

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

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

Members Present: School - Aaron Tarnutzer, Meghan Fessler, and Bruce Fischer. Village - Carolyn Clow, Hilary Brandt, and Matt Schuenke

Members Not Present: None.

Staff Present: School District Director of Business Jeff Mahoney, and Village Trustee Lowell Prill.

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.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion regarding upcoming November referendum approved by the School District.*
Tarnutzer shared information regarding the referendum for the School District in November. The School Board recently enacted a resolution to set the question for the ballot on the November 5, 2024 election. The amount was set following engagement with the Community through feedback sessions, survey data, and other forums to understand the fiscal challenges faced by the District. More future engagement opportunities will be forthcoming now that the question has been approved by the School Board and we can focus on its possible impacts.
- b. Update regarding the joint development of an Inclusive Playground at Waubesa Intermediate School and scheduling of ribbon cutting.*

Schuenke and Mahoney commented that the project is substantially complete with some elements available for use in time for school opening. Staff for both entities are continuing to work towards building a ribbon cutting event that will be held to early October to celebrate this accomplishment.

c. Discussion regarding the School District and Village working towards constructing a solar farm at or around 3454 Siggelkow Road (Parcel 0710-654-8341-1).

Schuenke stated that Alliant Energy has selected a contractor for the project and working towards design. They intend to break ground on the project in the Spring of 2025 for completion by the end of next year. The project remains on schedule and we respond to inquires as needed.

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

Public Comment:

1. Kathy Annen residing at 5011 Falling Leaves Lane requested to yield her time to speaker Kelsey Annen.
2. Kelsey Annen residing at 4509 Red Barn Run in the City of Madison commented on the referendum, inclusive park, experience growing up in Village/School District, and proposed Tax Increment District #7.

Other Matters of Mutual Interest:

1. Fischer commented about work with the School District Eco Club to plan trees around the high school track. The Club supported planting more trees in general and looking at unique ways to do so.
2. Clow commented about wanting to share the District's survey results with State officials and elected representatives so they could see what is happening locally.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

The Committee requested this meeting be held at 5:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Brant, second by Fischer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 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 Attorney