

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
April 14, 2014

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
Elizabeth Keefe, Special Services Director
Joanne Rathunde, Technology Director
Jake Jorgenson, Principal
Dr. Marybeth Whitney-DeLaMar, Principal

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Bernadette Hanna

VISITORS

Susan Reid	Judy Calhoun
Carol McGill	Chris Urban

A Committee of the Whole 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 p.m. by President Joseph Pineau. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Nichol Mangino, Scott Miller, Trak Patel and Joseph Pineau. Greg Ball arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Because Board Secretary Greg Ball was absent when attendance was taken, it was decided to name a Secretary Pro Tem. A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Scott Miller to name Trak Patel as the Secretary Pro Tem. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Greg Ball. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Susan Reid of Tria Architecture said her firm is in receipt of Millburn's request to apply for the district's Architect of Record. She said they participated in the recent tour of the facilities and are very interested in the opportunity. She said she also is personally interested because she is a resident of Lindenhurst.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – There were none.

RECOGNITION – There was none.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

EARLY DISMISSALS – Supt. Jason Lind summarized the recent discussions concerning a proposal to increase the number of Early Dismissals in the school calendar. He said the proposal was in response to a need to give teachers more time for curriculum building, training and articulation across grade levels. He presented the Board with data concerning the current number of hours available to staff for these types of activities, and what an expanded plan might provide. He explained that he has been discussing this information with the administration team and the staff. The topic also was discussed with parents at two recent community forums. Although he still strongly believes more time is needed for staff articulation and development, he is recommending that the proposal be delayed a year. This would give the administration time to prepare a detailed plan of how additional time would be used, and there would be more time to communicate with parents. The Board agreed to revisit the topic in November, with possible implementation in School Year 2015-16.

SUMMER PROJECTS – Dr. Stephen Johns presented a list of summer projects, including routine maintenance and additional proposed projects. He is in the process of prioritizing the projects and compiling cost estimates. A question was raised concerning parking lot repairs. Dr. Johns said the parking lot improvements will be planned once the Architect of Record is named. He also is meeting with Technology Director Joanne Rathunde to prepare further information on the scope and cost of technology infrastructure projects.

SUMMER HIRING – Supt. Jason Lind reviewed the steps taken last year for adding additional custodial help during the summer, and said similar steps would be taken this year. Options include temporarily increasing the hours of current part-time custodial staff, and hiring students for summer help. Open positions will be advertised on the district website. Applicants with Millburn experience will not be interviewed. Recommendations will be based on their prior work record. Dr. Stephen Johns said he will research information comparing the number of additional hours spent last year on summer projects to the number of hours proposed for this year.

SHARED SERVICES – Supt. Jason Lind reported that he has been discussing the possibility of sharing a grant writer with Grayslake and other area school districts. However, he explained that there are several challenges to making this type of position work effectively. To date, there have not been any applicants for the position. Also, many of the available grants include restrictions that limit the benefits. Supt. Lind said he will continue to explore possibilities, but there has been no commitment made at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include:

- Lake County Educational Services Cooperative Membership
- Illinois Association of School Boards Membership
- Selection of Architect of Record
- Amend Official School Calendar 2013-14 School Year
- Set Board Meeting Dates

BOARD REPORT

It was noted that the Staff Appreciation event hosted by the School Board has been scheduled for May 6. It will begin at 3 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind reported on several items, including the following:

- Millburn 8th grader Sydney Janda won the Best in Show award for the third year in a row at the Antioch Art Fair.
- The Millburn Choir participated in a recent concert at Lakes High School with all of the Dist. 117 feeder schools.
- Millburn hosted a meeting today with two state senators and several area school superintendents to discuss school funding. Supt. Lind presented information showing how individual districts are impacted differently by cuts in general state aid.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns reviewed the Business Office Report. He highlighted information on the possibility of the need for a Budget amendment, the property tax levy, and the Tax Anticipation Warrant borrowing and payback outlook.

It was noted that Dr. Stephen Johns, Elizabeth Keefe, Joanne Rathunde, Dr. Whitney- DeLaMar, Jake Jorgenson and Bernadette Hanna exited the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

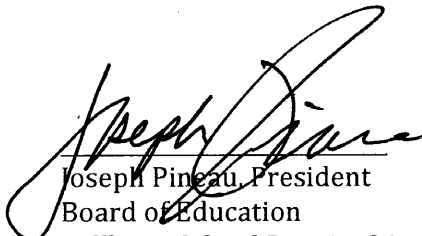
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Nichol Mangino 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 and for consideration and discussion of "student disciplinary cases" and other matters relating to individual students. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Trak Patel, Greg Ball, Scott Miller, Diane Campbell, Joseph Pineau, Jane Gattone and Nichol Mangino. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 8:47 p.m.

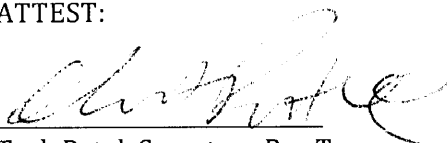
A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Joseph Pineau to exit Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE MEETING RESUMES

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Nichol Mangino 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 meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.


Joseph Pineau, President
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:


Trak Patel, Secretary Pro Tem
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

4-28-14

Date