

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT
62 BOARD OF EDUCATION, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN GOWER
DISTRICT BOARD ROOM**

in said district at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th day of October, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Fetouh convened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

The following board members were present: Fetouh, Akhter, Pitsoulakis, Lupo, Jankowski, and Williams.

Also present: Superintendent Simon, Assistant Superintendent Laratta, Principals Capizzi and Murphy and guests.

BOARD SALUTE

Principal Appreciation Week is October 13-19 with October 17th being Principal Appreciation Day. The Board saluted Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Capizzi and thanked them for their hard work and passion for Gower.

The Board also saluted Gower West's Caterpillar Club, a group of five students who spent their lunch and resource time observing monarch caterpillars found in the Gower West courtyard. The courtyard has even been named an official Monarch Waystation, meaning there is plenty of milkweed and pollinator-friendly plants. What wonderful work by the students and STEM Teacher Ms. Morgan!

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report included separate reviews of Beginning of Year (BOY) and Fall Data Presentation ([Appendix A](#)) and the Principal Evaluation Model - 2025-26 ([Appendix B](#)).

A full copy of the [Superintendent's Report](#) may be found in the Board materials of the October 15, 2025 meeting as posted online.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Correspondence

None.

Freedom of Information Requests

The District received one FOIA request from Owen Wang of the DuPage Policy Journal.

Enrollment Report

As of October 8, 2025, the enrollment at Gower West was 505 students and at Gower Middle 390 students for a total enrollment of 895 students.

First Reading and Posting of the Following Policies

- i. 5:150 - Personnel Records
- ii. 5:70 - Religious Holidays
- iii. 5:80 - Court Duty
- iv. 6:10 - Educational Philosophy and Objectives

Board Reports: Gower Foundation, PTO, and IASB

The Gower Foundation, PTO and IASB reports were reviewed and can be found [here](#).

Monthly Financial Reports

The financial reports were presented to the Board and there were no questions.

Board Charter and Social Contract - Self-Evaluation

The Board reviewed and discussed the fifth section of the Board Charter, Meetings of the Board. At the November board meeting section two, Roles & Responsibilities will be reviewed.

School Improvement Goals 2025-26 - Gower West

Principal Melissa Capizzi and Assistant Principal Meg Hoff presented their School Improvement Goals for the 2025-2026 school year. Following the presentation, the Board thanked them for their work and asked questions.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 24, 2025
 - ii. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 24, 2025
 - iii. Monthly Payroll and Approval of Bills
 - iv. First Reading and Posting of Policies
 - v. Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies
 - i. 5:110 - Recognition for Service
 - ii. 5:130 - Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information
 - iii. 5:140 - Solicitations By or From Staff
 - iv. 6:235 - Access to Electronic Networks
 - vi. Personnel Action: Hiring
 - i. Robyn Palermo, GW SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective October 14, 2025
 - vii. Approval to Bid - School Bus Lease
 - viii. Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly - Delegate Direction

Members Fetouh motioned and Akhter seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Akhter, Fetouh, Jankowski, Lupo, Pitsoulakis, Williams

Nays: None.

Motion passed on a roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board Policy Review
 - i. 5:160 - Release of Credit Information - last action - reviewed 11/16/2021
 - ii. 5:170 - Copyright - last action - 11/16/2021
 - iii. 5:180 - Determination of Temporary and Permanent Disability - reviewed 11/16/2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. October 23: Multicultural Night, Gower Middle at 6-7:30 p.m.
- b. October 24: Principal Appreciation Day
- c. October 29: DuPage Division Meeting, 6-8:30 p.m.
- d. October 31: Early Dismissal Day - Happy Halloween
- e. November 15: School Board Members Day in Illinois
- f. November 19: Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.
- g. November 21: Early Dismissal Day
- h. November 21-23: [Joint Annual Conference - IASB](#)
- i. November 24: Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School
- j. November 25: Practice eLearning Day/Institute Day
- k. November 26-28: Thanksgiving Break - No School

ADJOURNMENT

Members Fetouh motioned and Lupo seconded to adjourn open session at 9:11 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Schillinger
Board Recording Secretary

_____ President

_____ Member