

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2025 6:00 PM Central

Bartlett Performing Arts Center (Black Box)
3600 Avenue of the Cities
Moline, Illinois 61265

1. Opening of Meeting - Roll Call

1.A. Approval of any Board of Education Member Participating Remotely

2. Approval of Minutes

2.A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 9, 2024

MOLINE-COAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, December 09, 2024

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, December 09, 2024 at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center (Black Box) 3600 Avenue of the Cities, 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

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

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: Akhil Kumar

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 November 12, 2024 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 - JANE ADDAMS STUDENT COUNCIL

Teresa Landon, Jane Addams Principal, introduced student council members and 5th Grade Teacher/Student Council Sponsor, Mr. C. Jane Addams student council currently has 12 student members and these students are chosen by their peers. The student council holds many activities; they sponsor spirit day, raise funds for school and families in need, service projects, and plan fun school-wide events. Jane Addams student council has bought new drinking fountains, school-wide scholastic news, eclipse glasses for the school, purchase claw machine prizes, and purchased an air pump for filling recess balls. Student council holds an art-a-thon, after-school dodgeball, snow cone sales, and trivia events to raise money. The most recent service project was student council members helping spread mulch on the playground. Mr. C stated that student council doesn't feel like a job but just adds extra fun at school.

Board member Audrey Adamson asked with such a big group how student council members make decisions. One student council member replied that they break into groups and discuss options and then the groups come together and discuss these options.

Board member Erin Waldron-Smith asked the student council members if they plan on joining the student council in middle school. All students said they plan on joining the student council in middle school.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT/AUDIT

Vince Gallo, Chief Financial Officer, thanked Jen Barton, District Accountant, for her extra effort and countless hours in preparing for the audit along with all business office staff. Mr. Gallo introduced Sarah Bohnsack, Accountant for Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP, to review the District's financial reports. Ms. Bohnsack passed out the 2024 annual comprehensive financial report, the Illinois State Board of Education annual financial report, the communication with government report, and the control deficiency report. The District had three audits, with the financial statements audit receiving an unmodified opinion which is the highest opinion, the government auditing standards with no findings, and the federal single audit again with no findings. Ms. Bohnsack stated that the district had a very clean audit and the business office should be proud of their work. In looking at the District's revenue, they were up 5.8 million this year from last year. One increase was in the corporate personal property replacements tax, less funding was given to school districts in 2024. Looking at the intergovernmental fund decrease in 2024 was primarily due to the Esser program, this year the district had 6.4 million in expenditures. The District's financial profile score remained at a 4.0 on a 4.0 scale.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL REPORT CARD - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Rachel Savage, Superintendent of Schools, presented the data from the annual Illinois school report card for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Savage started with our mission; The mission of Moline-Coal Valley Schools, in partnership with our communities, which will prepare them to become contributing and productive citizens, responsive to changing local and global needs. Dr. Savage reviewed statewide cheers from Illinois; highest-ever proficiency rate for ELA in Grades 3-8, more high school students participating in career and technical education and advanced coursework, minor gains in Math proficiency for Grades 3-8, continued success in reducing college remediation rate, chronic absenteeism improves for second year, record-high graduation rate, more teachers in Illinois than ever before, and more diverse student enrollment.

Moline-Coal Valley District Headlines for the 2023-2024 school year include; academic improvement in all four core areas, gains in both proficiency and growth for ELA/Math, more students taking advanced coursework, incredible gains in participation/score 5 Essentials (ranked above state average in all five metrics), increased 9th graders on track, attendance improving slowly (truancy and chronic absenteeism reducing), and District enrollment is on the rise. The District's free/reduced lunch rate has also increased by 2.7%, our chronic absenteeism rate has decreased by 4.4%, and our truancy rate decreased by 3.6%. The District's teacher retention rate is at 93.8%, the state average is 89.6% and our administrator/student ratio is 199:1 which means we are covering more ground with fewer administrative staff compared to the state average.

Board member Lindsey Hines asked Dr. Savage if the district has a relationship with other districts to compare and see what works for them. Dr. Savage stated that surrounding districts do collaborate and there are even more that she would like to reach out to.

Board member Ramona Dixon asked if the district is looking at NWEA MAP data too. Dr. Savage replied that the district is seeing great growth when comparing MAP scores, as MAP is given to students three times per year.

A motion was made by Audrey Adamson, seconded by Chet DeSmet, and unanimously carried, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:46 p.m.

Vice- President

Secretary

3. Public Comment and Participation

4. Special Recognition - School Improvement Achievements for John Deere and Wilson Middle Schools - Dr. Savage

5. School Spotlight - Washington Elementary

6. Vision 2030 Goal Summary - Dr. Savage

7. Adjournment