



Grand Rapids Area Schools

Regular Meeting of the School Board

Monday, February 9, 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

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. Building and Grounds / Facilities Health & Safety

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of agenda
4. **EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES**
5. **BELONGING**
6. **EQUITABLE EDUCATION**
 - a. Approve International Field Trip request to Costa Rica from Bigfork School; June 2027
 - b. Approve International Field Trip request to Switzerland/Mediterranean from Grand Rapids High School; June 2028
 - c. Principal Report - Grand Rapids High School
7. **STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES**
 - a. Approve minutes of 1/20/26 regular school board meeting
 - b. Approve Resolution to accept donations and gifts; October, November, December 2025
 - c. Approve the following retirements:
 - i. Anne Bylkas, Physical Education Teacher retirement
 - ii. Angela Vekich, Special Education 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. Eric Blair, Softball Coach resignation
 - ii. Jessica Mackley, Football Cheerleading Coach resignation
 - iii. Ross Martin, Bus Driver replacement hire
 - iv. Dawson Miller, Educational Technology Technician (Computer Tech) replacement hire
 - v. Meredith Rothstein, Asst Track Coach replacement hire
 - vi. Annalise Schmitz, Bigfork 9-month Administrative Professional replacement transfer hire
 - e. Approve Teacher Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence from Rachel Newman
 - f. Approve 2025-2027 EdMN Local 1315 (Teachers Unit) contract
 - g. Approve Permission to Post Teacher on Special Assignment: Math Curriculum Integration Specialist
 - h. Approve Resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and position and reasons therefor
 - i. Approve 2026-2027 Grand Rapids Area Schools calendar

- j. Appoint School Board representatives to 2026 graduations

8. PARTNERSHIPS

- a. Accept American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) Annual Compliance report
- b. FORWARD Community Advisory Committee meeting #2 update
- c. Board Reports
- d. Superintendent Report

9. COMMUNICATION

- a. Meeting Announcements

DESC = District Educational Services Center

- i. IASC Board 2/10/26 5:00 p.m. Zoom
- ii. District Staff Development Committee 2/12/26 3:45 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- iii. Boys & Girls Club 2/17/26 12:00 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church
- iv. Reif Board 2/17/26 12:00 p.m. Reif Theater Classroom
- v. Bigfork School Advisory Committee 2/17/26 5:00 p.m. Bigfork School
- vi. Endowment Committee 2/18/26 4:30 p.m. GRHS room G112
- vii. Fringe Benefits Committee 2/25/26 3:45 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- viii. Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Committee 2/26/26 5:00 p.m. DESC room 126
- ix. FORWARD Community Advisory Committee 2/26/26 6:30 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- x. School Board Open Forum 3/2/26 6:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- xi. School Board Regular Meeting 3/2/26 6:30 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- xii. Wellness Committee 3/4/26 3:30 p.m. DESC room 196
- xiii. District Labor Management/Health & Safety Committee 3/9/26 3:30 p.m. Google Meet
- xiv. Facilities Steering Committee 3/9/26 4:00 p.m. DESC room 196
- xv. School Board Work Session 3/9/26 5:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- xvi. Policy Review Committee 3/12/26 10:00 a.m. DESC room 126
- xvii. Itasca Area Schools Community Education Advisory Council 3/17/26 11:30 a.m. DESC room 126
- xviii. Boys & Girls Club 3/17/26 12:00 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church
- xix. Reif Board 3/17/26 12:00 p.m. Reif Theater Classroom
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- xxi. IASC Board 3/17/26 5:00 p.m. Deer River School
- xxii. Endowment Committee 3/18/26 4:30 p.m. GRHS room G112
- xxiii. Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Committee 3/18/26 5:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- xxiv. School Board Open Forum 3/23/26 6:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- xxv. School Board Regular Meeting 3/23/26 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