

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, March 11, 2024, at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center (Black Box), 3600 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Dr. Matthew DeBaene
Secretary, Board of Education

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Education
Moline, Illinois
Monday, March 11, 2024

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1. Opening of Meeting - Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

A.Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 12, 2024

**MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, February 12, 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, February 12, 2024, at Jane Addams Elementary School, 3520 53rd Street, Moline, IL 61265.

The following Committee members were present:

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
Lindsey Hines, Board member
Jathinram Kollarapu, Student Advisory 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 members were absent:

Audrey Adamson, Board Member
Abigail Greenlee, Student Advisory Board Member

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Waeyaert, seconded by Lindsey Hines, unanimously carried, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 08, 2024, be approved as presented and placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - Jane Addams “Beyond The Student”

Teresa Landon, Principal at Jane Addams Elementary, introduced Akhil Kumar and Andrew Grau, current Moline High School students and alumni of Jane Addams. Akhil and Andrew have started the after-school tutoring program at Jane Addams called Beyond the Student - Empowering the Youth Through Education. The tutoring team is made up of six current Moline High School students. The mission state is to provide high-quality after-school assistance for elementary students, enabling them to thrive both inside and outside the classroom, helping those students in grades 2-5 in both Math and English. Akhil spoke about the program structure; tutoring is held at Jane Addams Elementary on Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., tutoring materials are provided in a folder tailored specifically for each student, guiding the tutors through what subject(s) the student needs assistance with. Tutors are selected based on a questionnaire covering topics such as GPS, extracurriculars, and motivation for wanting to tutor. Andrew touched on the testimonies from staff and tutors. Akhil spoke about fostering community involvement by volunteering, empowering today's youth, and providing people in our community with an opportunity to lead and teach. Community engagement is also done through partnerships with; Jane Addams Elementary, Dr. Savage, and Candace Sountris. Andrew spoke about the future of the program and its next steps. Akhil and Andrew would like to expand by transitioning from a 1:1 to 1:2 tutor-to-student ratio, maximizing each school to 20 students (10 tutors), and expanding to Roosevelt next. Hold public workshops at the Moline Public Library and increase community involvement and also increase impact not only by expanding to other schools but finding other ways to engage with elementary students. Visit the website at: beyondthestudent.com

Lindsey Hines, a Board Member, asked how students are chosen for tutoring. Andrew answered that Mrs. Landon and the teachers select the students with the greatest need. Ms. Hines inquired if there were any bilingual tutors and students in the program. Andrew answered, not at this time but that is a great suggestion.

Board Member Chet DeSmet asked if at this time there are any other Moline High School students interested in being tutors. Akhil responded that at this time there are 10-15 Moline High School students who are interested in becoming tutors.

Erin Waldron-Smith, a Board Member, inquired about adding a STEM component to the tutoring program. Akhil responded that they had hoped to do something with STEM but the reason they didn't pursue the STEM piece was due to resources being more difficult and they hope to have workshops in the future to promote STEM.

Jason Farrell, a Board Member, asked if the District has looked at standardized testing and MAP growth for those students in the tutoring program. Mrs. Landon stated that MAP testing has just been completed and the school will be looking at this data for those students receiving the tutoring service to see how much they have grown.

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

Dr. Savage, Superintendent of Schools, stated the purpose of the presentation is to review the district's current and former 10-year strategic facilities plan and committee recommendations, to review the age of our buildings and most recent facility improvement projects, and to make a proposal to the Board of Education to address the next recommendation on our current strategic facilities improvement plan. The three facilities that are still in use that are over 100 years old are Logan, Willard, and Allendale. A 17-person committee representing both internal and external stakeholders of staff, parents, and community members was put together back in 2020-2021 (PACE Goal (E) Environment) and was charged with: evaluation of existing facilities, consideration of future needs, receiving input from stakeholders, creating a revised executive summary, and presented the strategic facility improvement plan to the Board of Education back on May 24, 2021. The recommendations from the 2021 facility committee were as such; continue current school operations at Bicentennial, Hamilton, John Deere, Wilson, and Moline High School, consider future schools at Jefferson, Butterworth, Coolidge, Washington, and Lincoln-Irving, consider providing busing for all students living a set distance, consider future use of Jane Addams and Franklin for preschool, Allendale, Logan, Willard should be retired, sold when vacated, and consider plans for Coolidge building once current staff have relocated. Dr. Savage then reviewed the 2010 facility committee recommendations and some projects from then have been completed. The recent facilities improvements that have been completed are HVAC installed at Washington, Logan, Lincoln-Irving, Jane Addams, Butterworth, and Moline High School, LED lighting across schools, parking lots at Butterworth and Horace Mann, Bartlett Performing Arts Center, PE Center, Franklin Elementary remodel, roofs at Wilson and Moline High School, tuckpointing and painting at various buildings. Dr. Savage reviewed the projects that are in progress at this time such as; planning/prepping for the Lincoln-Irving expansion project, planning/preparing for the retirement of Willard, and a full-scale athletic facilities improvement study. Dr. Savage announced an opportunity to achieve another facility recommendation in parallel to Lincoln-Irving/Athletics. After years of searching, the District finally has a viable option to present to the Board of Education to vacate and sell Allendale, this was identified in both the 2010 and 2021 long-range strategic facilities plans. Dr. Savage affirmed the rationale for vacating Allendale; the building is 100 years old, not ADA accessible, maintenance incredibly costly, and not conducive to expectations and culture of a high functioning collaborative modern office, the District has adapted and made it work for 100 years. Dr. Savage reviewed the proposed property at 2121 47th Street Moline as a viable district office relocation, with 30,481 square feet of office space on 2.49 acres, all furniture/furnishings included with an approximate value of \$750K-\$1M, on the market for over two years and is essentially move in ready, provides much needed functional teamwork and collaboration space, will house approximately 85 staff which would include approximately 30 current Allendale staff, 10 EdTech Department staff, approximately 15 school psychologists and social workers currently at Coolidge, and approximately 30 ROE staff. This property is the first viable property that checks all the boxes. The District will be able to purchase with existing funds to preserve bond

capacity for Athletics and Lincoln-Irving expansion. This positively impacts student achievement and district growth by moving EdTech from the High School and freeing up classroom space to grow other programs, by not relocating Allendale to Roosevelt and using Roosevelt as a preschool to service approximately 500 students, and then the Jefferson site with added city land could be available for residential development.

Mr. Vince Gallo, Chief Financial Officer, spoke about the proposed District Office by the numbers such as the current listing price is \$2.45M, the most recent appraised value is \$1.89M, the cost of interior updates to meet our needs would be \$450,000, exterior maintenance \$180,000, the cost of a future warehouse for maintenance and storage would be \$1M, and the approximate monthly utility costs would be \$4,500. Allendale's current building maintenance and what needs to be done if we stay; tuckpointing costs \$500,000-\$750,000, window replacement \$250,000, exterior paint \$50,000-\$75,000, and utility costs of \$1,200 per month. The building maintenance costs to stay at Coolidge would be; boiler replacement \$300,000-\$350,000, roof \$1M-\$1.2M, windows \$1M, and monthly utility costs of \$4,700. The strategic phase-in plan would be; phase one Summer 2024 Allendale staff, School Psychologists, and Social Workers, phase two Spring/Summer 2025 Ed Tech and ROE staff, and phase three Summer 2027 Facilities Department. Mr. Gallo laid out a possible projected timeline as such; February 2024 request Board of Education engage the service of a commercial property appraisal firm to represent the district in the purchase process and approve the authority of the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer to negotiate terms of purchase, March 2024 request Board of Education approve recommended motion to purchase property, April-May prepare for move of phase one staff, Summer relocate staff identified in phase one, and by the Fall prepare Allendale for sale.

Jason Farrell, Board Member, spoke about an upcoming event being held at Augustana College's Gerber Center (Gavle Rooms 1-3) on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. This event is put on by The Gray Matters Collective. The goal of this event is to help end teen suicide and depression, this is a free event for the community. Mr. Farrell invited anyone to join him on Thursday.

A motion was made by Chet DeSmet, seconded by Andrew Waeyaert, unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:47 p.m.

Vice-President

Secretary

3. Public Comment and Participation

4. Student Spotlight - Butterworth

5. Special Education Update - Kristin Sanders

6. Adjournment

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