

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 1, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Ball
Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Nichol Mangino
Scott Miller
Trak Patel
Joseph Pineau

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Bernadette Hanna

VISITORS

Carol McGill
Judy Calhoun
Denise Oswald

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 7:45 p.m. by President Joseph Pineau. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Greg Ball, Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Nichol Mangino, Scott Miller, Trak Patel and Joseph Pineau.

PUBLIC COMMENT — There was none.

ADDITION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS — There was none.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMPUTER REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE — Supt. Jason Lind said that the laptop computers being used by the general education teachers have been in service for five years, although the usual replacement cycle is three years. Many of the computers are in need of repair and lack the ability to run necessary software. In the past the district would use the equity in the computer lease to purchase new laptops. However, Supt. Lind explained that the computers can be purchased outright without extending the computer lease. This will save the district \$6,000 in interest. It was noted that new computers were purchased last year for the special education teachers through a grant. It also was pointed out that the older laptops will be saved for student use and for salvageable parts.

RETAFFING SPECIAL EDUCATION — Supt. Jason Lind recommended that a 0.7 FTE Learning Disability Teacher position be increased to full-time next school year. He said this can be funded without increasing the special education budget because a 0.4 FTE Occupational Therapist position was not filled this year. Supt. Lind said the need was greater for LD services. This will be an action item on the next Regular Board Meeting agenda.

CROSSING GUARDS — Supt. Lind said he is recommending that the two crossing guard positions be eliminated at the Middle School. The number of crossing guards was decreased from three to two for this year because of the grade level reconfiguration of the school buildings. The only students walking to school now are middle school students. Supt. Lind said the cost of the guards this year is about \$10,000.

MATCHING GRANT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS — Supt. Jason Lind explained that the state is again offering a \$50,000 matching grant for capital improvements. Millburn was awarded a similar grant this year that has been designated for roof repairs. Dr. Stephen Johns said he is researching the possibility of applying for another grant, and determining if there is a \$100,000 project that would meet the grant criteria.

FIRST READING OF POLICY – The Board reviewed the update to Policy 6:60 Instruction Comprehensive Health Education Program. The update includes new procedures requiring age-appropriate health education about sexual abuse and assault prevention. The Board must have a Second Reading of the new policy before it is adopted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Supt. Jason Lind reviewed upcoming agenda items including:

- An expected teacher resignation
- Offering an open PE position to a teacher that was non-renewed two years ago.
- Appointment of a district Depository, Treasurer, Legal Counsel and Newspaper Publisher
- Approval of Memberships—IASB, Lake County Educational Service Center
- Hiring of summer custodial help

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Supt. Jason Lind asked Principal Marybeth DeLaMar to report on a charitable fundraiser held today at Millburn Elementary. Students in grades K-5 participated in a Hop-a-thon to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event also was designed to raise awareness of physical differences and to encourage the traits of acceptance and tolerance. The event was part of a PBIS celebration and was also a show of support for a Millburn third grader with muscular dystrophy. Last month during an assembly, students learned about the disease, including a personal presentation by the Millburn student who has MD. Today's activities included all teachers and students doing the Bunny Hop to music provided by a deejay. Also, Social Worker Elizabeth Boron allowed students to cut her hair, which she donated to charity.

Supt. Lind also reported on a workshop he attended with Technology Director Joanne Rathunde. The workshop focused on how to plan and implement a one-to-one initiative, in which each student is assigned a computer device.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT – Dr. Stephen Johns reviewed a few items on the Business Office report including required OSHA training for the custodial and maintenance staff; core samples being taken in preparation for parking lot repairs; and a workshop he attended regarding school districts' unfunded liability for the IMRF pension.

It was noted that Joanne Rathunde, Marybeth DeLaMar, Jake Jorgenson and Bernadette Hanna exited the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

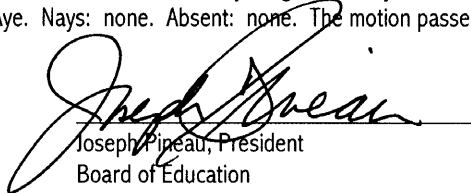
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Jane Gattone to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment, employment or compensation of employees of the public body (5ILCS 120/1 et seq). On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Scott Miller, Greg Ball, Trak Patel, Joseph Pineau, Jane Gattone, Nichol Mangino and Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Nichol Mangino to exit Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 8:52 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING RESUMES

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Greg Ball to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.


Joseph Pineau, President
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:

 5.22.13
Greg Ball, Secretary
Board of Education
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Date