

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
April 5, 2022

Place: Roosevelt Auditorium

Members Present: Mrs. Barbara Hickey, Ms. Stacey Williams, Mrs. Kathleen Avalos, Mr. Richard Moore

Administrators Present: Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal
Ms. Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator

Community Present: The number of community participants on Zoom was 5.

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

Mrs. Hickey called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m., welcomed visitors and invited comments from the audience.

In Dr. Thompson's absence, Mrs. Hickey nominated Ms. Williams to serve as Secretary, Pro-Tem for this meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education appoint Stacey Williams as Secretary, Pro-Tem.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Moore 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. Moore, Ms. Williams

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Education Committee

Roosevelt Block Schedule -- Mrs. Hickey introduced Mr. Garstki and Mrs. Steketee to give the Roosevelt Block Schedule presentation. Mr. Garstki reminded the Board that this presentation should not be confused with the block schedule that was discussed by the Board several years ago. Mr. Garstki gave background information about the schedule and made a simple comparison to a normal eight period day. He spoke about the advantages of the longer 82 minutes class period. He also noted that the plan started as a COVID mitigation strategy, but became a teacher-supported model that allows for cooperative groupings, stations, Tier 2 interventions, project-based curriculum etc. He also noted that it is a very good fit for existing curriculum in terms of daily minutes. He did note some challenges, however. They consist mainly of teachers not seeing students every day and absenteeism implications. However, he also stressed that COVID

mitigations have had a limiting influence on teachers' ability to fully optimize the way that a class period facilitates the use of the most effective instructional strategies. Finally, he noted that around 67% of Roosevelt teachers favor the block schedule. A Board discussion ensued.

Center for Applied Linguistics Report – Dr. Hawley presented the Center for Applied Linguistics Evaluation Report. She illustrated the scope of the evaluation, its methodology, the principles of effective instruction, a summary of instructional strengths, the opportunities for instructional improvement and any recommendations for the future. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:06 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:17 p.m.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:


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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:17 p.m.


Barbara Hickey
President


Nicole Thompson
Secretary