

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, March 10, 2025, at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center (Black Box), 3600 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Dr. Brian Prybil
Secretary, Board of Education

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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 February 10, 2025

**MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, February 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, February 10, 2025, at Willard Elementary School 1616 16th Street, 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

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

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: Chet DeSmet, Keith Karstens

**APPROVAL OF ANY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER PARTICIPATING
REMOTELY**

No Board member participated remotely.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A motion was made by Audrey Adamson, seconded by Andrew Waeyaert, unanimously carried, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 13, 2025 be approved as presented and placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

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

BOOK BUDDIES CLUB PRESENTATION

Abby Greenlee, Junior at Moline High School, introduced a new club “ Book Buddies” which was started by Moline High School students Riana Daniels and Elizabeth Hamm. The Book Buddies program takes place at Jane Addams Elementary. Its mission is to provide individualized support to elementary school students, enhance their confidence and literacy development, and instill a love of reading. The goals are to improve elementary students' reading and comprehension skills, improve reading scores within the school, help advance language skills for high school students be a positive role model, improve leadership skills, and connect with the community. The motivation to start this program was due to the COVID-19 impact, disinterest in Reading, lack of support at home, and personal experiences.

Several activities are provided for the students; each has a book bag with personalized items for their needs, spelling/word bingo to keep students engaged, writing/spelling activities, and reading comprehension.

Board member Erin Waldron-Smith thanked the students for their hard work and encouraged students to read.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO LICENSURE

Todd DeTaeye, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources spoke about becoming a teacher and the time and effort it takes to complete the traditional program. A program has now been developed to help allow paraprofessionals and support staff to stay employed and complete their licensure.

Mr. DeTaeye introduced Guinevere Skovronski. Guin started as a parent of Jefferson Early Childhood Center, she then became a paraprofessional. After taking on the paraprofessional role Guin was asked if she would like the opportunity to become a teacher. Guin finished the licensure program and obtained her early childhood special education endorsement through Western Illinois University.

Next, Mr. DeTaeye introduced Stephanie Dick. Stephanie also started as a parent of Jefferson Early Childhood Center, she volunteered, she then became a paraprofessional. Stephanie took the opportunity to complete the licensure program and graduated from Western Illinois University.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - WILLARD ELEMENTARY

Doug Bodeen, Principal at Willard Elementary, introduced Mrs. Henderson and the ML Ambassador students. Mr. Bodeen spoke briefly about the number of ML (multilingual) students

currently attending Willard, which is 51; this is about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the student population of 158 students at Willard. Mr. Bodeen's SIP Goal in alignment with PACE is "E" for the environment.

Supportive environments: The school environment is safe, clean, and conducive to learning.

Teachers have high expectations for students. Students have the support of their teachers as well as their peers.

Mrs. Henderson, ML Specialist at Willard, implemented the ML Ambassadors program. Some of the ML Ambassadors' responsibilities are to introduce themselves to the new students, ask how the student will get home and who will be picking up the student, take the student on a tour of Willard, explain how lunch works, and take students to their classroom to put supplies away and introducing them to the teacher. Currently, the program has six ambassadors in five different languages. Good news travels fast as the ML Ambassadors were featured in The Dispatch and The QC Times. A few of the students spoke about their experiences and what their favorite part of the program was.

Board member Erin Waldron-Smith thanked the students for their bravery and for making the new students feel comfortable in a new environment and the students are doing a great thing for the community.

Lindsey Hines, a Board Member, asked Mrs. Henderson if the students become buddies for a day or a while. Mrs. Henderson responded that the new students are paired with a buddy who speaks the same language and this is the new student's contact person.

Audrey Adamson, a Board Member, asked if the Ambassadors received any training. The students responded, yes, they met as a group and had a checklist of responsibilities.

Akhil Kumar, a Student Board Member, thinks this new program is amazing and knows families that would benefit from this program.

A motion was made by Audrey Adamson, seconded by Jason Farrell, unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:21 p.m.

Vice-President

Secretary

3. Public Comment and Participation

4. Student Spotlight - Moline High School Theatre Club

5. Facilities Update - Mr. Gallo and Dr. Savage

6. Adjournment

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