



Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2026
Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

Called to Order	6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Rachel Eichhorst. 5 members present. 1 member absent with notice (Boyer). 1 member will be late with notice (Cichocki).
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	Agenda for August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting. Banach moved. Bowman supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
Bulldog Spotlight	None
Presentations	None
	Mrs. Eichhorst welcomed Mr. McDonald to his first official board meeting as Superintendent.
Approved	Consent Action Items A-G. Banach moved. Antoine supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. • General Fund Bills (check register) • Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports) • Wire Transfer report • Purchasing Card Expenditures • Minutes from Special Meeting held 7/27/26 • Minutes from Regular Meeting held on 7/27/26 • Board Policy 1st Reading – <i>Policy 4005 – Other Matters of Employment – Outside Activities</i> <i>Mrs. Banach explained that they wanted to change the order of the paragraphs on the policy because the other matters of employment is specific to not running a business out of your classroom. The committee thought it made more sense to move the last paragraph to the top, changing the focus on what the intent of the policy was.</i> <i>Mrs. Bowman questioned if there was some missing verbiage from the policy that they had reviewed in December and also asked if teachers can tutor their own students without compensation before and after school. Mrs. Banach responded that it is allowed as it is considered part of their job. Mrs. Eichhorst stated that previously there was wording that they need approval from their principal. Mrs. Banach concurred that what they received in their packet was missing that wording. Mrs. Butler stated she will look into it and give them the exact language prior to the second reading. Mrs. Eichhorst stated the committee will continue the discussion of why they would need district approval if they are on their own time.</i> <i>Mrs. Eichhorst brought up a previous topic regarding a family member who was inquiring about having some recognition pertaining to a donation of property behind Amanda Moore. Mrs. Eichhorst had brought the request to the Facilities and Policy committees</i>

and wants to be sure that someone is communicating with the family. Mrs. Rice stated they discussed policy 6209 and the Facilities team will inspect the area and the family will be asked for documentation. Mrs. Eichhorst asked that they can keep her informed so that she can communicate with the family member.

**Informational
Updates/New
Business**

Communications – A letter from the MASB was shared with the board.

Committee Reports –

Policy – Mrs. Rice gave an overview of the meeting. They discussed policy 4005 which they covered during consent action items. Policy 6009 regarding the property donation request was discussed. Policy 6009 restricts naming facilities so it has come to the board. They will need to get the property inspected and get a date range of the donation and it will then come back to the committee for a decision. A fund balance policy was discussed which is in an initial review. The goal is to establish a formal fund balance policy to guide future budgeting and negotiations and they are in support of adopting a 15% minimum fund balance target but it will be reviewed by the finance committee. If recommended, it will be moved to a first reading in September.

Curriculum – Mrs. Eichhorst gave an overview of the meeting and stated that they discussed one of the choice units used in CKLA for elementary which has been considered problematic. They looked at alternative units and will be reviewing those and getting teacher feedback. Discussions took place on technology use and possibly doing an audit of how much time is spent on screens. Other conversations included middle school instructional time, a transit van purchase for CTE and a brief intro to a potential wrestling club. Mrs. Eichhorst mentioned that she has brought up purchasing atlases at the middle school level to help with map skills. Ms. McFarlane responded that Social Studies sends maps with various overlays that seem to be working well.

Safety – Mrs. Bowman gave a summary of the meeting and stated that she met the new station subcommander and SRO who will be spending most of her time at the 9GA building. The district continues to work on strengthening collaboration with emergency response and continues to work on relocation & reunification support plans. Coordinated training is in the works. A tabletop exercise and a reunification simulation exercise will take place for Romeo Middle School. Relocation and reunification sites are being finalized for the elementary buildings and they are working on the relocation/reunification video for RMS & the elementary buildings. The PowerSchool behavior support rollouts are happening this fall and the ParentSquare communication platform has been set up and parents were sent an email. The district is looking at solutions for two-way radio backup during power outages. The Shield Director has stepped down and interviews are taking place for his replacement. The 31aa update was discussed and the legislature approved new funding for mental health. The safety portion of funds requires districts to opt-in and the MDE will be sending an application soon. Discussion took place regarding Shield staffing for after-hours events.

Superintendent's Report –

Photos and updates were shared on current construction projects. New teacher orientation was mentioned and a photo was shared. Mr. McDonald mentioned that opening day took place today for staff and that professional development continues for the next couple of days. Mention was made of the first varsity football game which is at U of M on August 29th.

Public Comment

None

Approved

Resolutions

- **Human Resources Resolution #71 – Personnel Update**
Banach moved. Antoine supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Human Resources Resolution #72 – Teamsters Local 214, Romeo Administrators Association Contract**
Banach moved. Bowman supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Student Services Resolution #73 – CTE Vehicle Purchase**
Antoine moved. Bowman supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6:25 Mrs. Cichocki arrived.

**Board Discussion/
For the Good of
the District**

Mr. Antoine stated that he attended the opening day breakfast and that Mr. McDonald did a great job and it was nice to see the renewed energy in the room.

Mrs. Eichhorst thanked everyone for their patience during the Superintendent transition.

Public Comment

None

Approved

- **Closed Session – Collective Bargaining**

Banach moved, Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

6:26 p.m. into closed session for purpose of Collective Bargaining.

Roll Call: 6 members present (Antoine, Banach, Bowman, Cichocki, Eichhorst, Rice). 0 members absent.

7:00 p.m. out of closed session. Into Open Session. Rice moved, Banach supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

7:01 p.m. Rice moved. Banach supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____