

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Of the Board of Education
Riverside School District No. 96
Held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Hollywood Elementary School

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20-412 A. President Wesley Muirheid called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m., and on roll call, the following members were recorded as being present:

	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	Mr. Marhoul

Also in attendance were Superintendent Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Teaching and Learning Angela Dolezal, Director of Special Education & Student Services Nora Geraghty, Director of Finance Jim Fitton, Director of Technology Don Tufano, Hollywood Principal Kim Hefner, the Board of Education recording clerk, and a Riverside TV videographer.

20-413 B. A motion was made by Ms. Gunn and supported by Mr. Hunt to adjourn to Closed Session for the following reasons:

- The** appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

- Collective** negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
	Mr. Marhoul, arrived at 6:20 pm
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	None
Nays:	None

C. Return to Open Session.

D. Public Comment/Response.

There were no public comments.

E. Welcome to Hollywood Elementary School.

- Principal Hefner shared how wonderful it is to have the board of education hold tonight's Committee of the Whole meeting at Hollywood School. Because they rotate the monthly committee meetings, she feels included and that she belongs. That is the theme of Hollywood School ~ for all students and community members to feel welcome and that they belong.
- Board members received a "There's No Place Like Hollywood" notepad!
- There would be no place like Hollywood School without the board of education or their child-centered decision-making.
- The board thanked Principal Hefner for this welcome.

F. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

G. Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee - Mr. Barsotti.

- a. Budget Calendar.
 - Director of Finance Jim Fitton shared the proposed budget calendar with the Riverside School District Board of Education. The administrative staff will bring it back to the board for a vote at the March 20 board meeting.
- b. Financial Projections.
 - Director of Finance Jim Fitton shared financial projections with the board. The business office used the audit to update the predictions for tonight's presentation. Five FTE staffing additions were added to the projections.
 - It was noted that the district is coming to the end of its capital project drawdowns.
- c. Technology Update.
 - Director of Technology Don Tufano highlighted the upcoming technology-related projects and their associated budgetary impact on next school year's budget. These items are mostly end-of-life technologies up for replacement and fall outside the typical annual operating budget.
 - This information will be shared with the district's Parent Leadership Team and Family and Community Partnership for any community input.
- d. Salt Creek Valley Transportation Update.
 - Director of Finance Jim Fitton shared that it has been difficult to cover the district's sports teams since the pandemic because bus companies struggle to cover their everyday customers and cannot take on any new business.
 - For the past couple of years, our solution has been having parents help transport the sports teams by forming carpools and transporting the players in their automobiles.
 - This year, AM Bus Company in Chicago is interested in accommodating our request to tentatively schedule services for the away cross-country meets in April and May.
 - The administration will look at contracting AM for more or all sports next school year.
 - The board thanked Jim Fitton for continuing to pursue this matter.

2. Education Committee - Ms. Kachlic.

- a. Curriculum Review Update.

- Director of Teaching and Learning Angela Dolezal shared curriculum review updates in elementary science and elementary English language arts with the board of education.
 - Elementary Science
 - A committee of twelve teachers, two teachers each at kindergarten through fifth grade, began meeting last school year to determine if our current curricular resource, Defined Learning, best met the district's science instruction needs or if the district needed to explore other curricular resources to better meet these needs.
 - The committee piloted two science programs during the 2023-2024 school year. During the first trimester, the committee piloted Science Studies Weekly; during the second trimester, the committee piloted Mystery Science.
 - The science committee will regroup to discuss the two resources and determine which program best meets the district's science instructional needs. The committee plans to recommend a new curricular resource by the beginning of April.
 - While these two programs address many of the previously mentioned needs, the committee noticed that both programs have a weaker STEAM component. As a result, the committee has discussed the possibility of a supplemental STEAM program for our elementary students. Although it has yet to be determined, a supplemental STEAM program has the potential to be implemented during or as part of a particular area class.
 - English Language Arts
 - In September 2023, a committee of twelve teachers, two teachers each at kindergarten through fifth grade, five reading specialists, one special education teacher, one English Learner teacher, and one elementary principal began monthly meetings to determine the district's English Language Arts needs and what curricular resources might best meet those needs.
 - Six curriculum publishers shared their resources with the committee. Following these six presentations, the committee determined that Amplify CKLA and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading best met the committee's needs.
 - Following the pilots, the committee will debrief to determine which curricular resource best meets the district's needs.
 - The committee plans to recommend a new curricular resource by the beginning of May.
3. Policy Committee - Ms. Gunn.
- a. Policy Review - Section 5.
 - Member Gunn referenced the IASB policy monitoring calendar, which allows the board to review its policies continually. The board members were asked to review Section 5 policies and share any questions or concerns with Member Gunn.
 - Member Gunn will update the board when she receives PRESS Plus #114.
4. Facility Committee - Mr. Marhoul.
- Mr. Marhoul shared that a Facility Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for next week, and discussions will be held about the current status of the Hauser/Central project and the contractor's preparations. The contractor has adjusted his schedule, which is great news for the district due to less disruption in the parking lot. Maintenance items and smaller projects will also be reviewed.
5. Personnel Committee - Mr. Hunt/Ms. Claps.
- Ms. Claps shared that the Personnel Committee recently met and discussed the administrative contracts. This topic will be added to the April Regular Business Meeting agenda.

H. Public Comment/Response.

There were no public comments.

I. Future Meeting Dates.

1. March 20, 2024 - Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the LRC at Hauser. (The Board will enter into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m., if necessary, and return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.).
2. April 3, 2024 - Committee of the Whole, 7:00 p.m. - Blythe Park Elementary School library.
3. April 17, 2024 - Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the LRC at Hauser. (The Board will enter into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m., if necessary, and return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.).

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Ayes:	Mr. Marhoul
	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	None
Nays:	None

K. Return to Open Session.

L. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

March 6, 2024

Date Recorded

Date Approved

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education