

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

June 7, 2022

Place: Roosevelt Auditorium

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

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

Community Present: The number of community participants on Zoom was 2.

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

Mrs. Hickey called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m., welcomed visitors and invited comments from the audience.

### **Public Comment**

Steffani LeFevour, noted that, even with District 90's incredible teachers, many students are still struggling. She spoke about her recent request for an open conversation with the Roosevelt Administration regarding the proposed block schedule and was denied. She noted that she has accumulated over 100 signatures on a petition urging the Board and Administration to consider a modified block schedule for the upcoming school year. They also asked the Administration to hold a town hall meeting to ask further questions and propose alternatives, and that was also denied. She also noted that she filed a FOIA request for additional information and still doesn't feel like she is being heard. Finally, she requested that the Board urge the Administration, at a minimum, to send a detailed survey out to teachers and parents to better assess if the block schedule is beneficial to children.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Thompson 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, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Eckmann, Ms. Williams

Nays: none

The motion carried.

### **Board Governance**

**West 40 Continuum of Services Intergovernmental Agreement** –Dr. Condon presented the West 40 Intergovernmental Agreement. He noted that the Engagement of Safe School, the High Needs Alternative, and the Alternative Learning Opportunities programs were all selected from the menu of options as part of the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the West 40 Continuum of Services Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Contract Amendments to Reflect Administrators' Title Changes** – Dr. Condon presented the proposed contract amendments to reflect title changes for Dr. Alison Hawley and Mr. Cozzi. He noted that the changes are proposed to allow those administrators to play a more integral role in the re-engagement of the Strategic Plan. Dr. Hawley's title would change from Director of Curriculum and Instruction to Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. Mr. Cozzi's title would change from Director of Finance and Facilities/CSBO to Chief Operations Officer/CSBO.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the Contract Amendments as presented.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

### **Education Committee**

**Curriculum and Instruction Overview, 2021-22** – Dr. Hawley presented the Curriculum and Instruction Year in Review. She spoke about the work of all of the District Committees as well as provided data on the various professional development activities completed across the District. In addition, she spoke about the accomplishments of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee along with all of the curriculum enhancements in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. Finally, she spoke about the proposed summer curriculum initiatives and previewed the professional learning that is scheduled for the Fall. A Board discussion ensued.

**Essential Objectives, 2021-22** – Dr. Condon gave a brief summary of the District Essential Objectives, Tiers I, II and III. He thanked the Board for their governance and support to allow the objectives to be created, worked and accomplished.

### **Facilities Committee**

**Facilities Update** – Mr. Cozzi updated the Board on the status of the HVAC project from the summer of 2021 and the issues with the general contractor. He noted the work that still has not been completed and the amount of funds that the District continues to hold in retainage. In addition, Mr. Cozzi informed the Board that the Lincoln Boiler project and a significant portion of the Roosevelt and Willard Life Safety project is on schedule. However, he noted that completion of the door replacement portion of the Life Safety project will be delayed until the Fall of 2022 due to supply chain issues. He informed the Board that those school buildings will open on time in August and at no time will any of the work in October and November negatively impact ongoing instruction as construction will occur after hours and all safety measures will be followed.

**Personnel**

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

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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; and 10) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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


Nays: none


The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:04 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:39 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

  
Barbara Hickey  
President

  
Nicole Thompson  
Secretary