



Monday, October 12, 2026
Community & Legislative Engagement Committee Meeting

Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District
District Services Center (DSC 3)
7106 South Ave.
Middleton, WI 53562
4:30 PM

Board members not assigned to this committee may attend these meetings at any time to gather information which may result in a quorum of the board. No board business will occur at this meeting.

1. **Call Community and Legislative Engagement Committee Meeting to Order at 4:30 p.m.**
2. **Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes**
3. **Information and Discussion Items**
 - A. Monthly Legislative Update
 - B. Annual "Engage" KPI Review
 - C. Discussion of Collaboration with Middleton City Government
 - a. Voucher Transparency Initiative
 - b. Joint Community Education Session ("How to Run for Local Office")
4. **Proposed Agenda Topics**
5. **Adjournment**

Community and Legislative Engagement Committee (Monday, April 27, 2026)

Generated by Ericka Hanson on Tuesday, April 28, 2026

1. Call Community and Legislative Engagement Committee Meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

The Community and Legislative Engagement Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice President Catherine Kells.

Present: President Bob Hesselbein, Vice President Catherine Kells, Treasurer Jim Coursey, Board Members Katie Frank, Bob Green, and Tabitha Hansen.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Dana Monogue.

2. Approve Minutes

A. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Coursey SECONDED by Kells to approve the Community and Legislative Engagement Committee meeting minutes of February 23, 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Information and Discussion Items

A. Legislative Updates

Treasurer Jim Coursey reviewed recent legislative updates and potential governance team decisions in the future.

B. Special Education Additional Funding and Individualized Education Program (IEP) Costs (combined topics)

Superintendent Dr. Dana Monogue reviewed an estimate of the cost of an initial IEP evaluation and meeting. Follow up questions:

- How much does the district pay to private schools for special education and transportation services?
- What is the range of additional costs to the district for students identified with disabilities needing special education services?

C. Discussion of Funding Communications

Ongoing communications with legislature and referendum talking points were discussed.

4. Proposed Agenda Topics

- Concise talking points for Board members related to the referendum push.

5. Adjourn

MOVED by Coursey SECONDED by Hesselbein to adjourn the Community and Legislative Engagement Committee meeting at 5:44 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Dr. Dana Monogue, Superintendent

KPI Data Dashboard

Engage Our Community					
We maintain trust, two-way communication and transparency with all stakeholders so that our decisions are better informed and a reflection of our community.					
Metric	Brief Description/Rationale	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Number of communication methods for families	Engagement from our families across multiple methods of communication	Social media, magazines, presentations, website, app.	Social media, magazines, presentations, website, app.	Social media, 130 news articles across several different outlets, community mailings, website expansion (fiscal information, Radiance Awards)	
Family Engagement Survey Question	"I would recommend the district to a neighbor, friend, or colleague."	3.56	3.64	3.72	
Family Engagement Survey Question	"Our district is preparing students to become independent and thoughtful learners through innovative experiences."	3.31	3.44	3.49	
Family Engagement Survey Question	"I believe the district is fiscally responsible."	3.24	3.35	3.41	
Number of opportunities for two-way interaction with the greater community	Opportunities for sharing information, listening to feedback throughout our 8 municipalities	54	52	61	
Number of summer school course offerings	Annual expansion of summer school programming	Limited offerings - courses tied to academic need	Added Initial credit ESL course at MHS	Expanded Summer School Offerings to three sites, Flying into Kindergarten at elementary, students attending for enrichment only K-8. Insight AI camp at MHS, Bridge to Success for incoming 9th grade students	
Number of community course offerings	The development and annual expansion of a community outreach program		0	Family Wellness events, watercolor course, foraging course	