Board of Education Special Meeting (Tuesday, January 20, 2026)
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Members present
LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer, Dionna Herbert

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

A. Call to Order

Procedural: 1. Call to Order at 5 pm

B. Treasurer Pro-Tem

Action 2026-51: 1. Treasurer Pro-Tem
It is recommended to accept Ashley Zimmer as Treasurer Pro-Tem for this Board meeting.

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer, Dionna Herbert

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Roll Call

Procedural: 1. Roll Call - LaToya was not present. LaToya notified Dionna that she will arrive just a little late. LaToya arrived at 5:15.

E. Agenda Approval

Action 2026-52: 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer, Dionna Herbert

F. Executive Session

Action 2026-53, Discussion: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session - LaToya arrived at 5:15 pm while Executive Session was taking place. Adjourn at 7:48 pm
It is recommended that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education enter executive session to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a district employee or official ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and to confer with the Board's attorney concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, if applicable ORC 121.22 (G)(3). and preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4). The Board further acknowledges that no formal action or vote will be taken in executive session and that any subsequent Board action will occur in open session.

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer, Dionna Herbert

G. Reconvene Open Session

H. Board Item

Action 2026-54, Discussion: 1. Consideration of Executive Session and Discussion (if needed)
The Board of Education approve a resolution authorizing Board President to seek legal counsel advice on matter of Board business and to attend Feb. 3rd, 2026 Board meeting.

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by Ashley Zimmer.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer
No: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Dionna Herbert

I. Adjournment

Action 2026-55: 1. Motion to Adjourn
Adjourn at 7:50 pm

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer, Dionna Herbert