



Grand Rapids Area Schools

Regular Meeting of the School Board

Monday, March 2, 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. Special Services Indicator Report

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. Bigfork School Advisory Committee update
 - b. Principal Report - Cohasset Elementary
7. **STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES**
 - a. Approve minutes of 2/9/26 regular school board meeting
 - b. Approve revised December 2026 claims
 - c. Approve January 2026 claims
 - 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. Angela Berg, Teacher .20 FTE Unpaid Leave of Absence request for 2026-2027 and 2027-28
 - ii. William Braun, Track Coach resignation
 - iii. Bobbi Kelley, ESP replacement hire
 - iv. Jan Noles, Bus Driver resignation
- e. Approve 2025-2027 Indian Education Coordinator contract
 - f. Approve Permission to Post Grand Rapids Area Virtual Academy (GRAVA) Special Education Teacher
 - g. Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding stipend and salary on the Superintendent and Human Resources Director 2025-2027 contracts
 - h. Approve 2026 legislative priorities
 - i. Approve First State Bank of Bigfork account authorized owner/signers
 - j. Approve Grand Rapids High School and Bigfork High School 2027 graduation dates
8. **PARTNERSHIPS**
 - a. Board Reports
 - b. Superintendent Report
 9. **COMMUNICATION**

a. Meeting Announcements

DESC = District Educational Services Center

- i. Wellness Committee 3/4/26 3:30 p.m. DESC room 196
- ii. District Labor Management/Health & Safety Committee 3/9/26 3:30 p.m. Google Meet
- iii. MSBA/MASA Day at the Capitol 3/9/26 9:00 a.m. Minnesota History Center, St. Paul
- iv. Policy Review Committee 3/12/26 10:00 a.m. DESC room 126
- v. Itasca Area Schools Community Education Advisory Council 3/17/26 11:30 a.m.
DESC room 126
- vi. Boys & Girls Club 3/17/26 12:00 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church
- vii. Reif Board 3/17/26 12:00 p.m. Reif Theater Classroom
- viii. Bigfork School Advisory Committee 3/17/26 5:00 p.m. Bigfork School
- ix. IASC Board 3/17/26 5:00 p.m. Deer River School
- x. Endowment Committee 3/18/26 4:30 p.m. GRHS room G112
- xi. Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Committee 3/18/26 5:00 p.m.
DESC Boardroom
- xii. Facilities Steering Committee 3/23/26 5:00 p.m. DESC room 196
- xiii. School Board Open Forum 3/23/26 6:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- xiv. 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