

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, February 12, 2024, at the Jane Addams Elementary School, 3520 53rd Street, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Dr. Matthew DeBaene  
Secretary, Board of Education

### AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Education  
Moline, Illinois  
Monday, February 12, 2024

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Public comments may be made in person or e-mailed to the Board Secretary, Dr. Matthew DeBaene, at [mdebaene@molineschools.org](mailto:mdebaene@molineschools.org) no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, 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 January 08, 2024.

**MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Monday, January 08, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Erin Waldron-Smith at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 08, 2024 at Bartlett Performing Arts Center (Black Box), 3600 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265.

**The following Committee members were present:**

Audrey Adamson, Board Member

Dr. Matt DeBaene, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Teaching and Learning and Secretary of the Board of Education

Chet DeSmet, Board Member

Todd DeTaeye, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources

Ramona Dixon, Board Member

Jason Farrell, Board Member

Vince Gallo, Chief Financial Officer

Abigail Greenlee, Student Advisory Board Member

Lindsey Hines, Board member

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

Craig Reid, Director of Technology

Kristin Sanders, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil/Personnel Services and Special Education

Dr. Rachel Savage, Superintendent of Schools

Andrew Waeyaert, Board Member

Erin Waldron-Smith, Board Member

**The following committee member were absent:**

Jathinram Kollarapu, Student Advisory Board Member

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Andrew Waeyaert, seconded by Audrey Adamson, unanimously carried, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 11, 2023 be approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION**

Public comment was deferred to the regular board of education meeting.

### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - WILLARD ELEMENTARY**

Tara Bahnks, Principal of Willard Elementary, presented on Student Centered for Student Success. Willard's mission statement is "reaching academic and social/emotional excellence through working together to provide an equitable education and a love for learning for all students." Programs outside of academics help to keep students interested in attending school. The Girl Scouts program comes to Willard every Friday for 12 weeks. They take two groups of 20 girls during lunch to do various activities. Willard also offers an After School Club that works in rotations with our newcomers learning English. in a challenge for anyone and showing growth with these after school programs and activities.

Board Member Audrey Adamson asked how many students take part and who runs this program. Ms. Bahnks stated that they currently have six students who stay after school with a rotation of three staff members at a time and most staff have signed up for the rotation.

### **PRESENTATION OF UNITED WAY "UNITED FOR SCHOOLS" GRANT FOR WASHINGTON**

Brenda Bussard, Washington Elementary School Principal, presented an update on "United for Schools" as Washington Elementary is a United for Schools Partner. Ms. Bussard and the Washington staff have focused on increasing families connected on Class Dojo from 92% at the end of last year to 96% of families now connected. So far this year activities that United Way has helped with are; helping unpack Washington, lunch for staff, care and supply closet, first day of school hi-fives, books and bracelets at Washington's open house, books and barbers, girls on fire, John Deere inspire school, Missouri Valley Conference Girls Basketball players reading with students, partner convening, scholastic/united way books for holiday gifts. Ms. Bussard stated they are measuring their success with this program by the Panorama Social Emotional Survey "Sense of Belonging" which is being tracked. Last winter 2023 53% of 3rd-5th grades felt a sense of belonging at Washington and this has increased by 9 points to 62% felt a sense of belonging for the fall 2023. Ms. Bussard touched on the "partner convening." Once a month Washington community members meet to discuss what can be done together to support Washington students, families, and staff.

Marci Zogg, United Way Quad Cities spoke on behalf of the United for School Partners with United Way. United Way is a nonprofit uniting people and organizations to build a better community where everyone can get a quality education, a good job, and live a healthy life. United Way raises funds and of those funds, 40% of the dollars is invested in education, they have over 50 funded partners and collaborate with dozens more. United Way has an Education Council and this council is focused on improving education outcomes and removing barriers to academic success. The Educational Council 10 years ago started the Quad City Educational Data Exchange which measures the comprehensive data across the Quad Cities. This data has

shown that 81% of Quad City children entering Kindergarten are prepared to learn, 55% of Quad City third graders are reading at grade level, and 75% of Quad City high school students are on track to graduate in four years. The Educational Council came together and helped come up with the United for Schools Partnership with Madison Elementary in Davenport and Washington Elementary in Moline. United for Schools looks at attendance, reading proficiency, and social-emotional well-being of the students to see what can be done to help these schools succeed in these areas. Ms. Zogg reviewed the outcomes of the United for Schools Partnership so far with partner schools; chronic absenteeism declined by 9% in the past year, 746 students and 190 families gained access to essentials; including coats, glasses, mental health kits, snack kits and more, student attendance is higher on days when programs are offered, 45 organizations and 157 volunteers have locked arms to provide mental health support, legal aid for families and medical care to students in need. Ms. Zogg stated United Way would like to expand this program to a total of six schools in three years.

Board member Lindsey Hines stated she has been a United Way volunteer for three years and this half hour a week is so impactful.

Brian Prybil, Deputy Superintendent, stated that John Deere has also partnered in supporting Washington Elementary.

Board member Erin Waldron-Smith expressed that enrolling their students at Washington Elementary was the best thing they ever did. The family had positive things to say about Dr. Prybil and Mrs. Bussard as principals of Washington Elementary.

Chet DeSmet, Board member, stated he too was happy with Washington and his children did very well at Washington Elementary.

A motion was made by Audrey Adamson, seconded by Chet DeSmet, unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:31 p.m.

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Vice-President

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Secretary

**3. Public Comment and Participation**

**4. Student Spotlight - Jane Addams Student Council**

**5. Facilities Updates and Proposal - Dr. Rachel Savage and Vince Gallo**

**6. Adjournment**

**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION PRACTICES**

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