

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
**Joint Committee of the Whole (Village Board) and McFarland School District
Board Minutes**

Monday, June 28, 2021 - 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

President Clow called the Joint Committee of the Whole (Village Board) and McFarland School District Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village President Carolyn Clow, Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, Village Trustee Justin Rupert, Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, Village Trustee Edward Wreh

School Board members present: Craig Howery, Arlynn Halverson, Bruce Fischer, and Christine Pribbenow

Village Board members not present: Village Trustee Chris St. Clair

School Board members not present: Kate Green

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Suettinger, IMMS Principal Aaron Tarnutzer, Director of Teaching and Learning Melissa Pfohl and Communications & Technology Director Stephanie Miller.

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Village Board. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the board may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the board for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the board should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.*
None.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Presentation and update from Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee.*
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee Chair Patrick Miles presented an overview and update regarding the Committees work and progress since its creation in January of 2021. He highlighted they have most recently recommended approval of signing on with Rainey Briggs and Percy Brown for consulting services. Overall, he reported the Committee is excited to continue their work within the Village.
- b. *Presentation from the McFarland School District regarding diversity, equity, and*

inclusion initiatives.

Aaron Tarnutzer, Principal of the Indian Mound Middle School, presented an overview of the work the McFarland School District has done in the areas of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. They highlighted the District has been doing this work for a long time, but have begun to focus efforts. He highlighted their plans and principles established to guide the work they are currently doing.

Melissa Pfohl, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented additional work being done in the district including coordinated district plan to address DEI initiatives and work done through grant funding.

c. *Discussion on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.*

The Village Board and School District highlighted the importance of the two Boards meeting going forward to collaborate. The Boards both spoke to the desire of developing an ongoing partnerships between the Village and School district with the goal of eliminating duplication of efforts, sharing resources and maximizing the work and results done in the Community.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by School Board member Craig Howery, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Suettinger
Village Clerk/Treasurer