

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, December 9, 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, December 9, 2024

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Description: School Board meeting to be held on December 9, 2024.

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1. Opening of Meeting - Roll Call

A. Approval of any Board of Education Member Participating Remotely

2. Approval of Minutes

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

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MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, November 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by President Andrew Waeyaert at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at Jefferson Early Childhood Center, 3010 26th Avenue, 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

Jason Farrell, Board Member

Vince Gallo, Chief Financial Officer

Abigail Greenlee, Student Advisory Board Member

Lindsey Hines, Board member

Keith Karstens, Director of Facilities

Akhil Kumar, Student Advisory Board Member

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

Craig Reid, Director of Technology

Dr. Rachel Savage, Superintendent of Schools

Erin Terstriep, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Special Education

Andrew Waeyaert, Board Member

Erin Waldron-Smith, Board Member

The following committee member were absent:

Todd DeTaeye, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources

Ramona Dixon, Board Member

Erin Waldron-Smith, Board member

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A motion was made by Audrey Adamson, seconded by Lindsey Hines, unanimously carried, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 14, 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 - JEFFERSON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Rachel Fowler, Principal at Jefferson Early Childhood Center, welcomed everyone to Jefferson and introduced Kara Banfield-Vermeire and Karissa Utz. Mrs. Fowler spoke about the first early childhood center and the alpha generation students entering Jefferson are used to a technology setting.

Mrs. Vermeir spoke about the teaching strategies taught to Jefferson preschool students. These strategies are taught in the first six weeks before moving on to studies and projects. The methods include the virtual domain, cognitive domain, language skills, and physical domain. Staff come up with strategies and activities to help students meet these needs.

Mrs. Utz spoke about creating a PROJECT (extended in-depth investigation). This project introduces the town of Moline as a lot of students don't know much about the town of Moline and what our town has to offer. In this created preschool town students were able to communicate with each other without using technology.

Lindsey Hines, a Board Member, asked what the current enrollment is at Jefferson and what percentage of children don't have any prior schooling. Mrs. Fowler responded that the preschool program currently has 151 students enrolled with a waitlist of 78. She is not sure of the number of students that don't have any prior schooling but the majority of students are getting their needs met. Mrs. Fowler also spoke about the other resources that the District offers for students in need such as; occupational therapists, speech therapists, physical therapists, etc.

PRESENTATION OF 2024 TAX LEVY

Vince Gallo, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2024 Tax Levy calendar of events. Mr. Gallo's tax levy presentation on Tuesday, November 12th will be followed by a public hearing and board of education adoption at the meeting on December 9th. On December 17, 2024, the levy will be filed with Rock Island County, and then in the spring of 2025, the county will extend the levy amounts, and begin summer collection. A levy basis is the dollar amount the district needs next year from property taxes. It is the maximum dollar amount that the District will receive. This amount is based on the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) and tax levy rates. The levy basis funds with statutory maximum rates are education, operations & maintenance, special education, fire prevention (life safety), working cash, and lease (facilities & technology). There are four levies with no statutory maximum rates based on District needs: liability insurance (tort), social security, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), and bonds & interest (quasi-known). The 2024 detailed estimate is \$1,123,964,329 which is up 8.37%. A public tax levy hearing must be held if the levy is 105% of the prior year's extension (excludes bond & interest) and our District's percent is 108.61% this hearing will be held in December 2024.

LINCOLN-IRVING EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE AND TIMELINE REVIEW

Dr. Savage, Superintendent, presented a handout on the Lincoln-Irving expansion project and the retirement of Willard Elementary. Vince Gallo, Chief Financial Officer, shared the timeline and the action steps that took place over the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Savage spoke about the action steps for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Gallo indicated the events of the upcoming school years, even though construction is to begin in March 2026 the Lincoln-Irving students will finish out the 2025-2026 school year at Lincoln-Irving. Willard students will stay at Willard until it closes at the end of the 2026-2027 school year as the new building is set to open for the 2027-2028 school year.

Chet DeSmet, a Board Member, asked if construction would delay the opening of the new building where students would start the school year. Willard students would remain at Willard and Lincoln-Irving students would remain at Coolidge, more than likely through the first semester of the 2027-2028 school year, and then all students would start fresh at the new Lincoln-Irving building for the second semester.

Andy Waeyaer, Board Member, expressed concern that since we retired Coolidge, how viable is it for students to occupy, is Coolidge the best option for Lincoln-Irving students? Dr. Savage affirmed that the ROE has finalized new lease plans and they will be moving out of Coolidge in March 2025. This will give the district time to make the space viable for students.

A motion was made by Chet DeSmet, seconded by Lindsey Hines, and unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:54 p.m.

President

Secretary

3. Public Comment and Participation

4. School Spotlight - Jane Addams Student Council

5. Annual Financial Report/Audit - Mr. Gallo

6. Illinois School Report Card - 2023-2024 School Year - Dr. Savage

7. Adjournment

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