

Moline, Illinois

Notice of Meeting

Members of the Board of Education

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that there will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 40, at 6:00 PM, on Monday, September 14, 2020, at the Coolidge Professional Development Room, 3430 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Kristin Sanders
Secretary, Board of Education

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Education
Moline, Illinois
Monday, September 14, 2020

The public is invited to join the September 14, 2020 Board of Education meeting virtually via Zoom.

To join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

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All public comments need to be emailed to the Board Secretary, Kristin Sanders, at ksanders@molineschools.org no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, with "Public Comment" in the subject line. You also have the option of making a comment in person. Should attendees at the Coolidge Professional Development Room exceed the Illinois Department of Public Health safety guidelines, the Board asks that the public comments be emailed to the Board secretary. Face masks will be required for attendees. Doors will open at 5:45 for the public.

1. Opening of Meeting - Roll Call

2. Public Comment and Participation

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2020

**MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Kate Schaefer at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020 at the Coolidge Professional Development Room, 3430 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265.

The following Committee members were present:

Audrey Adamson, Board Member
Justin Anderson, Board Member
Sangeetha Rayapati, Board Member
Kate Schaefer, Board Member
Maria S. Trigueros, Board Member
Andrew Waeyaert, Board Member
Erin Waldron-Smith, Board Member
Dr. Matt DeBaene, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
Todd DeTaeye, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources
Dave McDermott, Chief Financial Officer
Tom Ryerson, Director for Instructional Programs
Kristin Sanders, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil/Personnel Services and Special Services and Secretary of the Board of Education
Dr. Rachel Savage, Superintendent of Schools

The following Committee members were absent:

Amira Siddique, Student Board Member

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Morgan Prine, parent of a student in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Program at Roosevelt Elementary, spoke to Board members regarding the DHH program ending, effective fall of 2020. Ms. Prine is asking the district and the school board to step in and help delay the program so everyone involved in the program has time to properly plan and find appropriate services for their children.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2020 were presented for approval as presented.

A motion was made by Andrew Waeyaert, seconded by Sangeetha Rayapati, unanimously carried, that the minutes be approved as presented and placed on file.

TOTAL SCHOOL CLUSTER GROUPING

Dr. Matt DeBaene, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, introduced Dr. Marcia Gentry. Dr. Gentry leads a cluster group study at elementary schools in our district. Dr. Gentry joined cabinet this past Tuesday and provided a report of findings in the Moline-Coal Valley School District.

Dr. Gentry shared that Moline was party of a study that was five years in duration. Five schools were treatment the whole time and the other five were delayed treatment. The entire project included 100 school and the Moline-Coal Valley School District contributed to 10 of those schools. Dr. Gentry discussed the different areas of analysis which were completed. Dr. Gentry noted all students grew across the board. If the high achievers are gaining, so are the low achievers. Low achieving students are not being left behind.

The recommendations are for the district to schedule professional development sessions for elementary teachers that targets areas for growth and classroom training. Dr. DeBaene stated that the Board previously approved professional development sessions with Carlos Johnson that will take place in June 2020 and January 2021. Dr. Gentry also stated it is recommended that the district looks at local group norms for free and reduced lunch and develop supports for high achieving students. Dr. DeBaene stated that next steps have been projected.

Dr. DeBaene thanked Dr. Gentry stating that there is a lot of data to review and it is much appreciated. A lot of different data pieces are being reviewed. Dr. DeBaene stated that he and Dr. Savage discussed next steps and about zooming in and zooming out. Data will be processed for individual buildings (zooming in) and how we can do better across the organization (zooming out).

LOGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. DeBaene shared that the Board received an email with the details of the Logan Elementary School Improvement Plan (SIP). This year Logan came on as one of the Empower Illinois underperforming schools. Empower Illinois is a 501(c)(3) that provides low-income and working-class families the opportunity to explore new, quality K-12 education options through private school scholarships and advocating for innovation in Illinois education. The 2019-2020 school year has been a planning year for the Empower Illinois grant. Dr. DeBaene thanked Mr. Ferguson, Logan Elementary Principal, and his team for the planning that has gone into the SIP.

Dr. DeBaene stated there are data pieces and goals. One goal is for ELA for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test. IAR is the state assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students enrolled in a public school district. Logan is looking to increase proficiency and growth 3.5% annually. Another goal at Logan is attendance. Logan is inducting a chronic absenteeism goal. The goal is to reduce absenteeism by 5% annually. The third goal is leadership opportunities. Logan desires to get more students involved and connected to the school and bring more of the community together.

Mr. Ferguson stated that he appreciates the support of all of the cabinet members. Mr. Ferguson also thanked the building base team which includes Kim Lasek, Teresa Tittle, Dana Dwyer, and Maggie Dykstra. Mr. Ferguson mentioned that after Dr. Savage called in the fall of 2019 to let

Mr. Ferguson know about Logan’s underperformance. Since that time, the building team has used the 2019-2020 school year to dive into data that was provided from the state. The team is also using progress monitoring tools to find the areas that Logan needs to target. Mr. Ferguson stated there are plans in place including standard incentive programs and follow-up with students when it comes to being tardy or absent. This year Logan added a parent coordinator, Jayne O’Brien. Ms. O’Brien reached out and secured parent mentors.

Mr. Ferguson stated he sees a need to connect with diverse families, specifically those who are new to the district and those who are new to the area. The parent mentors are a diverse group who works with students inside and outside the classroom.

Audrey Adamson, Board Member, thanked Dr. DeBaene and Mr. Ferguson, stating she appreciates cultural responsiveness being addressed. Dr. Savage stated the Logan SIP is a very well written plan. Dr. Savage stated she could not be more impressed with how Mr. Ferguson took on this challenge, noting he had the best attitude launching into this work. Dr. Savage commended Mr. Ferguson for the great work he and his team have done so far.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sangeetha Rayapati, seconded by Audrey Adamson, unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:46 p.m.

Chairperson

Date

4. Summer Programming Review - Tom Ryerson & Leia Peterson

5. New Website Update - Craig Reid

6. Adjournment

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