

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Village Board Minutes

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Clow called the meeting of the McFarland School Board and Village Board Joint Planning Committee to order at 4:02 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL.

Members Present: School District - Bruce Fischer, Christine Pribbenow, and Wayne Anderson. Village - Carolyn Clow, Mike Flaherty, and Matt Schuenke.

Members Not-Present: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Mahoney, School District Director of Business and Technology Services.

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. *Discussion and action regarding minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2021.*
A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried by the Committee to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2021.
- b. *Update from the school district on the superintendent recruitment and strategic planning process.*
Anderson provided an update on the recruitment process. There were 23 total applicants for the position with a wide range of different experiences and backgrounds. The School Board would be meeting soon to decide the first round of interviews in order to begin the process to evaluate the candidates. They are also continuing to work on the strategic plan while finishing the recruitment. Likely the plan is finalized later in the year after the new Superintendent has been hired. No further action on this item.
- c. *Discussion regarding the development of a Memorandum of Understanding to formally create and establish the ongoing utilization of the "joint School/Village Committee".*
Schuenke presented the concept of creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organizations to formally establish this Joint Planning

Committee. There presently is nothing to create this group for either entity and has been organized to date informally. The MOU would be developed for both boards to consider for adoption to outline the membership, essential functions, and other particulars as needed so that from year to year there is some organization to this group going forward. The Committee was supportive of this concept. School and Village Staff will draft the MOU to establish its terms in order to present at the next Committee meeting in March. No action on this item.

d. Discussion of topics of mutual interest to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

Discussion topics included a shared Equity Officer position, the McFarland Youth Center, Community Recreation, School Resource Officer, local journalism, more students on Committees, and solar opportunities. Members were provided an update on these items and discussed those areas of interest where applicable. No action was taken on this item.

e. Updates from both organizations on their local projects/initiatives.

Nothing further was discussed.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

b. Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

c. Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

This meeting would be scheduled for July 12th going forward to avoid the holiday.

d. Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

e. Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Anderson, second by Flaherty, to adjourn at 5:11 pm.

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,
Matthew G. Schuenke
Village Administrator