

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
March 7, 2023

Place: Roosevelt Auditorium

Members Present: Mrs. Barbara Hickey, Ms. Stacey Williams, Mrs. Kathleen Avalos, Mr. Calvin Davis

Administrators Present: Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Mrs. Debbie Lubeck, Director of Student Services
Ms. Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Mrs. Hickey called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m., welcomed visitors and invited comments from the audience. The number of community participants in person was 1 and on zoom was 9.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

On call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Davis, Ms. Williams

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Board Governance

Professional Development Update – Mrs. Hickey introduced Dr. Hawley and Mrs. Lubeck to present an overview of the District Professional Development Update. They gave the purpose and the goals of professional learning in the District as well as summarized the discussion with Dr. Doug Bolton regarding: Creating communities of belonging and inclusion; Team collaborations; and the District’s teaching and learning partnerships. They also spoke about what professional learning the Special Education teaching staff and paraprofessionals have recently completed and what it planned for the current school year. Finally, they spoke about professional development planning for the 2023-24 school year. .

West 40 Compliance Overview – Dr. Condon gave a presentation of the recently completed West 40 compliance visit. He explained the process, which takes place every four years. He thanked the Administrative team and the building level and District level office staff for their efforts compiling all of the documentation necessary to comply with school codes.

Board of Education/COW Meeting Logistic Directives – Mrs. Hickey began a discussion about garnering consensus from the members about Board meeting/COW meeting logistics. This discussion was held under the assumption that the Governor will lift the state’s emergency declaration in conjunction with President Biden lifting the declaration at the federal level. The Board came to consensus that the meeting start times shall remain at 7pm for all meetings except in July and August, when they shall remain at 6pm. They also came to consensus that, effective immediately, Board members when attending meetings, will have to attend in person, unless they qualify for one of the exemptions listed in the school code. Also, they came to consensus that the District will continue to use a live-streaming platform for community viewing while continuing to

accept public comment via email with a 5:00 p.m. deadline and a consistent comment time limit of three minutes, whether delivered in person or via email. Lastly, they came to consensus that the meetings shall remain in the Roosevelt auditorium until adequate ADA accessibility and meeting space can be created in the 2nd floor LLC for the evening meetings. The hope is to achieve that for the September 2023 meetings.

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Hickey, Ms. Williams, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:14 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:42 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 p.m.



Barbara Hickey
President



Nicole Thompson
Secretary