

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Dec. 8, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Ball
Jane Gattone
Nichol Mangino
Joseph Pineau
Casandra Slade

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Bernadette Hanna

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
Bennett Walshire, Principal

VISITORS

Carol McGill
Sandra Hessing
Dana Booker
M. David Cain

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 7:03 p.m. by President Joseph Pineau. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Greg Ball, Jane Gattone, Joseph Pineau and Casandra Slade. Nichol Mangino arrived about 7:10 p.m. Diane Campbell and Trak Patel were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – There were none.

RECOGNITION – Supt. Jason Lind recognized three special education teachers: Sandra Hessing, who teaches a multi-age class; and Dana Booker and Rachel Hanson, who teach Structured Learning Program (SLP) classes. He said they displayed hard work and innovation while implementing a Community-Based Instruction program this year. Supt. Lind said there would be a presentation about the program later in the meeting.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

AUDIT REVIEW – M. David Cain of Milburn Cain & Co. reviewed the results of the district's 2014 Audit. It was noted that the results of the audit work support the issuance of an unmodified opinion. Mr. Cain also presented an analysis of the district's contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. He answered Board Members questions concerning various fund balances and financial statements included in the audit. The 2014 Audit Report will be posted on the district website.

COMMUNITY-BASED INSTRUCTION – Special education teachers Sandra Hessing and Dana Booker gave a presentation to the Board to explain Community-Based Instruction. The

program helps students develop appropriate skills for functioning outside the school environment. Once a month, the teachers plan an outing for their students to expand their experiences in the community. The students prepare and practice in class in the weeks ahead of their outing, emphasizing skills such as communication and social interaction. Outings so far this year have included trips to a pumpkin farm, a fire and police department, and a grocery store. The students are currently preparing for a trip in which they will take a Pace bus to a local shopping center. Students are learning how to place an order at a restaurant and how to pay for a purchase. The goal is to give students real-life experiences that will help them as they eventually transition into adulthood.

BUS LEASE – Dr. Stephen Johns explained that the current three-year bus lease ends July 2015. The district can seek bids for a new lease, but bidding is not required because the buses will be used, not new. Dr. Johns presented five pricing options he has received from Midwest Transit, the company that currently leases buses to the district. Options were based on either 3- or 4-year leases, either keeping or trading in one of the smaller buses, and possibly decreasing the total number of buses. The Board discussed other factors such as warranties, new vs. used vehicles, and installation of cameras and heaters. Action on a new bus lease will be on the agenda of an upcoming Board meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Nichol Mangino reported on a meeting that she attended today with Supt. Jason Lind concerning Vision 20/20. This is a coalition of public educators committed to supporting and promoting an education system that meets the needs of all students. The organization has identified four priorities: highly effective educators, 21st Century learning, shared accountability, and equitable and adequate funding. The coalition is circulating a petition to build support for its goals, and is organizing a summit meeting Feb. 17 and 18, 2015 in Springfield.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Dr. Stephen Johns discussed a program being offered through the Smart Energy Design Center (SEDAC) that identifies HVAC and lighting changes that will result in energy savings. He also continued discussion on the topic of the IMRF Unfunded Accrued Liability that was brought up by the auditor earlier in the meeting. Dr. Johns pointed out that he included \$50,000 in the budget that can be used to pay down the liability. If the Board wants to submit the optional payment, it would have to be authorized at the Dec. 15, 2014 Board meeting. Finally, Dr. Johns informed the Board that PMA would be making a presentation at the next Board meeting to review the base five-year financial projection of the district.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Jason Lind said he had nothing further to report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

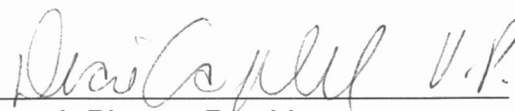
Future agenda items include:

- Bus Lease
- PMA financial presentation
- Additional voluntary payment to IMRF
- Master Facilities Plan presentation
- Fee discussion: Activity, Registration, Building Use

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board determined that there was no need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nichol Mangino 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: Diane Campbell and Trak Patel. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.



Joseph Pineau, President
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:



Greg Ball, Secretary
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24



Date