

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Village President Clow called the regular meeting of the Joint School District and Village Board Planning Committee to order at 5:00 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members Present:

School - School Board Member Bruce Fischer, School Board Member Meghan Fessler, and Superintendent Aaron Tarnutzer.

Village - President Carolyn Clow, Trustee Hilary Brandt, and Administrator Matt Schuenke

Members Not Present: None.

Staff Present: DEI Strategist Krystal Johnson (Village) and DEIB Coordinator Brittany Brazzel (School).

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 November 12, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Clow, second by Brandt, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

Updates regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts within the District and Village.

Superintendent Tarnutzer introduced the School District's DEIB Coordinator Brittany Brazzel to go over various initiatives that she is working on. A summary was provided and reviewed as far as the influence of her role to help coordinate different ideas. Administrator Schuenke went through various efforts on behalf of the Village and introduced the Village's DEI Strategist Krystal Johnson. She went over her work and various initiatives that the DEI Committee for the Village is working to advance. No action was taken on this item.

b. Update for the project to update the Village's mission, vision, and value statements.

The Village is working on updating its mission, vision, and value statements. DEI Strategist went over the process to date to gather public feedback to help assist the process in drafting of this work. The Village Board is scheduled to continue this work later this Spring into the Summer. No action was taken on this item.

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).

An update was provided on the development of a joint solar farm on Village land in partnership with the School District. Permitting process is beginning as a contractor has been selected and looking to completed the project before the end of the year. No action was taken on this part.

d. Update regarding improvements to US Highway 51 that have begun and are being planned in the future.

WisDOT is continuing to plan for improvements to USH 51 with Phase 7 now underway, and Phase 6 will come forward in 2027. A public information meeting is being scheduled at Waubesa Intermediate School to be held later this Spring to allow residents the opportunity to meet with WisDOT Staff and provide their feedback. Administrator Schuenke provided an update as to our progress over the years to develop the plan, work on the design, and implement the project. No action was taken on this item.

e. Presentation from McFarland School District regarding projected enrollment.

Superintendent Tarnutzer went over various enrollment projects within the School District and how that effects their finances. Emphasis was provided on the effect of local development led by the Village and its impact on enrollment through the School District. No action was taken on this item.

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

No additional topics were discussed.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Brandt, second by Fischer, to adjourn at 6:00 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