

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, April 14, 2025, at the Moline Education Center, 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Dr. Brian Prybil
Secretary, Board of Education

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Education
Moline, Illinois
Monday, April 14, 2025

Join from Any Device:

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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 March 10, 2025

MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, March 10, 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, March 10, 2025 at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center (Black Box) 3600 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265.

The following Committee members were present:

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

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: Audrey Adamson

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 February 10, 2025 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 - MOLINE HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE CLUB

Dr. Matt DeBaene, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Learning and Teaching, introduced Mrs. Koski and the Theatre Club students. Mrs. Koski spoke about the theatre club being selected to perform the Twelfth Night at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival in Champaign, Illinois. Mrs. Koski and the following students: Ani Hayes, Ari Gamble, Blue Roland, Dylan Sitko, Gabe Thompson, Grant Adamson, Connor McBride, and Nick Betts spoke of their roles, responsibilities, what they learned during this experience, and what their plans are after high school.

Board member Lindsey Hines thanked the students for presenting this evening and for making everyone aware there was an Illinois High School Theatre Festival. Ms. Hines is impressed with how much the theatre program continues to improve and grow in the District.

Erin Waldron-Smith, Board member, asked students what their favorite part of Twelfth Night was. Some of the responses include the characters, singing on stage, and fake arrest of a friend.

FACILITIES UPDATE - Mr. Gallo and Dr. Savage

Mr. Vince Gallo, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed completed projects this far which include; HVAC Install/Upgrades, High School Welding Lab, John Deere Stage Lighting, Wilson Stage Ceiling & Lighting, High School Secure Entry, Parking lot/Playground Sealing & Striping, and UV Film Projects. Mr. Gallo also reviewed current projects such as; Wilson Fire Alarm Upgrade, Lincoln-Irving Expansion, Wilson Secure Front Entrance, High School Pool Upgrades, continued Shed Replacements at all building sites, High School Cafeteria Furniture & Upgrades, John Deere Front Entry, Upgrading Door Release Systems, adding additional Cameras, D-Wing Flooring Upgrade, Browning Field Upgrades, Franklin Gym Soundproofing, Wilson Auditorium Projector & Audio System, Jefferson & Logan Roof Replacements, John Deere Auditorium Projector & Audio System,.

Dr. Rachel Savage, Superintendent, spoke about the future project planning process. The annual planning process is reviewed by assessing facility needs, identifying necessary maintenance and equipment replacements, and prioritizing major projects for the next fiscal year. Next, establish priorities by working collaboratively with the Superintendent and Board of Education, align projects with district goals and long-term planning and consider safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. Third in the planning process would be the budget allocation process and fourth would be finalizing the budget, and fifth reviewing the long-term benefits of projects. Lastly, Dr. Savage stated that the district is transitioning to a 5-Year Strategic Facility Plan rather than the 10-Year Plan. The 5-Year Plan allows for more flexibility and responsiveness, and ensures proactive planning to align with district growth and funding opportunities.

Mr. Gallo reviewed the District's procurement methods. Request for Proposal (RFP) is used when a solution-based approach is needed, not just a price. When the project is complex and may require innovation or expertise from vendors, and when the factors other than price (experience, methodology, quality) are important in the decision. The other method used would be Invitation for Bid (IFB) (also known as Request for Bid - RFB). This method is used for projects that are straightforward and well-defined (specifications are clear), when the primary selection criteria is lowest responsible bid that meets the requirements and when minimal vendor discretion is required in completing the work. The district also uses Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, this method is used when we want to leverage existing contracts to save time and money, often for common goods and services. This method piggybacks on pre-negotiated contracts, ensuring compliance while expediting procurement and reducing administrative burden and often provides volume discounts.

Chet DeSmet, Board member, feels that it would be beneficial for Board Members and taxpayers to know why the District chose RFP, RFB, or Co-op. This information would help Board Members answer questions when they are approached by others.

Board member Erin Waldron-Smith suggested maybe a key/cheat sheet for quick reference of procurement methods and the explanation of the processes for future board members .

Board member Andrew Waeyaert, suggested that Request for Proposals (RFP) should be limited because it opens up a lot more undefined points and room for favoritism. Using a closed bid or sealed bid process takes out all of the human factors

A motion was made by Chet DeSmet, seconded by Jason Farrell, unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:30 p.m.

Vice- President

Secretary

3. **Public Comment and Participation**
4. **Student Spotlight - Bicentennial Elementary**
5. **Moline High School Student Spotlight: CTE Student Advisory Presentations - Dr. DeBaene**
6. **Moline High School History Club Showcase - Akhil Kumar**
7. **Student Information Systems Committee Presentation - Craig Reid**
8. **Adjournment**

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