

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 11, 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 July 8, 2025 meeting.
Motion by Leamy, second by Fischer, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Presentation of 2026 budgetary impacts for both the School District and Village organizations.
Both the School District and Village are required to adopt a budget in the Fall of each

year for the upcoming year. The process is completed in November with implementation scheduled for January. Superintendent Aaron Tarnutzer and School District Director of Business Jeff Mahoney provided a presentation on the impacts of the proposed 2026 Budget for the School District. Administrator Matt Schuenke reviewed the proposed funding Village plan for the 2026 Budget. No action on this item.

b. Update and discussion regarding Community Park Phase 2 project.

Administrator Matt Schuenke provided an update on the bidding process for the construction of the second phase for the Community Park. The Village Board will consider action to award a contract for construction at its meeting on November 11th. This portion of the project will construct a new park shelter and supporting parking lot. This will help support the transition of soccer from McFarland Park and establish a home for the High School Cross Country team. Construction is planned for completion in the Summer of 2026 and begin operations later this Fall. No action on this item.

c. Update regarding the solar farm development project under construction off of Siggelkow Road.

Administrator Schuenke provided an update on the construction of the new solar farm on Siggelkow Road. This has been a joint venture between the District and Village to offset our energy needs through renewable sources. About half the panels have been constructed and looking forward to it coming online early next year. No action on this item.

d. 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:

- Tarnutzer talked about ongoing collaboration with the Youth Center.
- Leamy thanked the School District and MRAP for their summer program offerings.
- Fischer talked about the importance of collaboration on communications between the District and Village including how well this has evolved.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Leamy, second by Brassington, to adjourn at 5:03 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