

Moline, Illinois

Notice of Meeting

Members of the Board of Education

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that there will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 40, immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022, at the Lincoln-Irving Elementary School, 1015 16th Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Kristin Sanders
Secretary, Board of Education

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Education
Moline, Illinois
Monday, May 9, 2022

The public is invited to join the May 09, 2022, Board of Education meeting virtually via Zoom.

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Public comments may be mailed to the Board Secretary, Kristin Sanders, at ksanders@molineschools.org no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 09, 2022, with "Public Comment" in the subject line.

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. for the public. The Moline-Coal Valley School District follows the guidance of the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education.

1. Opening of Meeting - Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 11, 2022

**MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, April 11, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Board President Erin Waldron-Smith at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022 at the Coolidge Professional Development Room, 3430 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265.

The following Committee members were present:

Audrey Adamson, Board Member
Chet DeSmet, 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 Secondary Teaching and Learning
Todd DeTaeye, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources
Dave McDermott, Chief Financial Officer
Kristin Sanders, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil/Personnel Services and Special Education and Secretary of the Board of Education
Dr. Rachel Savage, Superintendent of Schools

The following Committee member was present via Zoom:

Dr. Brian Prybil, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Teaching and Learning

The following Committee member was absent:

Justin Anderson, Board Member

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 10, 2022 were presented for approval as presented.

A motion was made by Maria S. Trigueros, seconded by Erin Waldron-Smith, unanimously carried, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 10, 2022 be approved as presented and placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment or participation.

THERAPY DOG UPDATE

Kristin Sanders, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil/Personnel Services and Special Education shared how the therapy dog program was introduced to the Moline-Coal Valley School District. The program started in the spring of 2021 and the District's first therapy dog, Cooper, was on site in the fall of 2021. The therapy dog program is 100% funded by grants and donations. The monies have paid for stipends,

training, and needs for the dogs. Ms. Sanders introduced Ms. Marlana Urbain, social worker at Wilson Middle School who works with therapy dog Cooper, and Jace Teed, school counselor at Jane Addams who works with therapy dog Smokey.

Ms. Urbain shared that Cooper is a mini Goldendoodle. Ms. Urbain introduced Cooper to Wilson students and staff via building wide assemblies to teach the students and staff how to interact with Cooper. Ms. Urbain shared various ways Cooper has been incorporated into the school community and shared photos of Cooper interacting with the Wilson community.

Jace Teed shared that Smokey serves the students at Hamilton and Jane Addams Elementary schools. Smokey is a Labradoodle. Jace Teed and Sarah Teed have both been trained as certified handlers. Smokey sees around 900 students each week. Before Smokey became a therapy dog in the District, he was trained as a service dog through Canine Assistance Rehabilitation Education and Services (CARES). Mr. Teed shared ways Smokey has been incorporated into the school communities as well as photos of Smokey with students.

A Board member inquired as to whether or not there is a plan for adding additional therapy dogs. Ms. Sanders stated that there is an oversight committee, led by Ms. Urbain, and anyone interested in having a therapy dog in the District is asked to fill out an application. Because the program is funded by grants and donations, the District has to ensure future therapy dogs can be financially supported. Therefore, additional therapy dogs will be gradually added to the program.

GROW YOUR OWN UPDATE

Matt DeBaene, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Teaching and Learning, introduced Tom Ryerson, Director for Instructional Programming, Chris Moore, Moline High School Assistant Principal, Becky Meneses, Moline High School teacher, and Gage O'Neal and Romina Sanchez-Plata, Moline High School students currently enrolled in the Grow Your Own program.

Mr. Moore shared that the purpose of the program is to identify, train, and nurture high school students interested in a teaching career. Students will have an introduction to teaching and the teaching profession through field trips and visiting classrooms throughout the District. The District also has a partnership with the Two Rivers YMCA for job opportunities. Students are guaranteed an interview for a teaching position after successful completion of a college program, and are guaranteed an interview for any paraprofessional opening for which they are qualified. As students go through this process, the goal is to constantly take down the barriers for students who want to serve the profession, specifically the Moline-Coal Valley School District. Students will have their paraprofessional examination, application, and registration fees covered by the district, they will have guaranteed student teacher/practicum placement in the District based upon availability, and application fees to Black Hawk College and Western Illinois University are covered by the District.

Mr. Ryerson stated that there are three course sequences. The first course was held with sophomores and was titled "Blueprint for Teaching". For the 2021-2022 school year, there were 27 high school students enrolled. For the 2022-2023 school year there are 27 new students who are going to take the first year course and there are 12 students taking the second course. It is important to note there were many seniors in the first course, so a drop off in numbers is to be expected. The second year course is titled "Architecture of Curriculum and Instruction". One of the great things of this program is the field experience. There are 55 staff members from all areas of teaching who volunteered to take on a Grow Your Own student.

Ms. Meneses shared that through the Grow Your Own program she has increased her relationships with students, teachers, administrators. Students visit classrooms for observations once a week. As mentioned

earlier, there are also field trips. In the fall of 2021 the group took a field trip to Western Illinois University where students sat in on an educational course and received a tour of the campus. In the future, Ms. Meneses would like the students to visit St. Ambrose, Augustana, and Western in Macomb. On April 25 they will be visiting Rivermont Collegiate to observe a private school. Ms. Meneses is also hoping the group can visit Jefferson Early Childhood Center before the end of this school year to observe Pre-Kindergarten.

Ms. Menses introduced Romina Sanchez-Plata who is a Junior at the high school. Ms. Sanchez-Plata shared her student experience on how she ended up in the Grow Your Own program. Ms. Sanchez-Plata stated that her overall experience has been positive.

Dr. DeBaene stated the District has coordinated with Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement has committed to providing their mini lessons for the District to use and are willing to train students on working with elementary schools. We are waiting on the State for the college career pathway endorsement.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Audrey Adamson, seconded by Erin Waldron-Smith, unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:41 p.m.

Chairperson

Date

3.Public Comment and Participation

4.School Spotlight - Lincoln-Irving Elementary

5.School Year 2021-2022 Closeout of PACE Goals - Dr. Rachel Savage

6.Adjournment

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION PRACTICES

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