

**BOARD SUMMARY
OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION
OCTOBER 16, 2025**

OPEN SESSION

Mitch Espy, President of the Marshfield Board of Education, called the regular Open Session Meeting to order at 6:51 pm on Thursday, September 22, 2025. Members present: Janette Clark, Jeremy Devoto, Mitch Espy, Josh Hartman, Mark Messick, Craig Thomas and Amy Wilkerson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mitch Espy.

The Board recited the [District Purpose Statement](#).

Amy Wilkerson made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Jeremy Devoto seconded and carried with vote 7-0.

Board Spotlight:

[Marshfield Gifted and Talented Education](#) - Jessica Lowder and John Cherne, III.

Public comments addressing the agenda:

There were no public comments addressing the agenda

Executive Leadership Reports:

- Superintendent's Report - Mr. Mike Henry
- Assistant Superintendent Report: Academics - Dr. Garrett Lowder
- Assistant Superintendent Report: Operations - Mr. Josh Hume

Informational Items and Reports:

- Treasurer's Report
- School News
- Enrollment
- Other Reports:
 - BSIP - Webster, Hubble, ELC
 - Staff Education Report
 - Workman's Compensation Report
 - Health Services Report
- OPAA!

Consent Agenda

Craig Thomas made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Consent agenda items: Approval and acceptance of Informational Items and Reports; Accounts Payable, September 23, 2025 through October 16, 2025; Minutes, September 16, 2025, Open and Closed Sessions; [Surplus Property](#). Janette Clark seconded and motion carried with vote 6-1-0. (Mark Messick abstained as he is related to a contracted vendor).

Unfinished Business

Mr. Henry gave a brief update on SB 3.
Long-Range Planning discussion led by Mr. Henry.

New Business

Jeremy Devoto made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments, as presented. Amy Wilkerson seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Josh Harman made a motion to approve the New Course Proposals for the High School, as presented. Janette Clark seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Janette Clark made a motion to adopt the 2025-2026 Local Compliance Plan, as presented. Craig Thomas seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Amy Wilkerson made the motion to adjourn the Open Session meeting at 8:01 pm. Jeremy Devoto seconded and carried with roll call vote 7-0 (Clark, Devoto, Espy, Hartman, Messick, Thomas, Wilkerson).

CLOSED SESSION

Mitch Espy, President of the Marshfield Board of Education, called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:53 pm on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Members present: Janette Clark, Jeremy Devoto, Mitch Espy, Josh Hartman, Mark Messick, Craig Thomas and Amy Wilkerson.

Jeremy Devoto made a motion to approve the [Employment Changes](#), as presented. Mark Messick seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0. (Clark, Devoto, Espy, Hartman, Messick, Thomas, Wilkerson).

Josh Hartman made a motion to hire Dr. Garrett Lowder for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Jeremy Devoto seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0. (Clark, Devoto, Espy, Hartman, Messick, Thomas, Wilkerson).

Mark Messick made the motion to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 6:39 pm and proceed into Open Session. Craig Thomas seconded and carried with roll call vote 7-0 (Clark, Devoto, Espy, Hartman, Messick, Thomas, Wilkerson).