

GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Gateway Regional School District will provide an exemplary education that challenges all students in an instructional setting appropriate to their needs.

All visitors attending the school committee meeting should sign in at the security booth.

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Middle School Room 112/114**

7:00 P.M.

7:00 PM I. OPENING OF MEETING

Call to order: Sarah Page, Chairperson

BLANDFORD

Nicole Daviau
Keri Morawiec

CHESTER

Jeana Briggs
Brian Forgue
Jason Forgue

HUNTINGTON

Pegg Dragon
Lisa Goding

MIDDLEFIELD

Alex Seid
Tasha Strong

MONTGOMERY

RUSSELL

Tara Balboni
Sarah Page
Lyndsey Papillon

SECRETARY

Stacy Stewart

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Kristen Smidy, Superintendent
Stephanie Fisk, Assistant Superintendent

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Kylie Crawford, Interim MS/HS Asst. Principal
Jason Finnie, Principal on Assignment
Kurt Garivaltis, Pupil Services Director
Deanna LeBlanc, Curriculum Director
Vanna Maffuccio, Chester Principal
Melissa McCaul, Littleville Principal
Chris Parker, Technology Director
William Sullivan, Middle/High Principal
Chris Tamburrino, Asst. Pupil Services Dir.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph Pisani

OTHERS: _____

7:00 PM II. PUBLIC INPUT

Guests attending the meeting may address the committee on topics not on the agenda. (There is a three minute time limit per guest)

7:05 PM III. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Hampshire County Insurance Trust Presentation

7:15 PM IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Policy Second Read
 - 1. JH Attendance
 - 2. All policies listed in [December 2023 Newsletter](#) except KDCB, EFC, and EFD
<https://www.masc.org/masc-policy-newsletter-december-2023/>
 - 3. All policies listed in [March 2023 Newsletter](#)
<https://www.masc.org/masc-policy-newsletter-march-2023/>

7:20 PM V. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

- A. Student Opportunity Act Plan (SOA) Approval (Enc.)
- B. 24-25 Calendar Approval (Enc.)
- C. Solar Eclipse on April 8 Discussion

**7:35 PM VI. JOINT BUDGET SESSION WITH TOWN OFFICIALS
FY '25 Budget Adoption**

- A. Recommendation to approve FY '25 Chester Cost Center (02) Total \$1,415,347 (Lyndsey)
- D. Recommendation to approve FY '25 Gateway Regional School Cost Center (08) Total \$5,211,792 (Tara)
- E. Recommendation to approve the FY '25 budget in the amount of \$17,971,760

7:50 PM VII. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. 2/7/2024, 3/6/24 Minutes (Enc.)
- B. Acceptance of Grants/Donations (Enc.)

7:55 PM VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

8:00 PM IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. School Committee
- B. Chairperson
- C. Superintendent - Central Office Update (Enc.)
- D. Assistant Superintendent
- E. Administration (Enc.)
- F. Town Officials

8:05 PM X. COMMITTEE REPORTING

- A. Superintendent's Evaluation
- B. Legislative Liaison
- C. Negotiations
- D. Building Liaisons
- E. CES Update
- F. Policy

8:10 PM XI. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

8:15 PM XII. INFORMATION

The warrant signing committee had reviewed the following warrants, found them to be in order, and approved them.

AP #1061 \$158,713.06
AP #1063 \$58.30
AP #1065 \$223,229.86
AP #1067 \$126,192.19
AP #1070 \$137,712.15

PR #016 \$430,123.74
PR #017 \$436,165.12
PR #018 \$410,481.17

8:20 PM XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

8:25 PM XIV. ADJOURNMENT by 9 p.m. unless extended by majority vote.