

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Chairperson Leamy called the regular meeting of the Joint School District and Village Board Planning Committee to order at 4:00 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members Present:

School - School Board Member Bruce Fischer, School Board Member Meredith Hughey, and Superintendent Aaron Tarnutzer.

Village - President Stephanie Brassington, Trustee Alisa Leamy, and Administrator Matt Schuenke

Members Not Present: None.

Staff Present: School District Director of Business Jeff Mahoney.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.
None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Leamy, second by Brassington, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting. Motion carries 6-0-0 by acclamation.

b. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Leamy, second by Hughey, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting. Motion carries 6-0-0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Update and discussion on impacts of the 2025-2027 State of Wisconsin Biennium Budget.

Tarnutzer provided a summary of the currently proposed State Budget and its impact on the School District. Schuenke also reviewed the specifics as they related to the Village and what changes could impact our finances. Both entities will need to adopt their levies in the Fall to complete their respective budget process. No action was taken on this item.

b. Update on Village process for goal setting and capital improvement planning.

Schuenke reviewed the current process for the Village to set its goals for the coming year and plan out its capital improvements. The Village Board began the goal setting process in late May which carried into June and July to go through the 8 areas that are established as goals. Each goal has its own set of unique objectives and actions steps to be carried out from year to year. Simultaneously, the Village Board is working with Staff on developing the next 5 year Capital Improvement Plan and addressing funding priorities within that discussion. Both documents are scheduled for acceptance in August to complete the process, and then the next budget process begins in September. No action was taken on this item.

c. Discussion of topics of mutual interest and updates of local initiatives to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

The following points were raised as items of mutual interest:

- Schuenke stated that the Village recently completed the recruitment for Police Chief and did not make a hire. Interim Chief Redman expressed an ability to stay into 2026 and the Village would consider another recruitment at that time.
- Tarnutzer stated that current DEIB Coordinator had taken a different position within the District as a teacher. The District would not be filling the vacant DEIB Coordinator vacancy.
- There was discussion regarding the continued success of Summer School programming.
- Schuenke reviewed an update on a proposed development on Elvehjem Road.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Leamy, second by Brassington, to adjourn at 4:50 pm.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin board in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew G. Schuenke
Village Administrator