

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 10, 2025, at the Willard Elementary School, 1616 16th Street, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Dr. Matthew DeBaene  
Secretary, Board of Education

### **AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Board of Education  
Moline, Illinois  
Monday, February 10, 2025

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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 January 13, 2025

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**MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Monday, January 13, 2025**

**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 13, 2025 at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center (Black Box) 3600 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, Illinois 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

Keith Karstens, Director of Facilities

Akhil Kumar, Student Advisory Board Member

Dr. Brian Prybil, Deputy Superintendent

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:** None

**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 December 09, 2024 be approved as presented and placed on file.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION**

Public comment was deferred to the regular board of education meeting

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR JOHN DEERE AND WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOLS** - Dr. Savage

Dr. Savage, Superintendent, publicly recognized John Deere Middle School under the leadership of Dr. Dusti Markham and Wilson Middle School under the leadership of Mr. Bob Beem for making some significant improvements to their schools.

Dr. Matt DeBaene, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Teaching and Learning, introduced Dr. Dusti Markham and Mr. Bob Beem and staff from both schools. They are all being recognized for momentous accomplishments and how hard the staff has worked and focused on the ways to improve the learning environments for the students. Both schools had a rating of comprehensive, the next rating would be targeted but both schools focused and worked hard to move right onto commendable, this again is due to the focus of staff, leadership, and both schools working together.

Mr. Bob Beem, Principal of Wilson Middle School, spoke about his school and staff and the focus and hard work that was put forward to improve the rating. Dr. Dusti Markham, Principal of John Deere Middle School, reiterated what Mr. Beem said and recognized the leadership team and staff.

Board member Erin Waldron-Smith thanked all staff and leadership from both John Deere and Wilson Middle Schools for what they have accomplished and the work they continue to put forth.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY**

Tara Bahnks, Principal of Washington Elementary, presented on “Good Things Happening at Washington”. Ms. Bahnks reached out to staff before the beginning of the school year to find out what they felt Washington’s highest needs were. Those three areas of focus are: discipline, SEL, and community partnerships.

Beginning in August, we determined we needed to lay a foundation for discipline building-wide. As a team, the staff discussed revamping and improving a system that could work building-wide. The hard work is paying off with a 48.5% decrease in the number of referrals.

The student response on SEL - Sense of Belonging in the Spring of 2024 was 63% of students felt they belonged and in the Fall of 2024 similar survey questions had a 75% response rate of students feeling a sense of belonging. That is a 12% increase, which is relationship-building. Washington staff has also worked on SEL - Student-Teacher Trust by building deeper relationships and more fitting rewards, refining a more universal structure for dojo point distribution, adding partner partners, tying counselor self lessons to district goals, more distribution of student jobs, and student-positive office referrals.

Through the Community in Schools Partnership with the United Way, Washington acquired a full-time on-site Coordinator, Ciara Llave. In a nutshell, Ms. Llave will be meeting with students, parents, and families in support of CIS and school SIP goals. Washington has also partnered with the Community Health Center for support for both staff and students, a behavioral health specialist who works with staff and their needs, and a school-based therapist who works with the students on their needs.

**VISION 2030 GOAL SUMMARY** - Dr. Savage

Dr. Savage, Superintendent, presented Vision 2030 and the resolution for fulfilling the promise of public education in Illinois. Vision 2030 provides a blueprint of three areas of prioritization identified as integral in improving our public education system: Future-Focused Learning, Shared Accountability, and Predictable Funding. Dr. Savage introduced these three areas of prioritization. In closing it is imperative that any education improvement proposal for comprehensive change must be developed and supported by not only the education community, but in collaboration with families, communities, businesses, and others whose priorities reflect the best interests of the students.

A motion was made by Chet DeSmet, seconded by Audrey Adamson, and unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:34 p.m.

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Vice- President

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Secretary

### **3. Public Comment and Participation**

#### **4. Book Buddies Club Presentation - Abby Greenlee**

#### **5. Special Recognition - Alternative Route to Licensure - Todd DeTaeye**

#### **6. Student Spotlight - Willard Elementary**

### **7. Adjournment**

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