

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Millburn School District 24

SPECIAL MEETING
March 14, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Ball (via speaker phone)
Diane Campbell
Jane Gattone
Carissa LaTourette
Nichol Mangino
Trak Patel

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

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Bernadette Hanna

BOARD CLERK

Dorothy Pazanin

VISITORS

Carol McGill	Carole Machnics
Jean Vargas	Patricia Martin
Deborah Pineau	Joseph Pineau
Jen Roberts	Alicia Keys
Suzanne Dekorsi	Charlene Johnsos
Carine Lancaster	

A Special 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 Jane Gattone. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Diane Campbell, Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette, Nichol Mangino and Trak Patel. It was noted that Greg Ball joined the meeting via speaker phone about 7:10 p.m. Casandra Slade was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jen Roberts and Deborah Pineau addressed the Board, saying they wanted to raise the level of awareness about how the Millburn education system responds to a certain group of children, specifically those with ADD and ADHD. They would like to see Millburn adopt a system that is individualized and personalized, rather than one that is built around the “average.” They suggested Millburn focus on several areas such as increasing staff training, offering seminars and family workshops, providing easily accessible resources, sharing successful strategies, hosting guest speakers, adjusting class schedules, adopting new testing methods, and improving communication between teachers and parents. They emphasized that Power School is an important communication tool that should be updated in a timely fashion, and asked that homework be posted on the website. They also asked that teachers improve communication with the students by avoiding negative comments and building a mutual trust. In summary, they challenged Millburn to recognize that everyone learns differently, and to find a way to ignite excitement for learning in every student. The Board asked Ms. Roberts and Ms. Pineau for a copy of their written statement, which the speakers agreed to provide. It was noted that Elizabeth Keefe entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

LIFE SAFETY SURVEY – Charlene Johnsos of Fanning Howey reported that the district’s Ten-Year Life Safety Plan has been submitted to the state. Two items were added to the document that was presented previously to the Board. These items are video cameras at both school buildings and a new phone system at Millburn Elementary. This will allow the district to use Life Safety Funds for these projects if it is decided to proceed with them sometime in the next ten years. A motion was made by Carissa LaTourette and seconded by Nichol Mangino to Approve the Application for the Ten-Year Life Safety Survey. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Nichol Mangino, Jane Gattone, Greg Ball, Diane Campbell, Trak Patel and Carissa LaTourette. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed.

PAVING/LANDSCAPING CONTRACT – Charlene Johnsos reported that five bids were received for the Paving/Landscape project. Pricing was very competitive, which allowed all five alternates to be included in the contract. A motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Trak Patel to award the Paving/Landscaping bid to Maneval Construction Co. of Ingleside, including all five alternates, for a cost of \$320,150. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Jane Gattone, Greg Ball, Diane Campbell, Trak Patel, Carissa LaTourette and Nichol Mangino. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed.

LIGHTING/ELECTRICAL CONTRACT – Dr. Stephen Johns said five bids were received for the Lighting/Electrical project. A motion was made by Nichol Mangino and seconded by Diane Campbell to award the Lighting/Electrical bid to Foresite Electric of Wauconda for a cost of \$387,130. On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Greg Ball, Diane Campbell, Trak Patel, Carissa LaTourette, Nichol Mangino and Jane Gattone. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed.

It was noted that Dr. Stephen Johns, Elizabeth Keefe, Joanne Rathunde, Jake Jorgenson, Bennet Walshire, Bernadette Hanna, and all Visitors exited the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

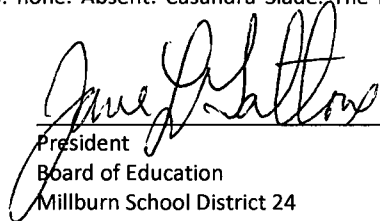
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Diane Campbell to enter into Executive Session to discuss 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: Diane Campbell, Trak Patel, Carissa LaTourette, Nichol Mangino, Jane Gattone and Greg Ball. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The Executive Session began at 7:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Trak Patel to adjourn the Executive Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The Executive Session ended at 8:22 p.m.

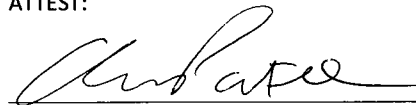
RESUME SPECIAL MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Diane Campbell to adjourn the Special Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Casandra Slade. The motion passed. The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



President
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

ATTEST:



Secretary
Board of Education
Millburn School District 24

3-29-16

Date