

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
March 11, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Nichol Mangino
Scott Miller
Joseph Pineau
Robert Reding

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent
Dr. Stephen Johns, Business Manager
Joanne Rathunde, Technology Director
Elizabeth Keefe, Special Services Director
Marybeth DeLaMar, Principal
Jake Jorgenson, Principal

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Bernadette Hanna

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

VISITORS

Jim Menzer	David Schroeder
Zach Timmerman	Lynn Timmerman
Tyler Spriegel	Jordan Spriegel
Kyle Spriegel	Ed Spriegel
Alex Moran	

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – There was none.

RECOGNITION – Supt. Jason Lind congratulated three middle school students who recently qualified for and participated in the state wrestling meet: Zach Timmerman, Jordan Spriegel and Alex Moran. Supt. Lind said the boys had a great season, performed admirably at the tournament and represented Millburn well. Coaches David Schroeder and Jim Menzer listed some of the boys' individual accomplishments, and thanked them and their parents for their commitment to the program.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACTIVITY FEES – Supt. Jason Lind presented the Board with data on the number of students participating in school-sponsored activities, the cost of the programs, and the amount of revenue collected through Activity Fees. The Board discussed various aspects of the topic, including:

- The effect of increased fees on the participation numbers
- Feedback from parents
- Covering program costs
- Quality of programs
- Ability to pay and collect fees

Supt. Lind said his recommendation is that Activity Fees remain the same for next school year. The Board will take action on Activity Fees at the next Regular Meeting.

ACTIVITY BUS FEES – Supt. Jason Lind said he would provide more data at the next meeting on the Activity Bus Fees. The Board also asked Dr. Stephen Johns to review the state policy regarding busing and busing fees.

REFERENDUM INFORMATION SESSIONS – Supt. Jason Lind said two public Information Sessions have been scheduled to discuss the upcoming referendum. They will be on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at Millburn Elementary, and on Saturday, March 16, at 10 a.m. at Millburn Middle School. The Board discussed various facets of the referendum including the following:

- Clarifying to the voters that any increased revenue will go to the district, not the state
- How any increased revenue will be spent
- Positive feedback about the newsletter that was mailed to district residents
- Changes in public opinion since the last referendum

BOARD MEETING DATES – The Board discussed the possibility of changing the Board Meeting day for next year. Issues to consider include:

- Conflict with the SEDOL Governing Board meetings
- Board Members' ability to attend
- Timing to prepare and post Board agendas and documents
- Conflicts with many holidays on Mondays

A final decision will not be made until after the School Board election in April and new Board Members are seated.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future Board Meeting agenda items include: Lease of the school-owned house; and two overnight field trips-- Eighth Grade Trip to Springfield, and the Water Rafting Trip, both in May.

BOARD REPORTS

Diane Campbell reported on the recent SEDOL Governing Board meeting that included a presentation on academic assessments. The SEDOL budget will be presented at its meeting on June 12. Ms. Campbell also reported that she has been named to the Nominating Committee for the SEDOL Executive Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind reported on a Legislative Roundtable he attended earlier in the day. He summarized information discussed at the meeting regarding school funding, pension reform and special education regulations.

After the Legislative Roundtable, Supt. Lind and Board President Robert Reding met with the Editorial Board of the Daily Herald. The newspaper had invited Supt. Lind to attend an interview concerning the Millburn referendum. The newspaper is considering whether it will endorse the referendum.

Supt. Lind also reported that he and Dr. Stephen Johns met recently with Mark Anderson, the state consultant assigned to monitor the district's financial situation. They discussed the outlook for state funding, including proposed cuts to transportation funding.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns reported that the district issued a Tax Anticipation Warrant in the amount of \$500,000 on Feb. 27. He said he anticipates that the district will issue a second \$500,000 TAW during March. Dr. Johns also reported on health, dental, vision and life insurance rates for 2013-14; the beginning of budget discussions for FY 2014; and maintenance work that was completed on the boilers in both schools.

It was noted that Elizabeth Keefe, Joanne Rathunde, Marybeth DeLaMar, Jake Jorgenson and Bernadette Hanna exited the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The Board Members took a short break before entering into Executive Session.

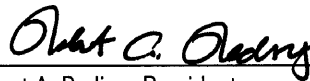
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Joseph Pineau and seconded by Diane Campbell to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to 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. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Scott Miller, Nichol Mangino, Joseph Pineau, Robert Reding, Jane Gattone and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Joseph Pineau to exit Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 10:25 p.m.

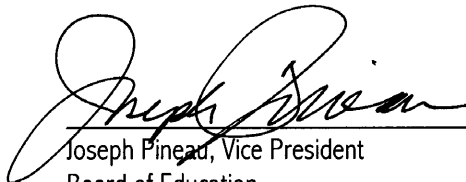
COMMITTEE MEETING RESUMES

There being no further business, a motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Jane Gattone to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Chris Stream. The motion passed. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.



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

ATTEST:



Joseph Pineau, Vice President
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

3/20/13

Date