Board of Education Special Meeting (Tuesday, June 16, 2026)
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Members present
LaToya Dowdell-Burger, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer, Dionna Herbert

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

A. Call to Order

Procedural: 1. Call to Order at 6 pm

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 3. Roll Call - Ms. Walsh is absent.

- Kathleen - June 16, 2026, Special Board Meeting of the GMLSD Board of Education Statement of Board Member, President Kathleen Walsh: I regret that I am unable to attend today's special meeting. I'am concerned that the administration selected a meeting date that does not allow the participation of all elected Board members and chose an agenda format that does not allow for public participation. The Board canceled a regularly scheduled meeting without being advised that doing so would create the need for a special meeting to address urgent matters and matters requiring action before June 30. Had that information been provided, Board members could have considered those consequences before voting to cancel the meeting. Once a special meeting became necessary, Board members were asked to provide their availability. An alternative date was available that would have allowed all five Board members to participate. That option was not selected. The purpose of adopting a meeting calendar is to allow Board members, employees, parents, taxpayers, and the public to plan for and participate in the Board's work. Tonight, neither full Board participation nor public participation has been achieved. I find that lack of transparency and inclusion concerning and unacceptable. I respectfully request that only those personnel matters, if any, requiring immediate action remain on tonight's agenda and that the remaining items be deferred to a future special meeting. Based on the availability previously provided by Board members, June 25 appears to be a date that would allow full Board participation while still meeting all required deadlines. I remain committed to serving the students, staff, and taxpayers of this district and to conducting the public's business openly, honestly, and with accountability to the voters who entrusted us with this responsibility. Thank you. Kathleen Walsh, President Board of Education Groveport Madison Local School District
- Latoya - Treasurer wanted to be here for the items. I do not think that administrators did anything intentionally in having the meeting tonight and Ms. Walsh not being here.

B. Agenda Approval

Action 2026-223: 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

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

Action 2026-224: 2. Move that the Board of Education approve to pull E1 and have just the HS Assistant Principals to be voted on individually.

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

C. Executive Session

Action 2026-225: 1. Motion to Enter at 6:09 pm. Reconvene at 7:30 pm
It is recommended that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education enter executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. 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 LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Ashley Zimmer.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer, Dionna Herbert

D. Reconvene in Open Session

E. Superintendent's Agenda

Action 2026-226: 1. Approve Administrative Personnel Items
The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Administrative Personnel Items: except for the 3 HS Assistant Principal's which were pulled out and voted on individually.

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

Action 2026-227: 2. The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Administrative Personnel Items: Milton Folson bridge 2025-26 contract and 2026-27 contract.

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

Action 2026-228: 3. The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Administrative Personnel Items: Shonte Ivey-Spears bridge 2025-26 contract and 2026-27 contract.

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

Action 2026-229: 4. The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Administrative Personnel Items: Mackensie Park bridge 2025-26 contract and 2026-27 contract.

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

Action 2026-230: 5. The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve 5 minute recess at 7:35 pm.

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

Action 2026-231: 6. Approve Certificated Personnel Items
The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Certificated Personnel Items:

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

Action 2026-232: 7. Approve Non Certificated Personnel Items
The Superintendent recommends the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the attached Classified Personnel items:

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

Action 2026-233: 8. Approve Special Education Contract with Amergis
The superintendent recommends the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the attached Special Ed contract with Amergis:

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

Action 2026-234: 9. Approve Resolutions for Necessity for Radon Mitigation

- John - Urgent Necessity for Radon. On the agenda it was first put out that it was just a discussion.
- Grube - Now it is an action item.
- Bobby - Overview - November we started this process with Dunloe. We used 2 companies and then once Dunloe was high we did all the buildings. In December all buildings. That took us until the end of January. After the test results came back high we retested those schools. In February 2026, Gandee was still doing test results and then retesting Sedalia, bus garage and others through February. You have to do asbestos testing in the schools because you have to remove the asbestos before you do radon mitigation. These tests take time. That took us into March. Tested at Groveport Elementary and we had inaccurate readings and in April they had to come in and test again. By the end of April we had all the tests. I got here in May and I met with the companies. I asked for proposals to make it official. We got the proposals at the end of May and were going to put them on June 9th but that meeting was cancelled. So that is why they are on now at this meeting.
- Ashley - Did we do asbestos at Dunloe?

- Grube - Yes, we had some floor tiles that we had to do at Dunloe for asbestos before we did the Radon mitigation.
- John - Radon has been here for many many years. Over $300,000 spent and we needed to do bidding and I believe it is not a life saving measure. I believe it needs done, but not urgent.
- Grube - Only do radon testing in the winter for many reasons. Over Christmas break we were able to do Dunloe. We had to retest along the way at times. Urgent. Is needed so it gets done this summer and get it fixed before school starts in August.
- John - I do not believe long standing Radon is a life safety issue.
- Latoya - What else did we find in the radon testing?
- Grube - This came about because of radon. It was just one room that was high, but we tested the whole building and the whole building came back high. We talked about air handlers maybe fixing the issue but it was throughout the whole building.
- John - None of the health issues that first came up were because of the high radon. I think maybe you can do it cheaper with bidding process. I just do not like the urgent necessity process. I do believe it does need addressed though.
- Adam - This will be paid out of building fund not the general fund.
- Ashley - If we bid this can we get these savings and maybe cheaper?
- Bobby - I do not know.
- Ashley - Can we get them to come back in the wintertime and so the tests are comparable with radon levels?
- Bobby- Good idea.
- Ashley - How long would bidding take?
- Bobby - Another company could not use Gandee documents. So, we would have to start over and do retest and not take plan from Gandee. It would have to be done next summer. Lepi does the asbestos removal and work with Gandee in conjunction with doing Radon mitigation. It would save us money this way. Gandee created the design.
- John - Have we paid Gandee yet?
- Bobby - Not yet.
- Grube - Met with Union and they asked about what is being done and timeline.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Resolutions for Necessity for Groveport Madison Radon Mitigation.

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

Action 2026-235: 10. The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve 5 minute recess at 8:14 pm.

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

F. Treasurer's Agenda

Procedural: 1. Treasurer's Reports

Action 2026-236: 2. Authorize Submission of the FY26 Final Appropriations and FY26 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources to County Auditor
The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to submit to the Franklin County Auditor the FY26 Final Appropriations and FY26 Final Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources as of June 30, 2026 with the submission of revised actuals to be reported at its next regular meeting for ratification.

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

Action 2026-237: 3. Authorize Establishment of FY27 Temporary Appropriations and Estimated Resources
The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to establish Fiscal Year 2027 Temporary Appropriations and Estimated Resources to provide for operations beginning July 1, 2026 with any modification to actual to be reported at its next regular meeting for ratification these are roughly 50% of prior year.

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

Action 2026-238: 4. Consolidated Grants Application
The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Consolidated Grants Application (including all revisions).

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Ashley Zimmer.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, John Kershner, Ashley Zimmer, Dionna Herbert

Action 2026-239: 5. BWC Annual Review
The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the BWC annual review.

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

Action 2026-240: 6. Approve MOU with GMLEA
The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the attached MOU with GMLEA:

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

Action 2026-241: 7. Approve MOU with OAPSE
The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the attached MOU with OAPSE:

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

G. Board Member Comments

- LaToya - Thanks for all the hard work on the Golf Outing. Supporting our families in their time of need with the tragedies we have had.
- Ashley - I was trying to step away and see what urgent necessity means. We need to improve how we handled that radon mitigation. Can we get cost sooner and be more informed?
- Grube - We can surely do that.

H. Adjournment

Action 2026-242: 1. Motion to Adjourn at 8:32 pm.

Adjourn - 8:32 pm

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