

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

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

Members Present: School District - Bruce Fischer, Tom Mooney, and Aaron Tarnutzer. Village - Carolyn Clow and Matt Schuenke.

Members Not Present: Village - Carrie Nelson.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee 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 Committee for their consideration. 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. 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 village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Discussion and action regarding minutes of the meeting held July 19, 2022.

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Fischer, and unanimously carried by the Joint Committee to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 19, 2022.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Update and discussion from School District on Strategic Planning inclusion Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work.

Superintendent Tarnutzer provided an update on the School District's Strategic Planning efforts including their work on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Provided updates on upcoming listening sessions and projected attendance. This input will help the strategic planning committee to craft the strategic plan with the School Board. He is working on meeting with individuals in the Community one on one to get different perspectives on diversity, equity, and inclusion within the District as well as efforts undertaken by the Village. There was no action on this item.

b. Discussion regarding the joint development of an Inclusive Playground at Waubesa Intermediate School.

Administrator Schuenke provided an update on developing an inclusive playground at

Waubesa Intermediate School. The concept had been previously presented about a joint School and Village initiative. Right now, Staff is studying the various needs for the project and logistics likely leading to a phased implementation approach in 2023 and 2024. No action was taken on this item.

c. Discussion regarding the Village ratifying and approving a purchase agreement for property located at or around 3454 Siggelkow Road (Parcel 0710-654-8341-1).

Administrator Schuenke provided an update on our work to acquire property on Siggelkow Road to develop a solar farm. Staff from both entities is working with Alliant Energy to figure out the formal agreement on hosting a solar farm on the property. Information is being exchanged and reviewed as part of this process. We anticipate being able to meet the deadline in December to complete our due diligence and finalize condition to move forward with the property acquisition. No further action was taken 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.

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.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Mooney, second by Fischer, to adjourn at 4:35 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