



# Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

## MEETING SUMMARY

August 20, 2024

Admin Building, Boardroom/Webex

6:09-7:38 p.m.

**Members present:** Jerry Carney, Lyman Kaiser, Velvet Stepanek, Mark Holthouse, Jan Rennie  
(as well as guest, Amanda Huber, who attended virtually)

**Members absent:** Nicole Uebel, Chip Ecks, Rebecca Kluck

**Guests:** Valerie Scates, Executive Director of Future Ready and  
Dawn Boden, Director of Counseling Services

**Ex-Officio members present:** Brandan Comfort and Kim Gilstrap,  
with Lauren Nelson (BOE Treasurer) and Julie Ott (BOE Director), virtually

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### Preliminary Items:

- 1: The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.
- 2: Kim Gilstrap made the roll call.
- 3: The meeting agenda was unanimously approved, with agreement that it will be amended to include the questions, submitted by Velvet, to Valerie Scates, with Valerie's responses, as this was a topic of discussion.
- 4: The meeting summary, from the June meeting, was also approved, on the same basis, to include the above-mentioned Q&A.

### Action:

There were no action items for the August meeting.

### Non-Action Items:

5: Dr. Comfort noted no major changes to the MLO Monthly Income Statement, for May and June. He stated that with Year-End processes, July has not been closed yet and hopes to have that statement available for the September meeting. He mentioned that as we approach year 4, with the Wonders Curriculum & Instruction platform, it is being reviewed for budget/funding changes.

6: In the world of Capital Programs, there are still four campuses that remain without, or only have partial air-conditioning, which is slated for future focus.

For the PIPs that cover attraction and retention, the district is in a much better place this year, with only 41 vacancies versus 138, at this time, last year.

A committee member asked about the new Cell Phone Policy, which went into effect at the beginning of the school year. The policy required each student to keep their cell phone and any other electronic devices in a "Yondr" locking pouch, while at school. The pouches were personalized and distributed to every student, in grades 6 – 12. The new policy requires that the students keep their pouch in their lockers, purses, back-pack, etc. until the end of each school day. They are responsible for taking their Yondr pouch to and from school, daily.

Dr. Comfort shared a couple of small instances, which were expected and quieted, immediately. He also shares the view that the policy has been welcomed and embraced, resulting in obviously more students paying closer attention in class.

7: Brandan announced that Nicole Ottmer will be holding a PIP Owners' Orientation, Training and KPI Development session, on August 29<sup>th</sup> at Tesla, which is also open to any MLOOC members that may wish to attend.

8: The Committee Charge was reviewed, to ensure accuracy, as it will be presented to the Board Of Education, as a NON-Action item, on September 4<sup>th</sup>, before the Committee reconvenes for the next monthly meeting. With the present members, the draft was approved unanimously, without any changes that may have been made or intended by Nicole Uebel, Committee Chairperson. (Kim Gilstrap later confirmed that she had no other changes to be made)

9: The Committee Mission Statement and any updates to the current Governance Plan will need to be discussed at the next meeting, with Chair, Nicole Uebel.

10: The Committee discussed and determined which PIPs need to be reviewed. We moved forward to assign PIP Owners, that will be invited as guest presenters, to upcoming scheduled Committee meetings. Kim Gilstrap is to send those invitations to the appropriate PIP Owners.

11: The Committee then turned their attention to the questions surrounding MLO 2017 PIP 1: Comprehensive Student Support Model. That PIP Owner, Valerie Scates, presented at the meeting in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Next meeting: September 17, 2024