

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
December 5, 2023

Place: Roosevelt Multipurpose Room

Members Present: Ms. Stacey Williams, Mrs. Kathleen Avalos, Mrs. Sarah Eckmann, Mr. Joseph Cortese, Dr. Eric Isenberg, Dr. Kristine Mackey, Dr. Nicole Thompson

Administrators Present: Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal
Mr. Casey Godfrey, Lincoln School Principal
Ms. Diane Wood, Willard School Principal
Mrs. Christine Gerges, Lincoln/Willard School Assistant Principal
Mrs. Debbie Lubeck, Director of Student Services
Mr. Kevin Martin, Director of Technology
Ms. Stephanie Rath, Director of Communications and Community Relations

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Ms. Williams called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:06 p.m. and welcomed visitors. The number of community participants in person was 23 and on zoom was 2.

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos and seconded by Mr. Cortese 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, Dr. Thompson

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Board Governance

Literacy Instruction Forum – Dr. Condon welcomed residents and explained the format for the meeting. He introduced Dr. Peter Chien, the meeting’s co-facilitator. He then reviewed the meeting agreements and introduced Dr. Hawley to present the District 90 Literacy overview. She spoke about the components of effective literacy instruction as well as the previous framing of evidence-based instructional practices. She then spoke about the materials in District 90 that support literacy instruction and described what evidence-based instruction includes under the 2024 Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan. Finally, she spoke about the roles, responsibilities and essential review questions for the District 90 Literacy Review Committee.

The Literacy Forum portion of the meeting began as the table participants began considering the topics of discussion, which included:

1. What are you still hoping to learn about literacy instruction in D90?
2. What is important to you about literacy instruction for your children?
3. What do you think the literacy review committee should be considering most deeply during the review process?
4. How can we communicate/collaborate more effectively with families regarding literacy in District 90?

Dr. Condon then allowed participants to submit comments/questions in writing that they felt were not fully discussed or answered during the session. He then read those aloud and they were discussed.

Ms. Williams then asked Mr. Cozzi to set the parameters for public comment.

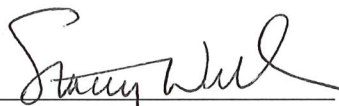
Public Comment

Ted Perlstein, resident, spoke about the 35% of students that did not meet/exceed state standards in literacy and urged the Board to do more to decrease that percentage. He thanked the other community members for attending tonight's important meeting.


Holly McCarthy, resident, thought it was great to see everyone in the room and questioned how to get more people to Board meetings. She felt offended that public comments in the past repeatedly indicate what, "...the community thinks..." rather than limiting it to what, "...I think..."

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.



Stacey Williams
President



Sarah Eckmann - KATIE AVALOS
Secretary, PRO-TEM