



# Grand Rapids Area Schools

## Organizational Meeting of the School Board

Monday, January 5, 2026

6:00 p.m. Open Forum & Work Session

6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

ISD 318 Educational Services Center ~ Boardroom

650 SW 7th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

*In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at the same time and location.*

Remote access is available from the [Board of Education page](#) of the Grand Rapids Area Schools website.

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### Open Forum / Work Session

*Those wishing to address the school board during Open Forum must attend in-person.*

### Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of agenda
4. Election of Officers
  - a. Chairperson
  - b. Clerk
  - c. Treasurer.
  - d. Designate Deputy Clerk
5. **EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES**
6. **BELONGING**
7. **EQUITABLE EDUCATION**
  - a. Principal Report: East Rapids Elementary
  - b. FORWARD Community Advisory Committee update
8. **STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES**
  - a. Organizational items
    1. Approve 2025 School Board meeting calendar
    2. Approve calendar of Indicator Reports for 2025
    3. Approve board payment rates for 2025
    4. Approve board committee assignments for 2025
    5. Approve designated financial institutions for school funds
    6. Approve certification of Chief Financial Officer
    7. Select school district's legal counsel and name authorized contacts
    8. Designate representative to the MN State High School League
    9. Designation of official newspaper
    10. Designation of official radio station(s)
    11. Designation of official posting site
  - b. Approve minutes of 12/15/25 Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness public meeting
  - c. Approve minutes of 12/15/25 regular school board meeting
  - d. Approve Consent Agenda

*All matters listed under the consent agenda are staffing-related or considered routine and do not require discussion. These items will be acted upon together in one motion. If discussion is desired on a particular item, it will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately by the Board.*

- i. Jon Bylkas, Food & Nutrition resignation
- ii. Denise Giese, Facilities Administrative Professional replacement hire
- iii. Anna Lloyd, ADSIS Behavior Interventionist Teacher hire
- e. Approve micro-purchase threshold level
- f. Accept second reading and approve policy 712 Digital Surveillance Other Than On Buses

**9. PARTNERSHIPS**

- a. Approve Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) 2026 membership
- b. Board Reports.
- c. Superintendent Report

**10. COMMUNICATION**

- a. Meeting Announcements

*DESC = District Educational Services Center*

- i. Fringe Benefits Committee 1/7/26 3:45 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- ii. Policy Review Committee 1/8/26 10:00 a.m. DESC Boardroom
- iii. Facilities Steering Committee 1/12/26 4:00 p.m. DESC Room 196
- iv. School Board Work Session 1/12/26 5:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- v. MSBA Leadership Conference 1/15/26 & 1/16/26 Minneapolis Convention Center
- vi. Itasca Area Schools Community Education Regional Council 1/20/26 11:00 a.m. DESC Room 126
- vii. Boys & Girls Club 1/20/26 12:00 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church
- viii. Reif Board 1/20/26 12:00 p.m. Theater Classroom
- ix. Bigfork School Advisory Committee 1/20/26 5:00 p.m. Bigfork School
- x. School Board Open Forum 1/20/26 6:00 p.m. Bigfork School/Edge Center or remotely from DESC Boardroom
- xi. School Board Regular Meeting 1/20/26 6:30 p.m. Bigfork School/Edge Center or remotely from DESC Boardroom

11. Other Business

12. Public Input: *Members of the public wishing to address the school board during Public Input must attend in-person. All individual comments shall be less than 5 minutes. Any group of five or more persons must appoint one person to present the group's views to the Board. Depending on the number of persons present, the school board chair reserves the right to set further time limits to allow participation within the allocated time. The Board shall not allow negative comments in public sessions about individual employees or students. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any issue that is not included on the agenda posted with the notice of the meeting. If there are more requests than time available priority will be given to persons that reside within the Grand Rapids Area Schools school district.*

13. Adjournment