

**Girard School District Board of Education
Board Workshop Minutes
Monday, June 8, 2026
5:45 p.m.**

Girard High School Auditorium
Generated by Jacob Hagmaier, Board Secretary

1. Meeting Opening

Board President, Mr. Rich Brown, called the June 8, 2026 Board Workshop Meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and a moment of silent meditation was observed.

Board Members Present:

Rich Brown, Joe Legnasky, Kelly Fisher, Joseph Meka, Brady Sager, Melissa Smith

Absent: Sean Dunn, Dan Maher, Mike McConnell

Informational: 1.4 Recognition of Visitors

President Brown welcomed visitors in attendance and thanked them for attending.

Others Present: Superintendent David Koma, Jacob Hagmaier, Michelle Doritty

2. Public Comments

Informational: 2.1 Public Comments

Mr. Hagmaier stated no public comments were received.

3. Education

Informational: 3.1 Elk Valley Elementary School Updates

No report.

Informational: 3.2 Rice Avenue Middle School Updates

RAMS Principal Mike Trudnowski provided the Board with a handout of middle school updates. The handout highlighted an America 250 visual historical art installation being created by Mr. Styborski and eighth-grade students above the locker bays. Mr. Trudnowski also reported that RAMS successfully met the Tier 1 PBIS fidelity requirements. Due to low PTO participation, the school has experienced challenges in funding certain programs and is exploring alternative strategies to sustain programming and offset related costs.

Informational: 3.3 Girard High School Updates

Superintendent Koma share that US Representative Mike Kelly visited GHS and RAMS where he met with students from various classes.

Informational: 3.4 Athletics/Cyber School Updates

No report.

Informational: 3.5 Special Education Updates

No report.

Discussion, Informational: 3.6 School Wellness Report - Per Policy 246

Mrs. Angel Ghastin was unable to attend the workshop and provided a video presentation on the District's student wellness program. The presentation reviewed the purpose of the Wellness Committee, priority goals and progress toward achieving them, staff wellness initiatives, mental and behavioral health services and data, nursing support services, nutritional data, and other key components of the program.

Informational: 3.7 Artificial Intelligence Committee Updates

Mrs. Angel Ghastin also provided a video presentation on the work of the Artificial Intelligence Committee. She reported that the committee met multiple times over the past three months to discuss District policies, student guardrails, staff professional development goals, parent and family resources related to AI in education, and other implementation and integration topics. The committee recommended adding four student early release days to the 2026-2027 school calendar to provide AI-focused professional development for staff. Following discussion, the Board expressed support for the recommendation.

Discussion, Informational: 3.8 Safe Schools Report

Officer Nicholas DeAngelo was unable to attend the workshop. Superintendent Koma will share the Safe Schools Report prepared by Officer DeAngelo to Board members during Executive Session following the conclusion of the Recessed May 26, 2026 Board Meeting, immediately following the June 8, 2026 Board Workshop, in compliance with school code requirements.

4. Technology

Discussion, Informational: 4.1 Technology Updates

Superintendent Koma read a report from the Technology Department. The report announced the hiring of Joshua Hamlin for the new shared security position serving GSD, Conneaut, and IU5. Staff laptop replacements were completed for teachers, and deployment to office and administrative staff is underway. Chromebook collection and inventory verification are ongoing across all buildings, with only a few outstanding devices remaining. The department has identified surplus technology equipment and is evaluating proposals from refurbishing companies for the purchase of retired laptops and Chromebooks. The E-Rate internal fiber upgrade project remains on hold pending funding.

5. Facilities

Discussion, Informational: 5.1 Facilities Updates

No report.

6. Finance

Discussion, Informational: 6.1 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Mr. Jacob Hagmaier reviewed how the rate is determined and noted that it is locked in for a four-year period, with the option for recalculation as rates change. He reported that the rate has already decreased by approximately 6% and continues to trend downward. He expressed concern that waiting until the next cycle could result in a more significant reduction in funding and recommended locking in the current lower rate for a new cycle at this time to help mitigate the financial impact of a further decline. Following discussion, the Board approved the recommendation.

Discussion, Informational: 6.2 Finance Updates

Mr. Jacob Hagmaier provided updated budget figures for Board review.

Mr. Hagmaier reported that he is continuing to work on securing a more favorable property insurance rate. He noted that the District remains in a high-risk insurance market.

A grant has been submitted through Girard Borough for tennis and pickleball courts, and staff are working with Total Grant Services to submit a separate grant for sidewalk improvements, which does not require a local match. The District is also awaiting results of the Facilities grant prior to moving forward with additional projects.

The District is transitioning its Board agenda and minutes software from BoardDocs to Keystone Agenda. The new system and website were reviewed with Board members.

7. Human Resources/Negotiations

8. Policy

9. Student Affairs/Activities

10. Other

Discussion: 10.1 Review Board Goals

Board President Rich Brown reminded members to complete the PSBA Board Assessment, which will be used to help develop Board goals.

Discussion: 10.2 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly

Mr. Jacob Hagmaier noted that the 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly will be held in person on November 7 at Cumberland Valley School District. Following discussion, the Board determined that no delegate will be sent.

11. Items for Board Agenda

Informational: 11.1 Tentative Items for June 22, 2026 Board Meeting

Superintendent Koma reviewed anticipated items for the June 22, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda.

The June 8, 2026 Board Workshop Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Jacob Hagmaier, Board Secretary