

**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 25th day of June, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Fetouh convened the regular meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Also present: Superintendent Simon and Dr. Gary Zabilka from Education Leadership Solutions (EdLS)

BOARD ORIENTATION & TRAINING

Dr. Gary Zabilka joined the Board of Education and Dr. Simon for a Board orientation and training session.

REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION

President Fetouh convened the business portion of the board meeting at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed the visitors in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A full copy of the [Superintendent's Report](#) may be found in the Board materials of the June 25, 2025 meeting as posted online.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Correspondence

None.

Freedom of Information Requests

The District received two FOIA requests: one from Kelci Bednar which was received on May 29th and responded to on June 4th, and one from CT Mills which was received on June 4th and responded to the same day.

Enrollment Report

As of May 30, 2025, the enrollment at Gower West was 516 students and at Gower Middle 408 students for a total enrollment of 924 students.

First Reading and Posting of the Following Policies

- i. 4:50 - Payment Procedures
- ii. 4:55 - Use of Credit Cards
- iii. 4:70 - Resource Conservation

Board Reports: Gower Foundation, PTO, and IASB

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

School Finance (Board Member Introduction)

For the benefit of the new Board of Education members, Dr. Simon and Mr. Brian Riegler reviewed a presentation which provided an overview of the school year fiscal calendar and some basic school finance information. Board members asked questions and thanked Dr. Simon and Mr. Riegler for the information.

Monthly Financial Reports

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

Annual Professional Membership, Conference, and Subscription Expenses

The report was presented by Dr. Simon and there were no questions from Board members.

ACTION ITEMS

a. Consent Agenda

- i. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 21, 2025
- ii. Monthly Payroll and Approval of Bills
- iii. First Reading and Posting of Policies
- iv. Second Reading and Posting of Policies
 - i. 7:220 - Bus Conduct
 - ii. 7:240 - Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
 - iii. 7:300 - Extra Curricular Activities
 - iv. 7:305 - Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- v. Treasurer's Bond and Resolution Appointing School Treasurer
- vi. Approval of Hazardous Intersection Resolution
- vii. Approval of 8th Grade 2026 Class Trip - Chicago Signature Cruise
- viii. Approval of 8th Grade Washington, DC 2026 Class Trip
- ix. Approval of Grades 5-8 Math Curriculum
- x. Personnel Action: Termination
 - i. GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective May 31, 2025
- xi. Personnel Action: Hiring
 - i. Kyle Jannenga, Temp Summer Custodial Help, effective June 2, 2025
 - ii. Becca Baudhuin, Summer School Paraprofessional, effective June 3, 2025
 - iii. Christina Guevara, GW 4th Grade Teacher, effective August 19, 2025
 - iv. Kimberly Huether, SpEd Self-Contained Teacher, effective August 19, 2025
 - v. Karen Pittro, GW SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 22, 2025
- xii. Personnel Action: Resignation
 - i. Erika Aluzas, GW SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective May 28, 2025
 - ii. Evan Wells, GW SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective May 30, 2025
 - iii. Ellie Van Heerde, GW SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective June 13, 2025

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

Ayes: Akhter, Fetouh, Jankowski, Lupo, Pitsoulakis, Polanco-Webb, Williams

Nays: None.

Motion passed on a roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not enter into Closed Session to discuss Dr. Simon's evaluation. The Board shared their thoughts on the evaluation format and process itself and how it can be further improved moving forward. The Board also shared a few areas of possible improvement and growth.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board Policy Review
 - 1. 4:120 - Food Service - last action - reviewed 7/20/2021
 - 2. 4:130 - Free and Reduced-Price Food Services - last action - reviewed 7/20/2021
 - 3. 4:160 - Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds - last action - revised 7/20/2021
 - 4. 5:35 - Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act - last action - reviewed 7/20/2021
 - 5. 5:40 - Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease - last action - revised 7/20/2021
- b. IASB Joint Annual Conference - Registration opened June 2nd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. June 26 - Last Day of Summer School
- b. July 4 - Independence Day (District Closed)
- c. August 11 & 12 - New Teacher Orientation
- d. August 19 - Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.
- e. August 19 & 20 - Teacher Institute Days
- f. August 20 - Meet & Greet/Open House (4-6 p.m.)
- g. August 22 - First Day of School - 2025-2026 School Year

ADJOURNMENT

Members Fetouh motioned and Polanco-Webb seconded to adjourn open session at 9:10 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Schillinger
Board Recording Secretary

President

Member