

CARDINAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2026



Applefest 2026

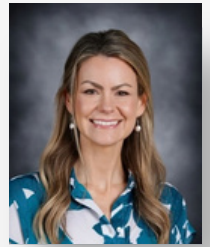
Over 30 middle school and high school students performed in the South Shore Marching Band at the Applefest parade on October 4. After the lively performance, they joined together with all of the marching bands in attendance for an epic performance of *On Wisconsin*.



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Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week

Dani Mikula, Superintendent



Districts across Wisconsin are taking time this October to celebrate the dedicated leaders who govern our public schools. Here at South Shore, we have special reasons to celebrate.

In a small district like ours, local control is one of our greatest strengths. Decisions about our school are made by people who live here, know our kids, and understand what matters to South Shore families. When our board sets policy, reviews programs, or guides a major project, they do it with local values and needs in mind. Their commitment to providing students breakfast and lunch at no cost, their support of the arts, their commitment to community voice in the strategic plan, and their consistently high expectations all reflect the kind of grounded, community-centered leadership that shapes the everyday experience of our children.

School board service is real work. It means evening and weekend hours spent reading detailed packets, studying policies and budgets, navigating school finance and state requirements, and asking careful questions so that student success stays at the center. Our seven board members—Clyde Clauson, Mark Hoefling, Becky Kavajecz, James Stemwedel, Rachelle Swanson, Justine Broderson, and Merlyn Coy—give that time willingly because they believe South Shore is worth it.

What I don't often get the chance to share is how grateful, impressed, and proud I feel after our board meetings. Our board members ask thoughtful and challenging questions, do their homework, keep politics out of the board room, and regularly reflect on how they can keep growing in the role to strengthen our district. They hold expectations high, and they expect results. Our board understands that outstanding schools cannot exist without strong, principled governance—and they live that belief.

So the next time you see one of these faces at the grocery store, a ball game, or the post office, consider offering a simple smile or word of thanks. Strong boards help build strong schools, and ours is doing exactly that—with integrity, steadiness, and genuine love for our surrounding communities.

To Clyde, Mark, Becky, James, Rachelle, Justine, and Merlyn: *thank you*. Our students, our community, and I, are better because of your service.



Clyde Clauson
President



Mark Hoefling
Vice President



Becky Kavajecz
Clerk



James Stemwedel
Treasurer

Thank You

WISCONSIN SCHOOL BOARD WEEK 2026



Rachelle Swanson



Justine Broderson



Merlyn Coy



South Shore PTO ♥

HARVEST DINNER



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
— 4PM - 7PM —

Menu

Ham
— ♥ —
Dill Butter Potatoes
— ♥ —
Corn
— ♥ —
Baked Beans
— ♥ —
Dinner Roll
— ♥ —
Dessert

Suggested Donations

ADULTS	\$15
SENIORS (62+)	\$12
STUDENTS (6-18)	\$8
5 & UNDER	FREE
SOUTH SHORE TEACHERS & STAFF	FREE

♥
All are welcome!

Come enjoy a delicious meal, spend
time with friends and neighbors, and
support the South Shore PTO!



SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT LEARNING

► Feedback

Michelle Simpson
4K-12 Principal
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

LIFE SKILLS

This school year, staff are focused on quickly and effectively responding to student learning in the moment. One way we do that is by ensuring students have useful feedback while they are still learning the skills—not waiting until a final unit test to find out how they are doing. The most helpful feedback doesn't simply tell students whether they got something right or wrong. It helps them understand what they are doing well, what they can improve, and what they can do next. Feedback doesn't just come from teachers—it can come from other students and from the students themselves as they reflect on their own learning. As we near the end of the first quarter, we're highlighting a few examples of how teachers are putting this work into practice and how students are learning to reflect on their learning, use feedback, and support one another.

In an era when students have grown up using texting, messaging, and Snapchat, many students have limited experience leaving phone messages. It is a skill they will need for the rest of their lives! In *Life Skills*, students learn how to leave a professional voice message. They must demonstrate their ability by calling and leaving a message for their teacher. Students practice with a partner who provides both positive feedback and suggestions for improvement. Students then apply that feedback by practicing with a second partner, who also provides constructive feedback. They also reflect as a class before they practice calling their teacher. By the time students call their teacher, they have had multiple opportunities to practice, receive feedback, make improvements, and try again. They are set up for success when it is time to leave their voice message!

MATH CLASS

In sixth-grade math, students use exit slips to take ownership of their learning. Before turning in their exit slips, students review and check off a list of success criteria to make sure they are truly demonstrating what they know. After the teacher reviews the exit slips and provides feedback, students use it to complete their own reflection, where they identify the specific skills they still need to work on and what steps they can take to improve. The skills students learn through this process build habits they will use as lifelong learners.



At South Shore, we are committed to ensuring students understand what they have learned and know what they can do next.

MIDDLE SCHOOL READING

In middle school reading, 7th and 8th grade students are working on responding in writing to a text, citing and elaborating on evidence from the text to support their writing. Before turning in their writing, students partner with a peer to edit and revise. Each student uses their writing checklist to make sure their classmate's writing meets all expectations. However, they don't stop there! After reviewing the checklist, students give each other specific feedback on how to improve their writing, using the "two stars and a wish" strategy to identify two specific strengths and one area where their classmate could improve. After receiving feedback, they write a final copy and turn it in to their teacher for additional feedback.

Every student has areas where they can grow! Whether students are reflecting on their own work, receiving feedback from a classmate, or using feedback from their teacher, students are learning that feedback is not simply about getting a grade—it is a tool they can use to improve. By giving students opportunities to reflect, receive feedback, make changes, and try again, we are helping them become more **confident, independent, and engaged learners**.

AVAILABLE FOR BID



The district has a small number of 85" SmartBoards available.



Bids due
Friday, Oct. 30
at 4 PM



Minimum bid: \$200 for individuals



The district will consider donating to local businesses, municipalities, or churches that have a need.



Reaching end of life, but still fully functional.



Some are wall-mounted; some have a cart.



Reach out to Dani Mikula for more information.



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OCT 27

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

2026-27 STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS
Sophia Truchon (center), President
Josephina Martinez (right), Vice President
Sophia Nollet (left), Secretary/Treasurer



Fall Break

Nov 23-27

No School



Everyone Welcome!

Students
Families
Staff
Community

PTO MEETINGS

Get Involved!

**Second Tuesday
of every month at 3:45 PM**

 **South Shore High School
Commons**

Ideas ♥ Support ♥ Fun ♥ Friends ♥ Impact

♥ Together We Make a Difference! ♥

 Schedule subject to change — watch for PTO updates! 

SSHHS

POPS CONCERT

FRIDAY, OCT 23
5:15 – 6:45PM

Free admission
Donations accepted



2026 BUDGET HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING NOTICES

South Shore School District Budget Hearing Agenda

Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6:00PM
South Shore Jr-Sr High School
9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI 54865

The Budget Hearing of the South Shore School District will be held in the Commons at South Shore Jr-Sr High School.

Members of the public may attend in person or virtually; contact the district office at least 24 hours in advance to obtain a link for virtual participation. All public participants phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting. Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may email dmikula@sshore.k12.wi.us with "Public Comment" in the subject line. Messages received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Board President who may then allow them to speak during Public Participation.

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the office at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

1. Call to Order

- 1.01 Call to Order

2. Proof of Publication

- 2.01 Proof of Publication

3. Election of a Chairperson

- 3.01 Election of a Chairperson

4. Appoint Acting Clerk

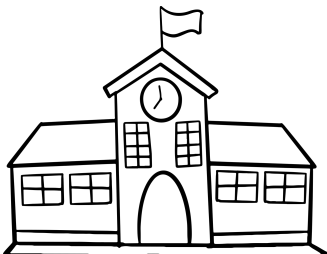
- 4.01 Appoint Clerk

5. Presentation 2026-27 Budget

- 5.01 Presentation of the 2026-27 Budget

6. Adjournment

- 6.01 Adjournment



South Shore School District 2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 26, 2026
following adjournment of the Budget Hearing
South Shore Jr-Sr High School
9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI 54865

The Annual Meeting of the South Shore School District will be held in the Commons at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, following adjournment of the Budget Hearing.

Members of the public may attend in person or virtually; contact the district office at least 24 hours in advance to obtain a link for virtual participation. All public participants phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting. Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may email dmikula@sshore.k12.wi.us with "Public Comment" in the subject line. Messages received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Board President who may then allow them to speak during Public Participation.

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5. Treasurer's Reading of Financial Report

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6. Reading of the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

- 6.01 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

7. District Highlights

- 7.01 District Highlights

8. New Business: Vote on Resolutions

- 8.01 Adoption of Tax Levy
- 8.02 Disposal of Non-Real Estate Property
- 8.03 Salaries of Board Members
- 8.04 Reimbursement of Board Member Expenses
- 8.05 Authorizing Transportation of Students
- 8.06 Short-term Borrowing
- 8.07 Authorize Fund 80 Levy
- 8.08 Authorize Legal Proceedings

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9. Establishment of Next Annual Meeting

- 9.01 Set 2027 Annual Meeting Date

10. Other Business Allowed by State Statutes

- 10.01 Other Business Allowed by State Statutes

11. Adjournment

- 11.01 Adjournment

South Shore School District Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda

In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

Public Notice SS19.84(3) Clyde Clausen, President
SS19.85(1)(g) Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education
will be held in the Commons at the
South Shore Jr-Sr High School
following adjournment of the Annual Meeting
on Monday, October 26, 2026.

Members of the public may attend in person or through Zoom. All public participants phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting. Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may email dmikula@sshore.k12.wi.us with Public Comment in the subject line. Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the office at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time so appropriate arrangements can be made.

1. Welcome

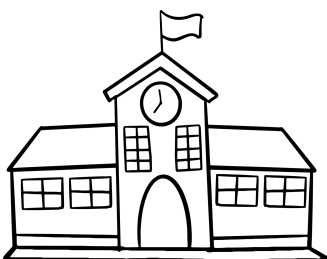
- 1.01 Call to Order/Roll Call

2. New Business

- 2.01 2026-27 Levy and Final Adoption

3. Meeting Closing

- 3.01 Adjournment



2025 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

South Shore School District

Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 27, 2025 ~ 6:27pm - 6:48pm
South Shore Jr- Sr High School
9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI 54865

THE SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING was held on Monday, October 27, 2025, at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI. The meeting had been properly publicized in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Clyde Clauson called the 2025 District annual meeting to order on October 27, 2025 at 6:27pm at South Shore Jr-Sr High School.

2. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Publication was accomplished through a district-wide mailing of The Cardinal Report, with notices posted at the South Shore Elementary School, school website, Cornucopia, Herbster, and Port Wing Post offices, and Security State Bank and The Store on October 10, 2025.

3. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Marge Lahti, second by Justine Broderson to nominate Clyde Clauson as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion by Terry Burhans, second by Merlyn Coy. Close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Clyde Clauson.

Show of hands: Yes: 25. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands. Clyde Clauson was elected chairman.

4. APPOINT ACTING CLERK

Clyde Clauson, Chair, appointed Rebecca Kavajecz as clerk.

5. TREASURER'S READING OF FINANCIAL REPORT

James Stemwedel, School Board treasurer, read the financial report.

6. READING OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MTG MINUTES

Motion by Rebecca Kavajecz, second by Mark Hoeffling to suspend the reading of the October 28, 2024 annual meeting minutes as everyone in attendance had a copy.

Show of hands: Yes: 15 No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

Motion by James Stemwedel, second by Justine Broderson to approve the minutes as presented.

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

7. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Dani Mikula, Superintendent, outlined District Highlights.

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8. NEW BUSINESS: Vote on Resolutions

8.01 Adoption of Tax Levy

Motion by MarkHoeftling, second by Terry Burhans to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore, Townships of Bell, Clover, Orienta, Oulu, Port Wing, and Tripp; assembled in Annual District Meeting on the 27th day of October, 2025, a tax levy in the amount of \$5,178,086 and the School District Clerk is hereby directed to extend said levy to the several Townships of said District as affected in accordance with proportionate valuation of said municipality as provided by Wisconsin Law in relation to the total Equalized Valuation for all areas of the South Shore School District.

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

8.02 Disposal of Non-Real Estate Property

Motion by Marge Lahti, second by Mindy Mueller to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore shall not sell or dispose, except to a taxing body, or cause to be destroyed any School District property, real or personal, with a possible value of \$2,000 or more, without first having the property appraised and after appraisal the offering of such property at a Public Competitive Sale. Also, a Class Two Notice published in the local newspaper(s) shall be deemed sufficient notice for the purpose of the Competitive Sale.

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

8.03 Salaries of Board Members

Motion by Merlyn Coy, second by Mark Hoeftling to set the 2025-26 board salaries as follows:

Regular Board Meeting: \$150 paid quarterly
Committee, special, other (non-regular meetings): \$50 per meeting paid quarterly

Mileage Reimbursement: IRS approved rate for travel outside the district

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

8.04 Resolution to Reimburse Board Member's Expenses

Motion by Mindy Mueller, second by Diana Reijo to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of school board members when traveling outside of the School District in performance of duties.

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

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8.06 Short-Term Borrowing

Motion by Mindy Mueller, second by Eddie Burhans to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the State Aids, as well as the taxes levied for the School District of South Shore will not be available until the latter part of the 2025-2026 school year, and WHEREAS it will be necessary for the School District to borrow funds as necessary for the expenses until such aids and taxes are received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Shore School Board et al, be authorized to borrow money up to its legal limit for the purpose of paying immediate and current expenses of operation of our schools during the 2025-2026 school year.

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

8.07 Authorize Fund 80 Levy

Motion by Mark Hoeftling, second by Justine Broderson to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to authorize the District Board of Education to continue to levy \$40,000 for the Fund 80 Community Service Fund.

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

8.08 Authorize Legal Proceedings

Motion by James Stenwedel, second by Merlyn Coy to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore that the School Board is directed to provide for the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding in which the School District is interested.

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

9. Establishment of Next Annual Meeting

Motion by Rebecca Kavajecz, second by Marge Lahti to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to establish Monday, October 26, 2026, as the annual meeting date.

Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0.

Motion carried by show of hands.

10. Other Business Allowed by State Statutes

None.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Eddie Burhans to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk
South Shore Board of Education

South Shore School District

2026-27 Budget Summary



GENERAL FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	6,425,638.91	6,967,112.65	7,842,795.93
Ending Fund Balance	6,967,112.65	7,842,795.93	7,855,878.23
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	4,204,064.66	4,377,451.12	4,469,229.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	436,408.00	403,198.00	379,924.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	2,249.22	2,824.80	0.00
State Sources (Source 600)	705,487.39	789,930.18	687,205.16
Federal Sources (Source 700)	139,543.67	141,249.42	107,773.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	83,253.40	15,538.30	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	5,571,006.34	5,730,191.82	5,644,131.16
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	1,829,995.38	1,813,449.28	2,119,449.34
Support Services (Function 200 000)	2,147,943.34	2,071,971.59	2,466,631.12
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	1,051,593.88	969,087.67	1,044,968.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	5,029,532.60	4,854,508.54	5,631,048.86

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	72,853.25	73,480.42	66,712.52
Ending Fund Balance	73,480.42	66,712.52	66,712.52
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	651,283.94	615,705.17	600,290.45
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	650,656.77	622,473.07	600,290.45

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	1,105,072.06	672,213.48
Ending Fund Balance	1,105,072.06	672,213.48	332,571.48
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,405,582.43	1,108,229.90	986,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	300,510.37	1,541,088.48	1,325,642.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	11,362,749.08	12,925,823.00
Ending Fund Balance	11,362,749.08	12,925,823.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	12,044,945.08	2,967,533.92	50,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	682,196.00	1,404,460.00	12,975,823.00

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FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	209,237.47	209,021.45	245,413.30
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	209,237.47	209,021.45	245,413.30

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	40,079.65	54,547.43	73,727.30
Ending Fund Balance	54,547.43	73,727.30	85,739.12
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	42,865.00	42,415.00	40,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	28,397.22	23,235.13	27,988.18

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	6,900,530.43	8,654,786.67	20,806,205.79
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	445,964.52	379,020.85	469,313.40
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	6,454,565.91	8,275,765.82	20,336,892.39
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		28.22%	145.74%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Levy Summary	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
General Fund	\$3,935,357	\$4,161,948	\$4,269,229
Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$1,007,681	\$976,138	\$986,000
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Expansion Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Service Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	\$4,983,038	\$5,178,086	\$5,295,229
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		3.91%	2.26%



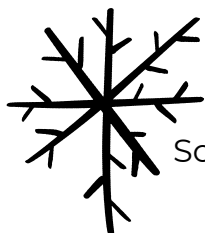
Save the Date!

South Shore
Education Foundation
Fundraiser

Saturday, December 5
6:00-9:00PM

Cornucopia Community Center
22615 County Hwy C

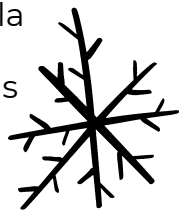
More details and
Facebook event to come!



South Shore School District
is seeking

**Snow
Plowing
Services**

for the 2026-27 season.
For more information
please contact Dani Mikula
at 715-774-3167 or
dmikula@sshore.k12.wi.us



South Shore School District

Board of Education Meeting Agenda

In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

Public Notice SS19.84(3)
SS19.85(1)(g)

Clyde Clausen, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held at the Instructional Media Center at the South Shore Jr/Sr School, Port Wing, WI at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

Members of the public may attend in person or through Zoom. All public participants phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting. Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may email dmikula@sshore.k12.wi.us with Public Comment in the subject line. Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the office at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time so appropriate arrangements can be made.

1. WELCOME

- 1.01 Call to Order / Roll Call
- 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

2. RECOGNITION/HIGHLIGHTS

- 2.01 Acknowledge and Accept Donations

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- 3.01 Audience Participation Guidelines

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

- 4.01 Modifications to Agenda Items or Prior Minutes

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 Approve Minutes of Sept 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- 5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget (ending September 2026)
- 5.03 Approve Personnel Report

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.01 Teaching & Learning
- 6.02 Finance & Operations

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.01 Building Project Updates
- 7.02 Board Learning: Legal Considerations for Closed Sessions
- 7.03 Start College Now/Early College Credit
- 7.04 Gifted & Talented Program Update
- 7.05 Strategic Plan Progress Updates
- 7.06 2026-27 Budget Review & Preparation for Annual Meeting

8. POLICY

- 8.01 NEOLA Policy Updates 35.2 - 2nd Reading

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9. ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER REPORTS

- 9.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report
- 9.02 Superintendent's Report

10. UPCOMING DATES

- 10.01 Upcoming Dates

11. MEETING CLOSING

- 11.01 Adjournment

South Shore School Board Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Meeting held September 16, 2026, 5:35 p.m. – 7:12 p.m.

1. WELCOME

1.01 Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order in the High School Library by President Clauson at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Justine Broderson, Clyde Clauson, Merlyn Coy, Mark Hoefling, Rebecca Kavajecz, James Stemwedel, Rachelle Swanson. Virtual: None Absent: None. Also present: Danielle Mikula, Superintendent.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. RECOGNITION / HIGHLIGHT

2.01 Acknowledge and Accept Donations

- The Fig Leaf: \$1000 to support South Shore students' school supplies
- Dan Madison: \$2000 to the Art Department
- South Shore Community Band: \$508 for the Music Department

2.02 We Are South Shore

- None

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

3.01 Audience Participation Guidelines - Limit 5 minutes

- None

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

4.01 Modifications to Agenda Items or Prior Minutes

- None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Approve Minutes of August 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget (ending Aug 2026)

- Approval of Bills and Budget (ending Aug 2026) General fund 100177 through 100231 payroll/direct deposit 900016152 through 900016189 and 4080 through 4091 for payment.

5.03 Approve Personnel Report

- None

Motion by Stemwedel, second by Coy to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.01 Building Project Updates

The Board had a walk-through prior to the meeting. Tim from HSR and Ryan from Market & Johnson provided their updates:

- The remodel of high school is mostly complete and remaining items are being worked on when students are not present. A punch list of other items will be addressed during breaks.
- The majority of work has moved to the addition; steel beams and concrete block is being installed.
- The envelope should be completed by October and then work can begin inside.
- Some areas have temporary lighting, signage, etc while awaiting final products to arrive.
- Kudos to the construction team for a heavy lift and continued work.
- A lot of infrastructure was updated that you can't see.
- We may be able to add some wish list items to the scope as things are looking good. That will be a discussion in the coming months about what to bring forward.

To date, we have spent 40% of referendum funds. Our contingency fund is in good shape.

6.02 Investment & Market Update and Review with PMA

Josh from PMA provided an update on referendum fund investments. We have made a good amount from investments and interest so far with several maturing this month. The fed funds rate was raised .25% today, so that will benefit us for reinvestment.

Motion by Stemwedel, second by Broderson to invest up to \$3 million of the referendum funds for up to 6 months. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6.03 2026-27 Budget Review & Preparation for Annual Meeting

Superintendent Mikula reviewed the annual meeting presentation draft.

6.04 Employee Approval of Financial Permissions

Motion by Stemwedel, second by Hoefling to designate Darienne McNamara as a signer on district accounts at Security State Bank. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6.05 Special Education Department Program Update

Superintendent Mikula provided information about the SpED program, including needs that may change this year. The program is being audited this year, a normal process, and we are focusing on quality not just compliance.

6.06 School Safety Drills Update

The Fall 2026 Safety Drills Board Report was presented. Two drills have been completed already this month (fire and tornado); lockdown drill will happen soon.

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6.07 Stakeholder Engagement Survey

Discussed options and what surveys to do.

Motion by Swanson, second by Broderson to approve using School Perceptions to solicit stakeholder (student, parent, staff) feedback. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.01 Finance & Operations

Met on September 3

- Investment and market update and review with PMA
- Reviewed bills and budget balances
- Building project and facilities updates
- Discussed banking permissions for new employee
- Discussed Fitness Center hours, staffing, and fees - tabled for discussion with full board at a future meeting

7.02 Policy & Governance

Met on September 9

- Reviewed NEOLA Policy Updates Vol. 35.2 - Technical Corrections
- Reviewed NEOLA Policy Updates Vol. 35.2 - several for 1st Reading tonight
- Discussed AI policy - we will seek out a consultant to help us with this
- Discussed Naming Rights & Donations policy; first read tonight, but NEOLA is updating it, Board will wait for that.

8. POLICY

8.01 NEOLA Policy Updates 35.2 - Technical Corrections

- Po5460.01 Diploma Deferral
- Po5461 Children At-Risk of Not Graduating from High School
- Po6610 Nondistrict-Supported Student Activity Accounts
- Po7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
- Po7450 Property Inventory
- Po7455 Accounting System for Capital Assets
- Po8462.01 Threats of Violence

8.02 NEOLA Policy Updates Volume 35.2 - First Reading

- Po2210 Curriculum Development
- Po2430 District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities
- Po2461 Recording of IEP Team Meetings
- Po2510 Adoption of Textbooks/Primary Curricular Resources
- Po3130 Assignment and Transfer
- Po3242 Professional Growth Requirements
- Po5310 Health Services
- Po5511 Dress and Appearance
- Po6325 Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds Commemoration of School Facilities
- Po7440.03 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- Po8325 Receipt of Legal Documents by District Employees
- Po8410 Crisis Intervention
- Po8500 Food Services
- Po8500.01 Policy and Process for Receiving and Processing Complaints Alleging Civil Rights Discrimination (Including WI Protected Classes) in the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs
- Po8531 Free and Reduced-Price Meals
- Po8550 Competitive Food Sales
- Po8600 Transportation

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The Board also reviewed Policy Updates Volume 35.2 Special Update - Nondiscrimination, and Policy Updates Volume 35.2 Artificial Intelligence (AI) July 2026 Overview.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER REPORTS

9.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report

Met September 15, Mark Hoefling attended.

- CESA 12 staff attended a convention with other CESAs
- Services schedules for 18 schools in CESA12 are being completed
- Youth Apprentice program has grown significantly
- Reviewed policies
- LCO to join CESA

9.02 Superintendent's Report

- MS Volleyball position posted.
- HS Volleyball Coach announced this is her last year.
- Part-time custodian posted for evenings and weekends
- PTO has new leadership and wants to be more involved
- Upcoming events: Spirit Week the first week of October, Harvest Dinner, Fall Festival, and winter holidays
- The after-school program, South Shore Scholars, is up and running. Students are having a great time and don't want to leave!

10. UPCOMING DATES

- Sept 21, 2026 - Teaching & Learning Committee 6:00 pm
- Oct 6, 2026 - WASB Regional Meeting in Hayward
- Oct 7, 2026 - Finance & Operations Committee 5:30 pm
- Oct 15, 2026 - Harvest Dinner
- Oct 21, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- Oct 26, 2026 - Budget Hearing at 6:00 pm
- Oct 26, 2026 - Annual Meeting following adjournment of Budget Hearing
- Oct 26, 2026 - Special Board Meeting following adjournment of the Annual Meeting
- Oct 30, 2026 - Fall Festival

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will convene in closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the board.

Motion by Coy, second by Broderson to move into closed session. Roll call vote: Yes - All, No - None, Absent - None. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Entered closed session at 6:56 pm.

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Hoefling, second by Stemwedel to rise from closed session. Roll call vote:

Yes: All; No: None; Absent: None. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Returned to open session at 7:11 pm.

12.01 Adjournment

Motion by Clauson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by 7:12pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca A. Kavajecz, Clerk
South Shore Board of Education

November 2026 Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 MSBBB @ Mellen	4 Finance & Operations Comm.	5 End of 1 st Quarter	6 MSBBB vs Butternut @ Home	7
8	9 MSBBB @ LCO	10	11 Veteran's Day Assembly 2PM	12 MSBBB @ Ashland	13	14
15	16 MSBBB @ Bayfield	17 MSBBB vs Solon @ Home	18 Regular Board Meeting	19 MSBBB vs Washburn @ Home	20	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL In-Service	24 NO SCHOOL In-Service	25 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	26 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	27 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	28
29	30 MSBBB @ Washburn					31

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