

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Village President Clow called the regular meeting of the McFarland School and Village Board Joint Planning Committee to order at 5:01 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members Present: School - Craig Howery (alternate), Meghan Fessler, and Aaron Tarnutzer. Village - Carolyn Clow, Hilary Brandt, and Matt Schuenke.

Members Not Present: None.

Staff Present: School District Director of Business Jeff Mahoney, School Board Member Bruce Fischer, Interim Police Chief Brian Redman, and School Resource Officer Joel Zietsma.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

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.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Clow, second by Fessler, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024 meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Clow, second by Howery, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

Update from the School Resource Officer and discussion on work in the upcoming school year.

McFarland School Resource Officer Joel Zietsma and Interim Police Chief Brian

Redman were present to discuss their work within the School District. Officer Zietsma discussed various programs, safety evaluations, and engagement efforts he has participated in to support the educational process within all of the Schools. Members asked questions and discussed this work in the schools emphasizing how well the collaboration between the District, Village, and Community has been to make this work successful.. No action was taken on this item.

b. Discussion regarding results of the School District operating referendum.

Tarnutzer reviewed the results of the referendum that was passed by the communities that represent the district. They are working on next steps to integrate the approved funds into their operations going forward to help limit future negative impacts. Members discussed future outlook on operations and previous challenges navigated. No further 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.

Reviewed additional items previously covered throughout the year and stressed continuing to collaborate wherever possible.. No new topics were addressed.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Howery, second by Brandt, to adjourn at 5:54 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