

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 22, 2026

Call to Order

At 6:01 p.m., the meeting of the Gavin School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, by President Miller.

Roll Call

Present

Mr. James Miller, III - President
Mrs. Amber Sederstrom - Vice President
Mrs. Sarah Brezinski - Secretary
Ms. Jenny Meyer
Mrs. Brandy Barth
Dr. Bridgett Payseur

Absent

Mrs. Kristin Bloniarczyk

Also Present - Dr. Scott Schwartz, Mrs. Diana Miletich-Wester, Dr. Meagan Dwyer, Ms. Carol Bennett, Mr. Jason Jurgaitis and Mrs. Deanna Kelly.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

No citizens requested to address the Board at this time.

Committee Reports: Finance and Facilities Committee

Mrs. Miletich-Wester reported that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) decreased from 4.2% in May to 3.5%, largely driven by lower energy costs. She also provided updates on facility improvements, noting that classroom furniture and the pre-k playground fence have been installed, with remaining work on gates and a storage shed expected before the start of the school year. The committee reviewed the process for collecting outstanding student fees, including family notifications, fee waiver procedures, and compliance with state requirements regarding waivable and non-waivable fees.

Committee Reports: Policy Committee

Dr. Schwartz reported that new PRESS issue 122 has been released. He will reach out to the Policy Committee to schedule a meeting, proposing to meet before the August Board meeting to review the new policies for a first reading vote next month.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schwartz provided an update on summer facility improvements, including the installation of the new playground fence at Central and new cafeteria and classroom furniture across the district. He also shared that the district's 2022–2027 strategic plan is entering its final year, and the board will begin discussing the next phase of strategic planning. Additionally, he reviewed key back-to-school dates.

Board President's Report

The Board President stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

No citizens requested to address the Board at this time.

Discussion, Tax Limiting Rate and Life Safety Bond Update

The board discussed consulting options to support a potential tax limiting rate referendum, including the scope and cost of available communication and community engagement packages. Members also reviewed the timeline for a possible referendum and life safety bond, noting that decisions will likely follow the outcome of the countywide sales tax vote in November. The discussion included balancing fiscal responsibility with effective community outreach and considering additional survey data to help guide future decisions.

Approval, Consent Agenda

Due to technical issues with Skyward, the board deferred action on the consent agenda until the necessary financial information is available. A brief special meeting will be scheduled, with proper public notice, to approve the outstanding items once the system is operational. Dr. Schwartz noted that the Skyward outage is affecting school districts statewide, with some experiencing more significant disruptions.

Approval, Personnel Report of July 20, 2026

Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve and Mrs. Sederstrom seconded approval of the personnel report.

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: Miller, Sederstrom, Brezinski, Meyer, Barth, Payseur
- Nays: None
- Absent: Bloniarczyk

Motion carried

Approval, Potential Action to Approve Administrative Transfer of Student 2027-01

No discussion preceded this vote.

Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve and Mrs. Sederstrom seconded approval of the Administrative Transfer of Student 2027-01.

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: Miller, Sederstrom, Brezinski, Meyer, Barth, Payseur
- Nays: None
- Absent: Bloniarczyk

Motion carried

Freedom of Information Requests Status

Dr. Schwartz reported an increase in Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, many of which are being verified to ensure they originate from legitimate individuals rather than automated systems. The district is following established legal guidance and standard verification procedures used by other school districts while responding within required timelines.

Board Calendar Upcoming Events

The board reviewed the calendar of upcoming events, including regular board meetings and a February 3, 2027 Town Hall Meeting was confirmed to be the district celebration event.

Items for Future Agendas

No items were proposed for future agendas.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Ms. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Barth seconded approval to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deanna Kelly
Recording Secretary

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