

Superintendent Comments  
Board Workshop  
June 9, 2026

1. Public Comment Process  
A school board is not required to hold a period for public comment, but it is strongly recommended. The purpose of public comment is to allow the public the opportunity to speak directly to the board. Nearly every school district that I have spoken with allows a public comment period. At the same time, the vast majority of schools do not record or livestream that portion of their meetings. Some hold the public comment in a completely separate session prior to the meeting. In my opinion, that creates some logistical problems. My suggestion would be to pause the recording and livestream during the public comment period and then resume both when it is completed. Within BoardBook, there is a sample of the message that would be placed on the screen as recording is paused. My recommendation is to make this change effective July 1, 2026.
2. Monthly Principal Reports  
I do believe there is value in hearing more from the building principals on a regular basis. I don't know if all of them need to be at every meeting, or if it should be spread out a bit. I do believe it would be best to have them at the workshop as that would allow more interactive access. I expect a good discussion on this.
3. Superintendent Evaluation  
There are two standards that are part of the goals set for this evaluation period with a few subcategories.  
Standard 1. Governance with an emphasis on the Strategic Plan  
Standard 4. School District Operations with the following categories
  - Element 4a. Facilities
  - Element 4b Transportation
  - Element 4d Technology

My recollection of the desired process is that we would review progress on the goals during the summer with the final evaluation being completed in December. Once again, the evaluation would take place in a closed session that must be appropriately noted on the agenda.
4. Capital Projects Levy  
This idea was also introduced on May 28th. Chris Muhvich will have information to present in regards to this possibility. This would have a larger tax impact than the building discussion.
5. Preschool/Building Discussion  
We had a lot of discussion at the special workshop that was held on May 28th. This will be an opportunity to continue the discussion along with some revised information. At this point, there are really two questions that must be considered.
  1. Does the board wish to proceed?
  2. If so, what is the financial threshold to be considered.
6. Authorize Superintendent to Submit Review and Comment to MDE  
This is entirely dependent on the conversation and from the item above. If the Board is to proceed, this will be an action item.
7. 2026 Summer Retreat  
This is pretty open ended at this time. The biggest hurdle is scheduling.