Posted 10/30/26 **AGENDA #3 11/4/2026**

GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Gateway Regional School District will provide an exemplary education that challenges all students in an instructional setting appropriate to their needs.

All visitors attending the school committee meeting should sign in at the security booth.

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Middle School Room 117/119

7:00 P.M.

7:00 PM I. OPENING OF MEETING & QUESTION TO SEE IF ANYONE IS RECORDING
Call to order: Mr. Forgue, Chairperson

BLANDFORD	CHESTER	HUNTINGTON	MIDDLEFIELD
Katherine McDonough	Brian Forgue	Elizabeth Canedy	Tasha Strong
Cathleen Smelcer	Jason Forgue	Pegg Dragon	Stephanie Simonowicz
	Jessica Sakaske	Lisa Goding	

MONTGOMERY	RUSSELL	SECRETARY
Peter DeGregorio	Alicia Hansen	Melissa McKelllick
Jakob Wyman	Lyndsey Papillon	
	Jennifer Pappas	

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
Dr. Melissa Matarazzo, Superintendent
Amy Mason, School Business Administrator

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
Elle DeMoss
Amelia Steward-Frey (alternate)

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Kurt Garivaltis, Pupil Services Director
Martha Gendron, Littleville Asst. Principal
Joan Tuttle, Dir. of Accountability & Grants
Dr. Todd Gazda, Chester Principal
Melissa McCaul, Littleville Principal
Roland Joyal, Interim GRS Principal
Chris Tamburrino, Asst. Pupil Services Dir.
Val Zeh, GRS Assistant Principal
Stacy Stewart, Human Resources Director

OTHERS:_____

7:02 PM II. PUBLIC INPUT

Guests attending the meeting may address the committee on topics not on the agenda. (There is a three minute time limit per guest.)

7:15 PM III. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS

A. FY 28 Budget Timeline and Priority Setting

7:40 PM IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Regional Agreement Facilitation Procurement

7:45 PM V. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

A. 1st Read: New policy - Policy ACL
B. 1st Read: Updated Policies - IJ-R and IJL
C. Approval of Extended Leave of Absence

7:55 PM VI. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2026
B. Acceptance of Donations and Grants

8:05 PM VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

8:15 PM IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Committee
B. Chairperson
C. Superintendent - Superintendent's Report (See Above), Central Office Update (Enc.)
D. School Business Administrator
E. Administration
F. Town Officials

8:30 PM X. COMMITTEE REPORTING

A. Superintendent's Evaluation
B. Legislative Liaison
C. Negotiations
D. Building Liaisons
E. CES Update
F. Policy

8:40 PM XI. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

8:45 PM XII. INFORMATION

The warrant signing committee had reviewed the following warrants, found them to be in order, and approved them.

#1027 $354,848.55 PR 9.0 $580,507.86

#1022 $64,337.58	PR 9.1 $1546.41
#1019 $0.33	PR 8.0 $492,118.95
#1018 $248,495.95	PR 7.0 $491,776.49
#1013 $172,426.30	PR 6.0 $465,399.90
#1010 $262,982.15	PR 5.0 $408,906.77
#1008 $31,944.12	PR 4.0 $122,028.12
#1004 $38,850.61	PR 3.0 $133,294.75
	PR 2.0 $137,078.78
	PR 1.1 $1,853.95
	PR 1.0 $91,784.91

8:45 PM XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

9:00 PM XIV. ADJOURNMENT by 9 p.m. unless extended by majority vote.