged everyone to complete the survey. The results will be used to determine areas of importance to the community as the Strategic Plan moves forward.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Robert Buehler, President
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:



Chris Stream, Secretary
Board of Education
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Date