

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**January 9, 2024**

Place: Roosevelt Library Learning Center

Members Present: Ms. Stacey Williams, Mrs. Kathleen Avalos, Mrs. Sarah Eckmann (via phone), Mr. Joseph Cortese, Dr. Eric Isenberg, Dr. Kristine Mackey

Administrators Present: Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent  
Dr. Alison Hawley, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction  
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Christine Gerges, Lincoln/Willard School Assistant Principal  
Ms. Stephanie Rath, Director of Communications and Community Outreach

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Ms. Williams called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. and welcomed visitors and invited comments from the audience. The number of community participants in person was 5 and on zoom was 2.

It was moved by Mr. Cortese and seconded by Dr. Mackey that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: Mrs. Avalos, Ms. Williams, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Isenberg, Mr. Cortese, Mrs. Eckmann

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Board Governance**

**Green4Good Presentation** – Dr. Condon introduced Renee Sichlau and Michele Taylor, representing the District’s Green4Good team to give the Board a brief update on Green4Good initiatives, which included such items as Walk or Bike to School Week; the Pumpkin Smash; the Community Bike Exchange; Earth Week activities; and the District’s composting program. Mrs. Sichlau noted in particular that, without a comprehensive District composting plan the bulk of the work falls on parent volunteers. She continued by highlighting other initiatives, such as the Halloween Costume swap and the native plant sale. She spoke about the Village’s ban on Styrofoam and that the G4G team is planning a future Styrofoam collection event. Lastly, she urged the Board to consider committing to a policy towards sustainability. The Board thanked them and the G4G for its efforts.

**Power Scholars Academy Program Report, 2023** – Dr. Condon introduced Phil Jimenez of the West Cook YMCA. Together they presented a report on the 2023 Power Scholars Program, which takes place during the summer months. The program’s intent is to close the educational gap lost over the summer months for identified participants. Mr. Jimenez thanked all YMCA and District 90 employees that were involved in the program’s accomplishments. He spoke about the YMCA’s educational relationship with the District since 2018 and the evolution of the program. Dr. Condon continued by speaking about the program’s impact on the students that were chosen

to attend. A Board discussion ensued. Dr. Condon then reviewed the Family Social Emotional Learning Survey data and the individual reading and math assessment results. An agreement has not been solidified between the District and the YMCA for the upcoming summer regarding the continuation of the program, as refinements can be made. Further Board discussion ensued.

**2023 Summer School Report** – Dr. Hawley introduced Nancy Mueller, Summer School Principal and Bobby Bachar, Summer School Special Education Coordinator to present the report on the 2023 Summer School program. After they presented the particulars of the program, Dr. Condon thanked them for their efforts. A Board discussion ensued.

**Literacy Curriculum Review Process Update** – Dr. Hawley gave a high-level update on the Literacy Curriculum Review process. She thanked all the members of the Committee that were in attendance. She spoke about the research review completed and noted that a document will be finalized with recommendations in late January. She spoke about the materials review paper screening process as well as the specific curricula reviewed and whether each met alignment expectations. Finally, she spoke about the timeline for completion. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Dr. Isenberg and seconded by Mr. Cortese 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. Eckmann, Mr. Cortese, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Isenberg, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos

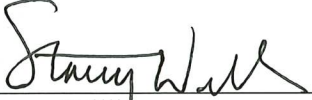
Nays: none


The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:53 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 9:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

  
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Stacey Williams  
President

  
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Sarah Eckmann  
Secretary