



# Grand Rapids Area Schools

## Regular Meeting of the School Board

Monday, April 20, 2026

5:30 p.m. Work Session

(No Open Forum for this meeting)

6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

ISD 318 Educational Services Center ~ Boardroom

650 SW 7th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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1. 211 First Call for Help presentation

### 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. Grand Rapids High School Jazz Band
  - b. Principal Report - East Rapids Elementary
7. **STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES**
  - a. Approve minutes of 4/6/26 regular school board meeting
  - b. Approve March 2026 claims
  - c. Accept Resolution for January, February, March 2026 gifts & donations
  - d. Approve the following retirement:
    - i. Amy Bean, Administrative Professional/Third Party Billing Coordinator retirement
  - e. 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. Corey Brown, HVAC Specialist hire
    - ii. Nicole Edwards, Licensed School Nurse resignation
    - iii. Zachary Erickson, MTSS Coordinator (Teacher) resignation
    - iv. Carolyn Gropp, ESP replacement hire
    - v. Simon Jackson, RJEMS Baseball Coach replacement hire
    - vi. Andrew Juve, ESP replacement hire
    - vii. Brenda Keske, ESP resignation
    - viii. Kaitlyn Kessler, ESP resignation
    - ix. Patrick Myers, BHS Football Coach replacement hire
    - x. Chadwick Persons, GRHS Boys Head Basketball Coach resignation
    - xi. Jack Soltis, RJEMS Baseball Coach resignation
    - xii. Madilynn Thomsen, ESP replacement hire
  - f. Approve West Rapids Elementary Lead Principal replacement hire, Jennifer Stefan
  - g. Approve Permission to Post additional 0.90 FTE Intervention Teacher (ADSIS)
  - h. Approve 2025-2027 Administrative Professionals AFSCME Local 207-2 Unit contract

- i. Approve Bob Streetar Baseball Field and Grand Rapids Sports Complex lease agreement with City of Grand Rapids
- j. Review revised Operational Plan
- k. Accept first reading of the following policies:
  - i. 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy
  - ii. 503 Student Attendance
  - iii. 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
  - iv. 530 Immunization Requirements
  - v. 615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students
  - vi. 701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget
  - vii. 721 Procurement Policy (formerly named Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources)

**8. PARTNERSHIPS**

- a. Board Reports
- b. Superintendent Report

**9. COMMUNICATION**

- a. Meeting Announcements

*DESC = District Educational Services Center*

- i. Boys & Girls Club 4/21/26 12:00 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church
- ii. Reif Center Board 4/21/26 12:00 p.m. Reif Center Theater Classroom
- iii. Bigfork School Advisory Committee 4/21/26 5:00 p.m. Bigfork School
- iv. Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Committee 4/23/26 5:00 p.m. DESC Room 196
- v. FORWARD Community Advisory Committee 4/23/26 6:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- vi. School Board Open Forum 5/4/26 6:00 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- vii. School Board Regular Meeting 5/4/26 6:30 p.m. DESC Boardroom
- viii. Wellness Committee 5/5/26 3:30 p.m. DESC Room 196
- ix. District Labor Management Committee 5/11/26 3:30 p.m. DESC Room 126
- x. School Board Work Session 5/11/26 5:00 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. Approval of adjournment