

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 9, 2026, at the Washington Elementary School, 1550 41st Street, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Dr. Brian Prybil
Secretary, Board of Education

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Education
Moline, Illinois
Monday, February 9, 2026

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

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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 12, 2026

MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Audrey Adamson at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026 at the Moline Education Center 1900 52nd Avenue, Moline, IL 61265.

The following Committee members were present:

Audrey Adamson, Board Member

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

Geoff Manis, Board Member

Varun Mekala, Student Advisory Board Member

Dr. Brian Prybil, Deputy Superintendent

Craig Reid, Director of Technology

Dr. Rachel Savage, Superintendent of Schools

Laura Sivertsen, Board Member

Erin Terstriep, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Special Education

The following committee member was absent: None

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A motion was made by Jason Farrell, seconded by Chet DeSmet, unanimously carried, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 8, 2025 be approved as presented and placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

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

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT - LINCOLN-IRVING

The following Lincoln-Irving staff presented on their school, Mr. Egan Colbrese, Principal, Ms. Caitlyn Hillyer, Assistant Principal, and Counselor, Mr. Carlos Zamora. Lincoln-Irving school is a dual language program that emphasizes academic excellence, student engagement, and cultural inclusivity. Lincoln-Irving has seen an increase in attendance rates and chronically truant students since implementing new initiatives, such as attendance awards and positive office referrals, ST Match awards, and the new Wednesday initiative where a student works on a goal and after achieving that goal they decide if they want a prize or a positive phone call home. The school is also offering after school programs, such as the Running Club, chess club, student council, and a new soccer club, to provide students with opportunities to learn leadership and teamwork skills.

Ramona Dixon, Board Member, asked if the district is looking at a new ELA curriculum for the bilingual students. Dr. Prybil responded that “no” the multilingual ELA curriculum was just adopted last year and it is a standalone program just for the multilingual students at Lincoln-Irving so it will not be changing however, the monolingual students at Lincoln-Irving will be adopting the new ELA curriculum that is on display now.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - IPA ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR - MR. GRANT PUTNAM, FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DR. SAVAGE

Dr. Savage, Superintendent, introduced Grant Putnam 4th year principal at Franklin Elementary. Mr. Putnam has made significant improvements in the school’s academic achievement, staffing, climate, and culture in four years. Franklin’s ELA growth is the highest it has been in five years, math growth is the highest it has been in five years, and participation across all assessments is the highest it has been in five years. Mr. Putnam is one of 20 principals in the State of Illinois who is up for Principal of the Year, which will be announced in October.

Mr. Putnam thanked all for trusting him to get the job done and he couldn’t have done it without the help of his mentors and everyone believing in him and giving him a chance.

K-8 ELA CURRICULUM PILOT AND ADOPTION UPDATE - MR. BEEM AND MR. ETHERIDGE

Mr. Bob Beem, Director of Secondary Education, and Mr. Steven Etheridge, Director of Elementary Education spoke about the pilot and update for the K-8 curriculum. The district piloted two ELA curriculum options for K-8, Amplify and Arts and Letters, and selected Amplify for its knowledge-based curriculum, differentiated instruction, and writing-intensive curriculum. The pilot teachers rated Amplify higher than Arts and Letters in several areas, including comprehension, technology resources, and student support. The district plans to make

a final presentation to the community in February and potentially adopt Amplify for the district, marking the first time it has a comprehensive K-8 aligned ELA curriculum.

Jason Farrell, Board Member, asked about the online access for teachers or parents.

Mr. Etheridge, replied that there are many different online tools for the teachers to use to make lesson plans, and their lesson resources are online and printable, as far as parents are concerned, isn't sure what the availability for parents to use the online platform.

Audrey Adamson, Board Member, asked what is the breakdown of how much of the materials they're engaging with are in print format versus digital format. Mr. Etheridge replied that at the elementary level most of what the students do during the day would be in print format, they won't be doing much at all digitally unless it's a video, assessments can be taken online

Ramona Dixon, Board Member, asked if it is our goal to have more student online versions versus workbooks that we would have to purchase every year. Dr. Prybil replied that teachers can push out digital variations of the same text at different levels but for the younger students we would like to keep workbooks in hand and less online resources.

STUDENT CONGRESS UPDATE - ABIGAIL GREENLEE

Students from the MHS Student Congress presented the club's mission and goals.

The MHS Student Congress is a student-led organization with over 50 members that works to serve the school community, its staff, and the community around it. The mission and goal of Student Congress is to learn, serve, and grow. The Student Congress hosts a variety of large events throughout the year, including spirit week for Homecoming, Prom, Hoedown, and Sadies. Student Congress is also involved in the blood drive, sunrise for seniors, pumpkin carving contest, teacher appreciation, share joys, bettendorf student council exchange, kids against hunger, elementary outreach & volunteer, and IASC leadership workshop. The students stated why they enjoy being part of Student Congress.

Board member Lindsey Hines asked if the club reaches out to the elementary schools or does the elementary schools need to reach out to the club for help with an event. A student congress member replied that it really goes either way, a lot of times members of the elementary school typically reach out to our club advisor and then the advisor lets the rest of the club know.

Board member Geoff Manis, stated that it's wonderful to see the future is bright with leadership in our community and to keep up the great work.

Dr. Prybil, Deputy Superintendent, as a former Student Congress Advisor, stated that the student congress advisor is creating an impact and making connections and getting kids involved outside

of academics and really creating a true sense of community. Thank you Miss Peterson for this incredible presentation and how much work beyond the day you spend getting all this work done.

A motion was made by Chet DeSmet, seconded by Lindsey Hines, unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:44 p.m.

Vice- President

Secretary

3. Public Comment and Participation

4. School Spotlight - Washington Elementary

5. District leadership PACE goal progress update for the ENVIRONMENT category - Dr. Prybil and Mrs. Terstriep

6. Adjournment

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