

**Girard School District Board of Education
Board Workshop Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2026
Immediately Following Board Special Meeting
Girard High School Auditorium**

1. Meeting Opening

Board President, Mr. Rich Brown, called the September 14, 2026 Board Workshop Meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Brown stated the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and a moment of silent meditation was observed at the 5:45 p.m. Board Special Meeting.

Board Members Present:

Rich Brown, Mike McConnell, Joe Legnasky, Kelly Amenta, Kelly Fisher, Daniel Maher, Joseph Meka, Brady Sager, Melissa Smith
All present.

Informational: 1.2. Recognition of Visitors

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

Others Present: Superintendent David Koma, Jacob Hagmaier, Michelle Doritty, Shannon Holley, Heather Pier, Erin Pizzo, Clinton Southworth, Angel Ghastin, Tom Craig, Jeff Brasington, Eric Louis

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

EVES Principal Shannon Holley shared that new Assistant Principal Cheryl Krachkowski has been a fantastic addition to the EVES team. Staff have been reviewing student expectations and dismissal procedures. Three new recess aides have joined the staff and have helped implement new safety procedures and lineup routines for recess.

Informational: 3.2 Rice Avenue Middle School Updates

Assistant Principal Jeff Brasington reported that he and Principal Trudnowski have been overseeing the intramurals program. Following a student survey, there was increased interest in more club-like activities, such as hiking, wiffle ball, and Magic: The Gathering card games. The administration hopes to expand offerings to additional clubs and grow the program's participation among both students and staff.

Informational: 3.3 Girard High School Updates

GHS Principal Eric Louis reported that Homecoming is scheduled for next week. He shared that six students are volunteering through AmeriCorps at the elementary school. The Diversified Occupations program is also going well, with students currently placed at Widget, Wegmans, Faulkner's, and additional local establishments are preparing to bring on students.

Informational: 3.4 Curriculum Updates

Mrs. Angel Ghastin distributed a handout to Board members outlining measurable goals related to Comprehensive Plan Monitoring, including Behavioral and Mental Health Support Services, K–8 Mathematics, and Career Standards Benchmarks.

Informational: 3.5 Special Education Updates

Dr. Erin Pizzo thanked the Board for the opportunity in her new position and provided a brief overview of her professional background. She has been working closely with teachers and attending meetings to prepare for the upcoming school year, and outlined her goals for the year ahead. Dr. Pizzo has also been ensuring that the partnership with Mercyhurst for the Autistic Support (AS) rooms at EVES is aligned with and being implemented according to district expectations, and that in-district classroom aides are prepared to assist teachers effectively.

Informational: 3.6 Athletics/Cyber School Updates

Dr. Heather Pier reported that fall sports are off to a good start. Surplussing continues, along with inventorying for all sports. She is working with the athletic trainer to evaluate whether the district is maximizing its partnership with Allegheny Health Network. Additionally, Dr. Pier has completed training to help assist the athletic trainer during situations when multiple events are occurring simultaneously.

Dr. Pier also shared that the new mandated wellness checks for cyber students are occurring.

4. Technology

Informational: 4.1 Technology Updates

Mr. Tom Craig reported that systems are working well, and all devices have been distributed to students and staff. The E-Rate project is nearing completion. Upcoming challenges include removing old computers from RAMS projectors. Additionally, the district's cybersecurity specialist has resigned; the IU is working to fill the position, and the IT department continues working to keep district systems secure.

5. Facilities

Informational: 5.1 Facilities Updates

Mr. Clinton Southworth reported a sprinkler head leak at RAMS that could have resulted in significant damage. The department is inspecting each classroom to ensure there are no additional sprinkler head issues. Kitchen items are being replaced as needed, and new job descriptions and expectations have been discussed with department employees.

6. Finance

Informational: 6.1 Finance Updates

Mr. Jacob Hagmaier reported the first payroll processed through the new company went smoothly, and electronic timesheets have been implemented.

The district is still waiting to hear from on the Public Facilities and Greenways grants (pickleball/tennis court). The Multimodal grant (sidewalks) is expected to be awarded in November. Mr. Hagmaier also updated the Board on discretionary funding that Total Grant Services has stated the district will receive.

The Facilities Report Card is now mandatory with submission due in April. A resolution to acknowledge service with SitelogIQ be on the September 28th agenda to aid with this report. The service is free to the district and will cover one building within the district.

7. Human Resources/Negotiations

8. Policy

9. Student Affairs/Activities

10. Other

Discussion: 10.1 Review Board Goals

Board President Brown noted that PSBA is compiling the information from the Board self-assessment survey. Board members will discuss the results at the October workshop to work through new goals.

Discussion: 10.2. Other

Board President Brown announced that Board Members will meet in Executive Session after recess of the September 14, 2026 Board Workshop to discuss personnel and legal matters. No action will be taken.

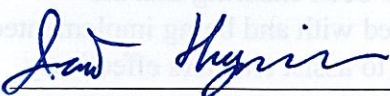
11. Items for Board Agenda

Informational: 11.1 Tentative Items for September 28, 2026 Board Meeting

Superintendent David Koma reviewed anticipated items for the September 28, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda.

The September 14, 2026 Board Workshop Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mr. Jacob Hagmaier, Board Secretary