



Grand Rapids Area Schools

Regular Meeting of the School Board

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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

6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

The Edge Center at Bigfork School

101 2nd Ave, Bigfork, MN 56628

and remotely from the

District Educational Services Center ~ Boardroom

650 SW 7th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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

Open Forum / Work Session

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

1. Bigfork School Advisory Committee update
2. Principal Report: Bigfork School

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of agenda
4. **EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES**
5. **BELONGING**
6. **EQUITABLE EDUCATION**
7. **STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES**
 - a. Approve minutes of 1/5/26 Organizational School Board meeting
 - b. Approve December 2025 claims
 - c. Approve the following retirements:
 - i. David Calliguri, Teacher retirement
 - ii. Catherine Peck-Burley, Teacher retirement
 - 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. Ashley Francisco, ESP resignation
 - ii. Jo Ann Jorgensen, Bigfork School Lead Administrative Professional replacement transfer hire
 - iii. Kylie Marinucci, ESP replacement hire
 - iv. Jack Palkki, Bus Driver resignation
 - v. Maxwell Pearson, Food & Nutrition replacement hire
 - vi. Allison Peterson, ESP replacement hire
 - vii. Julie Robinson, Dissolution of employment
 - viii. Cynthia Wolfe, Food & Nutrition replacement hire
- e. Approve 2025-2027 AFSCME Local 207-1 (Service Unit) contract
 - f. Approve 2025-2027 Educational Support Professional Local 4850 (ESP Unit) contract
8. **PARTNERSHIPS**
 - a. Board Reports

b. Superintendent Report

9. COMMUNICATION

a. Meeting Announcements

DESC = District Educational Services Center

- i. Endowment Committee 1/21/26 4:30 p.m. GRHS room G112
- ii. FORWARD Community Advisory Committee 1/22/26 6:30 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- iii. Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Committee 1/28/26 5:00 p.m.
DESC Boardroom
- iv. Facilities Steering Committee 2/2/26 4:00 p.m. DESC room 196
- v. School Board Work Session 2/2/26 5:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- vi. School Board Open Forum 2/9/26 6:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- vii. School Board Regular Meeting 2/9/26 6:30 p.m. DESC Boardroom

10. Other Business

11. 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.*

12. Adjournment