



BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, May 20, 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. Gower Middle Annual Musical - Staff Affirmation
 - b. National Association of Music Merchants Award
 - c. Gower School District Retirees
 - i. Lisa Hoffman
 - ii. Margie Kielty
 - iii. Tammy Lange
 - iv. Rebecca Laratta
 - v. Cheryl Wander
5. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items *105 ILCS 5/10-6*
6. [Superintendent's Report](#)
 - a. Appendix A: Accelerated Track Committee Update
 - b. Appendix B: Gower Middle School Report Card Update - Standards-Based and Traditional Grading
 - c. Appendix C: 5-Essentials Survey Data 2025-2026
7. Reports/Discussion:
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Freedom of Information Requests
 - c. Enrollment
 - d. First Reading and Posting of Policies:
 - i. 4:175 - Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
 - ii. 6:40 - Curriculum Development
 - iii. 6:145 - Migrant Students
 - iv. 6:190 - Extracurricular Activities
 - e. Board Committee/Liaison Reports
 - f. Monthly Financial Reports
 - g. 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget: Education Fund
 - h. Memorandum of Understanding - 2024-2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - i. Board Charter and Social Contract - Self-Evaluation
 - i. Section 1 - Unity of Purpose
8. Action Items:
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 22, 2026
 - ii. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 22, 2026
 - iii. Monthly Payroll and Approval of Bills
 - iv. First Reading and Posting of Policies
 - v. Second Reading and Posting of Policies
 - i. 4:80 - Accounting and Audits
 - ii. 4:140 - Student Fees and Waiver of Student Fees

AMENDED AGENDA



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- iii. 6:70 - Teaching About Religions
- iv. 6:120 - Education of Children with Disabilities
- vi. Personnel Action: Hiring
 - i. **Natalie Harden - Resolution NO. 26-08 Authorizing and Approving the Gower West Assistant Principal's Contract effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027**
 - ii. **Hannah Rakofsky, GM Guidance Counselor, effective August 18, 2026**
 - iii. Maria Roman, 8th Grade ELA Teacher, effective August 18, 2026
 - iv. Jenna Zimmerman, GM School Social Worker, effective August 18, 2026
- vii. Personnel Action: Resignation
 - i. Malcom Brown, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective May 5, 2026
- viii. Authorization for the Release of Closed Session Minutes and the Destruction of Closed Session Recordings
- ix. Approval of 8th Grade Washington, DC 2026 Class Trip
- x. Approval of 8th Grade 2026 Class Trip - Chicago Signature Cruise
- xi. Approval of Contract with Thomson Reuters - CLEAR Proflex
- 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. The appointment, employment, compensation, performance of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
 - b. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- 10. Return to Open Session
- 11. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Board Policy Review
 - i. 6:210 - Instructional Materials - last action - revised 8/23/2022
 - ii. 6:240 - Field Trips - last action - revised 8/23/2022
 - iii. 6:250 - Community Resource Persons and Volunteers - last action - revised 8/23/2022
 - iv. 7:285 - Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program - last action - revised 8/23/2022
 - b. Annual Superintendent Evaluation and Performance Contract
 - c. IASB Joint Annual Conference - Registration opens June 1st
- 12. Announcements
 - a. May 25 - No School, Memorial Day
 - b. May 26 - 8th Grade Graduation, Gower Middle School, 7 p.m.
 - c. May 29 - Early Dismissal and Last Day of School
 - d. June 2 - Summer School Begins
 - e. June 19 - Juneteenth (District Closed)
 - f. June 17 - Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.
 - g. June 25 - Last Day of Summer School
- 13. Adjournment