Board of Education
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Call to Order at 5:00 p.m. for Open Session Board Training
7:00 p.m. for Start of Regular Business Meeting

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

1. Roll Call - Substitute Board Recording Secretary - M. Pitsoulakis (Board Secretary)
2. Board Training (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.): The Gower Board of Education will hold members-only training during the regularly scheduled meeting, and ahead of the business portion of the meeting, focused on the principles of effective school board governance
    a. Identify areas for board development related to practices, procedures, and professional ethics
        i. Review the Principles of Effective School Board Governance
        ii. Evaluate the board and its processes
            1. Celebrate the wins - *Good Things*
            2. Focus on areas of growth
        iii. Discuss and commit to Board Charter and Social Contract
    b. Reflect on session and commit to next steps
3. Recess (6:45 p.m.)
4. Begin Business Portion of Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
5. Roll Call - Substitute Board Recording Secretary - M. Pitsoulakis (Board Secretary)
6. Organizational (Action) Item: Appointment of Board Recording Secretary - S. Alegria
7. Pledge of Allegiance
8. Welcome Visitors
9. Board Salute - Welcome to our New Staff!!!
10. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items *105 ILCS 5/10-6*
11. Superintendent's Report
    a. Curriculum Review Timeline
    b. Community Relations and Equal Educational Opportunities
12. Reports/Discussion:
    a. Correspondence
    b. Freedom of Information Requests
    c. Enrollment
    d. First Reading and Posting of Policies:
        i. 7:100 - Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
        ii. 7:290 - Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
        iii. 8:110 - Public Suggestions and Concerns
    e. Board Committee/Liaison Reports
    f. Monthly Financial Reports
    g. Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2027
    h. Annual Crisis Plan/Regional Office of Education Threat Assessment Form
    i. Board Charter and Social Contract - Self-Evaluation
        i. Section for Review - Unity of Purpose
    j. Board Reports and General Action Calendar
13. Action Items:
    a. Consent Agenda
        i. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 17, 2026
        ii. Monthly Payroll and Approval of Bills

iii. Acknowledge Posting of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for Public Viewing
iv. First Reading and Posting of Policies
v. Second Reading and Posting of Policies
    1. 6:210 - Instructional Materials
    2. 6:240 - Field Trips
    3. 6:250 - Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
    4. 7:285 - Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
vi. Award of Installation Contract Gower Middle Chiller Replacement
vii. Approval of Contract Extension (6 months) with RyTech for Social Media Strategy and Community Outreach Support
viii. Personnel Action: Resignation
ix. Personnel Action: Hiring
    1. Michele Abrahamson, GW Lunchroom Cashier, effective August 21, 2026
    2. Mira Campbell, GM Lunchroom Cashier,effective August 21, 2026
    3. Rachel Caithamer, GW SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
    4. Briana Esposito, GM Special Education Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
    5. Molly Maci, GM 7th Grade Social Studies, effective August 21, 2026
    6. Maria Maglaris, GM Special Ed Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
    7. Abigail Pacyga, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
    8. Christine Radtke, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
    9. Scott Riedel, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
    10. Emma Rogers, GM SpEd Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
    11. Bianca Zitzka, GW Special Ed Teachers Assistant, effective August 21, 2026
x. Personnel Action: Retirement
    1. Pam Salutric - Gower West

b. Resolution NO. 27-R01 Categories of Positions of Educational Support Personnel

14. 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)
15. Return to Open Session if Executive Session Held
16. Future Agenda Items
    a. Board Policy Review
        i. 5:200 - Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal - last action - reviewed 10/18/2022
        ii. 6:290 - Homework - last action - reviewed 10/18/2022
        iii. 7:130- Student Rights and Responsibilities - last action - reviewed 10/18/2022
    b. GM Principal - Posting of Vacancy and Selection - Start Date - July 1, 2027
17. Announcements
    a. August 19 - Meet & Greet (4-6 p.m.) and Back to School Bash (4:30-6:30 p.m.)
    b. August 21 - First Day of School for Kindergarten through 8th Grade - *First Day Friday*
    c. August 25 - First Day of School for Pre-K
    d. September 7 - No School - Labor Day
    e. September 3 - Curriculum Night Gower West
    f. September 10 - Curriculum Night Gower Middle

g. September 18 - Early Dismissal
h. September 23 - Supt Chat - Open Invite, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
i. September 23 - Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.
j. September 24 - Health and Wellness Night, 6 p.m.

18. Adjournment