

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, March 24 , 2026
6:00 PM Executive Session**

**Alice Perlaw Media Center at Madison High School
7:00 PM Regular Session**

Madison Public School District Mission Statement

The Madison School District will inspire and challenge all students to be lifelong learners, empowered with the knowledge, skills and character to shape their future, realize their dreams, and contribute positively to the world.

Madison Public School Board Goals 2025-2026

The Board will:

1. *Demonstrate responsible, ethical, and accountable stewardship of the district’s financial and non-financial resources, with timely and transparent communication to the school community.*
2. *Continue to refine and strengthen its governance practices.*
3. *Revisit the district’s mission statement and engage in discussions around a shared vision and core values to guide decision-making and lay the groundwork for future strategic planning.*

Madison Public School District Goals for 2025-2026

The District will:

1. *Commit to ongoing improvement of district practices to maintain an inclusive, supportive, and culturally responsive environment for teaching, learning, and working.*
2. *Promote high levels of student achievement through the advancement of teacher instructional practices and student engagement with a concentrated effort in mathematics.*
3. *Foster collaboration, communication and engagement with all stakeholders to enhance relationships within the school community.*
4. *Strengthen school and campus safety by evaluating security systems and processes to determine the immediate and future needs of the district.*

I. CALL TO ORDER

TIME: _____

Meeting called to order by BOE President, Kelley Browning

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION: President, Kelley Browning

I seek a motion to move into closed executive session

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, the Board of Education of the Madison Public Schools in the County of Morris will adjourn into a closed executive session to discuss the item(s) that falls within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

Vote Aye/Nay _____

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1. *Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule.*
2. *Individual privacy*
3. *Collective bargaining agreements*
4. *Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected*
5. *Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected*
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7. *Pending or anticipated litigation*
8. *Attorney-client privilege*
9. *Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee*

When the Board Returns, Action: WILL NOT BE, WILL BE, MAY BE taken.

TIME IN: _____

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote Aye/Nay _____

TIME OUT: _____

II. NOTICE OF MEETING/BOARD STATEMENT

*In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of New Jersey, 1975, notice of this meeting has been sent to the Madison Eagle, the Daily Record and has been posted in the Board of Education office, the Borough Hall, the Madison Railroad Station, the YMCA, the Madison Library, all school buildings, and on the district's website. The public is invited to attend. This meeting constitutes an official Public Meeting of the Board of Education. Action may be taken. If needed the Board will convene into Executive Session to discuss matters permitted pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12. Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board will return to Regular Session at which time public action may be taken. **At this time, please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.***

ROLL CALL

	President Browning	Vice President Vasto	Mr. Duran	Ms. Ellis	Mr. Fontes	Ms. Novack	Dr. Tindall
Present							
Absent							

Also Present:

Interim Superintendent Bruce Watson, Board Secretary Jawad Issak, Board Attorney Stephen Fogarty, Director of Curriculum Dr. Donna Gallo, Student Board Representative George Cripe, and Harding Board Liaison Richard Bruno.

FLAG SALUTE

III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: *George Cripe, Student President*

PRESENTATIONS: Tentative Budget Presentation - *Mr. Watson/Mr. Issak/Dr. Gallo/Dr. O'Connor/Ms. Budine*

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT: *Mr. Watson*

PRESIDENT UPDATES: *Ms. Browning*

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT(S): *Dr. Gallo/Dr. O'Connor*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT: *Mr. Issak*

HARDING LIAISON REPORT: *Richard Bruno*

IV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Board President, Kelley Browning

As outlined in Madison BOE Policy, each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes. This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of addressing any subject matter that is pertinent to and/or directly related to the operation of the Madison Public School District. Any individual wishing to speak, is required to state the municipality in which they reside. We ask that you keep your comments to three (3) minutes' duration in accordance with Board Policy No. 0167. The Board may or may not respond to issues raised by members of the public. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Please note that the Board will not respond to comments regarding students or Board employees, considering the privacy rights held by those individuals. Moreover, the Board discourages comments about such individuals and will not be responsible for comments. Members of the public who choose to speak during this public session should carefully consider their comments. At this time, the Board welcomes public contribution to the meeting.

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Open to the Public by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote: Aye/Nay _____ Time: _____*

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V. LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: (if available)

- Education
- HR/Personnel
- Finance and Facilities
- Policy
- Negotiations
- Share Services
- (AD HOC) Governance
- (AD HOC) Referendum Construction Project Committee

VI. BOARD ACTION: *Committee of the Whole*

President: Having the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, I seek a motion to approve the following items:

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ Discussion?

BA25-26.46 Adopt the Tentative Budget for School Year 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED, that Madison Board of Education’s tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Morris for approval in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
2026 -2027				
Total Appropriations	\$60,046,340	\$719,262	\$8,028,681	\$68,794,283
Less:				
Anticipated Revenues	\$8,094,522	\$719,262	\$2,035,516	\$10,849,300
Taxes to be Raised	\$51,951,818	\$0	\$5,993,165	\$57,944,983

And, to advertise said tentative budget in the Madison Eagle and the Daily Record in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on April 28, 2026 at the Madison High School Media Center at 7:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$2,428,616. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

WHEREAS, The Madison Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;

AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;

AND, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30);

AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Madison Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Madison Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Madison Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Madison Board of Education includes in the tentative budget; travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum general fund expenditure of \$50,000.00 for all staff and board members for the 2026-2027 school year.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Board Action

	President Browning	Vice President Vasto	Mr. Duran	Ms. Ellis	Mr. Fontes	Ms. Novack	Dr. Tindall
Yes							
No							
Abstain							
Absent							
Recuse							

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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X. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed): *President, Kelley Browning*

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote Aye/Nay _____

TIME: _____

MEETING NOTICE

[2026 BOE Meeting Schedule](#)