



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.**



**Gower School District 62 - Gower Board Room - District Office
7700 Clarendon Hills Rd. Willowbrook, IL 60527**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome Visitors
4. Board Salute
 - a. Varsity Girls Basketball Team, IESA Regional and Sectional Champions
5. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items *105 ILCS 5/10-6*
6. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Appendix A - Mid-Year Student Performance Data
 - b. Appendix B - Proposed Student Fees - 2026-2027
 - c. Appendix C - 2025-2026 9th Annual High School Transition Student Survey
7. Reports/Discussion:
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Freedom of Information Requests
 - c. Enrollment
 - d. First Reading and Posting of Policies:
 - i. 5:270 - Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
 - ii. 5:280 - Duties & Qualifications
 - iii. 5:285 - Bus Drivers & Commercial Vehicle Drivers
 - iv. 5:290 - Employment Terminations and Suspensions
 - v. 5:300 - Schedules and Employment Year
 - vi. 5:320 - Evaluation
 - vii. 5:330 - Sick Day, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - viii. 6:230 - Library Media Program
 - ix. 7:180 - Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
 - e. Board Committee/Liaison Reports
 - f. Monthly Financial Reports
 - g. Board Charter and Social Contract - Self-Evaluation
 - i. Section 7 - Board & Superintendent Communication Expectations & Relationship
 - h. Five-Year Financial Projections
8. Action Items:
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 17, 2025
 - ii. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 17, 2025
 - iii. Monthly Payroll and Approval of Bills
 - iv. First Reading and Posting of Policies
 - v. Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies
 1. 5:210 - Resignations & Retirements
 2. 5:220 - Substitute Teachers
 3. 5:230 - Maintaining Student Discipline
 4. 5:240 - Suspension



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5. 5:250 - Leaves of Absence
6. 5:260 - Student Teachers
7. 5:265 - Tutoring
- vi. Personnel Action - Hiring:
 1. Ellie Van Heerde, GW Long-Term Substitute (Leave of Absence), effective January 5, 2026
- vii. Approve Occupational Therapist Contracts
 1. Holly Pignotti, Occupational Therapist, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
 2. Jasmin Travis, Occupational Therapist, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
- viii. Personnel Action - Resignation:
 1. Melissa Capizzi, Gower West Elementary School Principal, effective June 30, 2026
- ix. Approval of the 2026-2027 Student Registration and Bus Fees
- x. Approve Final 2026-2027 School Calendar and Draft 2027-2028 School Calendar for Posting
- xi. Approval of First Amendment to the IGA between the Village of Willowbrook and Gower 62 to Provide Custodial Services
- b. Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Director of Finance and Operations Contract effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2031 - B. Riegler
- c. Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Director of Special Education and Student Services effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 - J. Cadard
9. Closed Session: *(If Needed)* - The Board may hold a closed session to consider any of the subjects as listed in this linked Illinois Association of School Boards [resource](#))
 - a. Other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).
 - b. The employment, compensation, performance of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
10. Return to Open Session *(If Closed Session is held)*
11. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Board Policy Review
 - i. 6:15 - School Accountability - last action - revised 3/15/2022
 - ii. 2:260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure - last action - revised 4/26/2022
 - iii. 6:130 - Program for the Gifted - last action - revised 4/26/2022
 - iv. 6:135 - Accelerated Placement Program - last action - reviewed 4/26/2022
 - v. 7:50 - School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools and Class Assignments - last action - revised 4/26/2022
 - b. Statement of Economic Interest - Filing Deadline May 1st - [DuPage County Login](#)
12. Announcements
 - a. February 27: End of Trimester, Gower West
 - b. March 18: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Gower Board Room
 - c. March 20: Teacher Institute Day - No School
 - d. March 27: End of Quarter, Gower Middle and Early Dismissal for all Students
 - e. March 30: Spring Break Begins
 - f. April 6: Students Return to School
13. Adjournment