

**BOARD SUMMARY
REGULAR SESSION AND TAX RATE HEARING
AUGUST 20, 2026**

Tax Rate Hearing

Mark Messick, President of the Marshfield Board of Education, called the Tax Rate Hearing to order at 6:45 pm on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Dr. Lowder, Superintendent, stated that the proposed tax rate at \$ 3.6041 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The breakdown of the levy is \$3.0041 Operating and \$ 0.6000 Debt Service. Members present: Janette Clark, Tony Cologna, Mitch Espy, Josh Hartman, Mark Messick, Craig Thomas, Amy Wilkerson. Members absent: Amy Wilkerson.

There were no public comments addressing the Agenda.

Janette Clark made a motion to adjourn the Tax Rate Hearing at 6:47 pm and proceed into Open Session. Amy Wilkerson seconded and carried with roll call vote 7-0 (Clark, Cologna, Espy, Hartman, Messick, Thomas, Wilkerson).

Open Session

Mark Messick, President of the Marshfield Board of Education, called the Open Session Meeting to order at 6:48 pm. Members present: Janette Clark, Tony Cologna, Mitch Espy, Josh Hartman, Mark Messick, Craig Thomas, Amy Wilkerson. Members absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Messick, Board President.

The Board recited the District Purpose Statement.

Mitch Espy made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Craig Thomas seconded and carried with vote: 7-0.

There were no public comments addressing the agenda.

The Board recognized Ken Clardy as an Outstanding Community Member, for his volunteering his time to keeping our campus landscaping beautiful and well-cared for.

Board Spotlight: Meet the Coaches

Executive Leadership Reports:

- Superintendent's Report - Dr. Garrett Lowder
- Assistant Superintendent Report: Academics - Dr. Stephanie Vickers
- Assistant Superintendent Report: Operations - Mr. Josh Hume

Informational Items and Reports:

- Treasurer's Report
- School News
- Enrollment
- Other Reports:
 - Safety Inspection and Program Report
 - A+ Program Report
 - Preliminary MAP/EOC Report
 - Annual Staff Retention Report

Consent Agenda

Janette Clark made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Consent agenda items: Approval and acceptance of Informational Items and Reports; Accounts Payable, July 1, 2026 - August 20, 2026; Minutes, June 25, 2026, Open and Closed Sessions, July 20, 2026 - Special Open Session and Special Closed Session; Out of District Tuition for SY 2026-2027; Bus Driver and Route List; District Substitutes List; and Surplus Property. Mitch Espy seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Old Business

The board discussed the possibility of holding a board retreat session in early 2027.

New Business

Amy Wilkerson made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Tax Rate, total levy \$3.6041, Operating Levy \$3.0041 and Debt Service Levy \$0.60. Mitch Espy seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Mitch Espy made a motion to approve 2026-2027 Assessment Plan, as presented. Josh Hartman seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Tony Cologna made a motion to approve 2026-2027 Career Ladder for New Staff. Amy Wilkerson seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Mitch Espy made a motion to approve 2026-2027 Special Education Contracted Services, as presented. Amy Wilkerson seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Dr. Lowder facilitated a discussion regarding the Long-Range plan for our district.

Josh Hartman made a motion to approve 2026-2027 Comprehensive School Improvement Plan/CSIP Metric Update, as presented. Mitch Espy seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Amy Wilkerson made a motion to approve the Local Compliance Plan Certification, as presented. Tony Cologna seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Mitch Espy made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy G-270-P, as presented. Josh Hartman seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Janette Clark made a motion to approve Mental Health Services Billing, as presented. Tony Cologna seconded and motion carried with vote 7-0.

Janette Clark made the motion to adjourn the Open Session meeting at 8:14 pm. Mitch Espy seconded and carried with roll call vote 7-0. (Clark, Cologna, Espy, Hartman, Messick, Thomas, Wilkerson).

Closed Session

Mark Messick, President of the Marshfield Board of Education, called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 6:03 pm on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Members present: Janette Clark, Tony Cologna, Mitch Espy, Josh Hartman, Mark Messick, Craig Thomas, Amy Wilkerson. Members absent:

Amy Wilkerson made a motion to approve [Employment Changes](#), as presented. Mitch Espy seconded and motion carried with roll call vote 7-0. (Clark, Cologna, Espy, Hartman, Messick, Thomas, Wilkerson).

Janette Clark made the motion to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 6:37 pm and proceed into Open Session. Amy Wilkerson seconded and motion carried with roll call vote 7-0 (Clark, Cologna, Espy, Hartman, Messick, Thomas, Wilkerson).