

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
June 1, 2021

Place: Roosevelt Multipurpose Room

Members Present: Mrs. Barbara Hickey, Ms. Stacey Williams (via Zoom),
Dr. Nicole Thompson (via Zoom), Mrs. Kathleen
Avalos, Mr. Richard Moore (via Zoom), Mr. Cal Davis,
Mrs. Sarah Eckmann (via Zoom)

Administrators Present: Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and
Instruction (via Zoom)
Mr. Kevin Martin, Director of Technology (via Zoom)
Mrs. Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator
(via Zoom)

Community Present: The number of community participants on Zoom
was 17.

Recording Secretary: Mr. Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and Facilities

Mrs. Hickey called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. Moore welcomed visitors and asked Ms. Simmons for written comments from the public received in advance of the meeting.

Public Comments

Jacquelyn Jancius, resident, commented with her concern about the lack of planned after-school arrangements made for students. She believed there would be significant community support for an after-school program in District 90 and requested that the Board consider it for the fall. She also believed that it would be beneficial in reducing educational gaps created by the pandemic.

It was moved by Mr. Moore 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. Eckmann, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Hickey, Dr. Thompson, Mr.
Moore, Ms. Williams

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Board Governance

Board Meeting Format/Technology Platform – Mrs. Hickey introduced Dr. Condon and Mr. Martin to discuss potential technology platforms used for future Board meetings. Mr. Martin spoke in detail about the potential of using Zoom Webinar. That platform sets up Board members to act as meeting panelists, without giving the community attendees any speaking or visual ability unless given permission to do so. Currently, District 90 owns Zoom licenses as part of the tri-district consortium with Oak Park SD 97 and OPRFHS District 200. After a discussion, the Board members felt comfortable with using that platform on a trial basis throughout the summer.

ESSER III “Safe Return to In-Person Instruction” Plan – Dr. Condon presented background information for the ESSER III “Safe Return to In-Person Instruction” plan. He introduced Mrs. Simmons to present the requirements and guiding principles of the plan, prioritizing full in-person learning. Per compliance requirements, she noted that the plan will be posted on the website and a time will be scheduled to accept public comments relating to the plan. A Board discussion ensued. Dr. Condon believed that even as the State possibly moves towards Phase 5, the District will continue to be aware that most of its student population (ages 3 – 11) will soon not be vaccinated. The District’s safety mitigations will be predicated on that as well as the then-current health guidelines.

ISBE Resolution – Supporting In-Person Learning – Dr. Condon spoke about the resolution that ISBE intends to pass once the Governor transitions the state into Phase 5. He also summarized the additional guidance provided by ISBE. He spoke about what a remote learning situation for an individual student may look like under the proposed in-person learning model, as the District will be avoiding remote instruction for a non-COVID related reason.

West 40 Intergovernmental Agreement FY 22: Regional Safe Schools and Alternative Learning Opportunities Program – Dr. Condon spoke about the annual intergovernmental agreement with West 40 regarding the Regional Safe Schools program.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the West 40 Intergovernmental Agreement FY 22 Regional Safe Schools as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Hickey, Ms. Williams, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eckmann, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Personnel

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

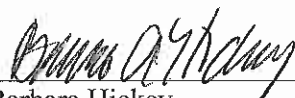
Ayes: Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Davis, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Avalos, Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Eckmann, Ms. Williams

Nays: None

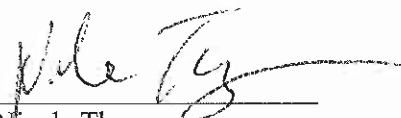
The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.



Barbara Hickey
President



Nicole Thompson
Secretary