

MILLBURN C. C. SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Meeting

February 13, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Gattone, President
Diane Campbell, Member
Carissa LaTourette, Member
Casandra Slade, Member

BOARD CLERK

Bernadette Hanna

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jason Lind, Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Johns, Business Manager/CSBO
Joanne Rathunde, Director of Technology
Elizabeth Keefe, Director of Special Services
Jake Jorgenson, Principal, MMS
Ben Walshire, Principal, MES

VISITORS

Sandy Jacobs	Jim Guziak
Nichol Mangino	Maggie Wentzell
Cathy Duffy	Carol McGill

The 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 7:02 p.m. by President Jane Gattone. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members in attendance: Jane Gattone, Diane Campbell, Carissa LaTourette, Casandra Slade. Absent: Trak Patel, Heath Rosten.

Ms. LaTourette was appointed as Secretary Pro-Tem for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comments.

RECOGNITION – Dr. Lind recognized two guests. Mr. Jim Guziak is running for a position on the school board in the April 4th Election. Ms. Wentzell submitted her resume for consideration of the open position on the board vacated by Nichol Mangino.

Ms. Mangino was presented with a plaque by Ms. Gattone for her service to the board as a member and as vice president.

ADDITION of DISCUSSION ITEMS - there were none.

PRESENTATION

Camp Timber-Lee – Sixth Grade Outdoor Education

After a brief introduction by sixth grade teacher Mrs. Jacobs about Camp Timber-Lee, a video montage was shown. The students are at the camp for three days and two nights. The teachers enjoy seeing the students in a different way. They see talents that don't show up in the classroom.

Response to Intervention (RtI)

This presentation is tabled until the March Committee of the Whole.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Projections - Drs. Lind and Johns have worked very hard on the projections that were presented to the Board. The district is losing state aid by 13% due to dropping enrollment. More information is needed before informed decisions can be made.

Building Use, Activities, Club, Transportation Fees for 2017-18

The Board discussed fees and whether or not they should be raised, lowered, or if caps should be in place for students in multiple activities, or a family cap. Dr. Lind presented the Board with a handout that indicated how many students participate in activities. Currently participating in activities are 71% in sixth grade, 68% in seventh grade, and 88% in eighth grade.

The Board also discussed a flat fee for university/college classes per meeting.

House Lease Procedures

Dr. Lind gave a brief background about the house and property the district owns next door to the school. The district employee who lives in the house is responsible for doing building checks on both schools on the weekends and some holidays. This involves unsetting and resetting the alarms at prescribed times and checking the buildings to make sure they are safe and secure. In exchange for this commitment, no rent is charged. This is a savings to the school district in two ways: we no longer pay overtime to custodians for this service and we do not have to pay taxes on the property (house and 7 acres) since we do not charge a rental fee.

A lottery system is used for those district employees who are interested in living in the home. Dr. Lind made some changes to the procedures for the lottery system used when the current lease ends. The lottery will be held in September 2017 to take occupancy in July 2018.

Board Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure

Board Members discussed editing this policy by putting limits on the number of times a board member can conference in via video/audio. Ms. Slade and Ms. LaTourette will review this.

BOARD REPORTS – none

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – none.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT – none.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2017 Base Cash Flow
- Draft 2017 Summer Projects (March COW)
- Policy 2:220

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Jane Gattone and seconded by Diane Campbell, to enter into Closed Session to discuss:

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and,

The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

On a roll call vote, the following Board Members voted Aye: Jane Gattone, Carissa LaTourette, Casandra Slade, Diane Campbell. Nays: none. Absent: Trak Patel, Heath Rosten. The motion passed. The Closed Session began at 8:32 p.m.

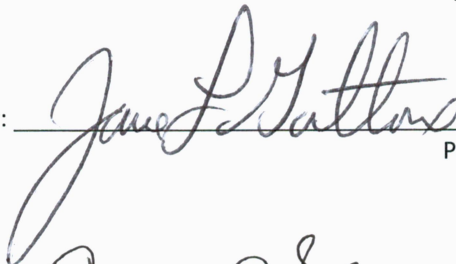
It was noted that Dr. Johns, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Jorgenson, Mr. Walshire, Ms. Rathunde and all visitors exited the meeting at this time.

A motion was made by Diane Campbell, seconded by Carissa LaTourette, to exit Closed Session. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Trak Patel, Heath Rosten. The motion passed. The Closed Session ended at 9:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jane Gattone, second by Carissa LaTourette, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. On a voice vote, all Board Members voted Aye. Nays: none. Absent: Trak Patel, Heath Rosten. The motion passed. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Board of Education
Millburn School District 24
Lake County, Illinois

By:  President

Attest:  Secretary

February 27, 2017
Date