

**GRANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
217 NORTH MAIN STREET  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 @ 6:45 PM  
GRANTON SCHOOL CENTRAL GYM**

**I. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Verification of Notice to Public
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Approval of Agenda

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Referendum/Whole grade sharing
- B. Personnel

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing/taking action under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
- B. Return to Open Session

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting notice may be supplemented in order to comply with Wisconsin's open meetings law. If this notice is supplemented, the final notice will be posted and provided to the media no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting or no later than 2 hours prior to the meeting, in the event of an emergency.

# Special School Board Meeting

November 25, 2025



# 25-26 Budget as Adopted and 26-27 Forecast\*



<b>2226 - Granton Area</b>			
<b>3 Year Snapshot</b>			
	<b>Historical</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Budget Year</b>
	<b>2024 - 2025</b>	<b>2025 - 2026</b>	<b>2026 - 2027</b>

<b>Fund 10 Revenues</b>	\$4,743,547	\$4,679,936	\$4,855,957
<b>Fund 10 Expenditures</b>	\$4,750,561	\$5,295,066	\$5,291,939
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$7,014)</b>	<b>(\$615,131)</b>	<b>(\$435,981)</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	\$408,228	<b>(\$206,903)</b>	<b>(\$642,884)</b>
<b>Fund Balance as % of Expenditures</b>	8.59%	-3.91%	-12.15%

\*Note: This forecast only accounts for changes in revenue limit formula variables, per pupil increases as outlined in the State Biennial Budget, and The Special Education Categorical Aid Reimbursement. There are no increases to salaries or benefits in this projection

# 25-26 Budget as Adopted and 26-27 Forecast\* Revenues



<b>Fund 10 Summary</b>			
	<b>Historical</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Budget Year</b>
	<b>2024 - 2025</b>	<b>2025 - 2026</b>	<b>2026 - 2027</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Tax	\$473,166	\$828,245	\$838,149
Open Enrollment	\$574,246	\$676,989	\$732,884
General (a.k.a. EQ) Aid	\$2,488,262	\$2,218,171	\$2,322,167
High Poverty Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0
State "AGR" Aid	\$112,910	\$113,132	\$113,132
Comp. and Pers. Property Aid	\$20,353	\$20,354	\$20,354
Per Pupil Categorical Aid	\$188,468	\$190,694	\$192,920
Other State Categorical Aids	\$162,494	\$151,500	\$155,500
Federal Revenue Exclude Pandemic Funding	\$420,421	\$440,201	\$440,201
*Pandemic Related Funding (P/P 160, 162, 163, 165)	\$144,887	\$0	\$0
Other Revenue	\$158,339	\$40,650	\$40,650
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	Historical	Current Year	Budget Year
	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	2026 - 2027
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Salaries	\$1,756,983	\$1,835,917	\$1,835,917
WRS	\$112,399	\$129,464	\$129,464
FICA	\$130,126	\$141,486	\$141,486
Health Insurance (obj 240s)	\$569,519	\$694,415	\$694,415
Other Benefits	\$66,378	\$55,525	\$55,525
<b>Total Salary and Benefits</b>	<b>\$2,635,405</b>	<b>\$2,856,807</b>	<b>\$2,856,807</b>
Open Enrollment	\$674,620	\$913,005	\$994,872
Non-Capital and Capital Objects	\$344,317	\$249,001	\$249,001
Transfer to Fund 27	\$273,835	\$419,822	\$334,827
Transfer to Fund 50	\$24,852	\$81,342	\$81,342
All Other Transfers	\$96	\$0	\$0
All Other Expenditures	\$797,437	\$775,090	\$775,090
<b>Fund 10 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,750,561</b>	<b>\$5,295,066</b>	<b>\$5,291,939</b>
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$7,014)	(\$615,131)	(\$435,981)
Salary and Benefits as % of Expenditures	55.5%	54.0%	54.0%
Salary and Benefits as % of Revenue	55.6%	61.0%	58.8%
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$408,228</b>	<b>(\$206,903)</b>	<b>(\$642,884)</b>
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# Revenue Enhancements

## Operating Referendum

Revisit  
Fees/Fines  
(policy &  
practice)

State Trust  
Fund Loan

Open  
Enrollment

Fund 80

Categorical  
Aids

Federal  
Grants

Local Grants  
/  
Partnerships

## Staffing Options

Reduce  
staff  
FTE

Share staff  
between grades  
or districts

Benefits Savings

Combine  
grade levels

Support staff,  
Administration,  
Teachers,  
Extra -  
Curriculars

Whole  
Grade  
Sharing

Increase  
premium  
share for  
employees

Reduce or  
eliminate  
post-  
employment  
benefits

Reduce or  
eliminate  
district paid  
"other"  
insurances

## Nonresident District (receiving students)

### Estimate Revenues

- Increase revenues Source 341 – Calculated under Wis. Stats. 121.83

### Evaluate expenditures

- Can we absorb the new students without adding new staff?
- What is the cost of additional staff/programs?

### Evaluate operations

- Can our spaces/operational processes absorb additional students?

## Resident District (sending students)

### Estimate Expenses

- Increase expenditures Obj 382 – Per FTE including Special Education
  - (Need to consider MOE Implications as a result)
- Transportation

### Evaluate Revenues

- Potential Loss of Open Enrollment revenue for non-WGS siblings

### Evaluate potential savings

- Reduction of staff
- Reduction of facility operations
- How do those reductions impact operations District-wide?

# WGS Hypothetical Resident District Analysis\*

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- Number of Students Sharing

- 38 Regular Education Students @ \$11,030 = \$419,140

- 11 Special Education Students @ \$14,454 = \$158,994

Estimated Cost = \$578,134

- 38 Regular Education Students @ \$6,000 = \$228,000

- 11 Special Education Students @ \$14,454 = \$158,994

Estimated Cost = \$386,994

## Estimated Savings

11 Staff Members salary and benefits = \$643,276

Less OE Out Expense 13 @ \$11,030 = \$143,390

Estimated Savings = \$786,666

This hypothetical analysis assumes that grades 9-12 would enter into a Whole Grade Sharing Agreement. Assumes no change in OE participation for other grade levels or to/from other school districts. Assumes no additional transportation costs. Assumes all staff FTE costs are eliminated in grades 9-12. Open Enrollment Expense assumptions are based on 13 OE Out Students.

# Continued Hypothetical Analysis

## Estimated Net Savings

Savings	\$786,666
- Cost	<u>\$578,134</u>
Net Savings	\$208,134

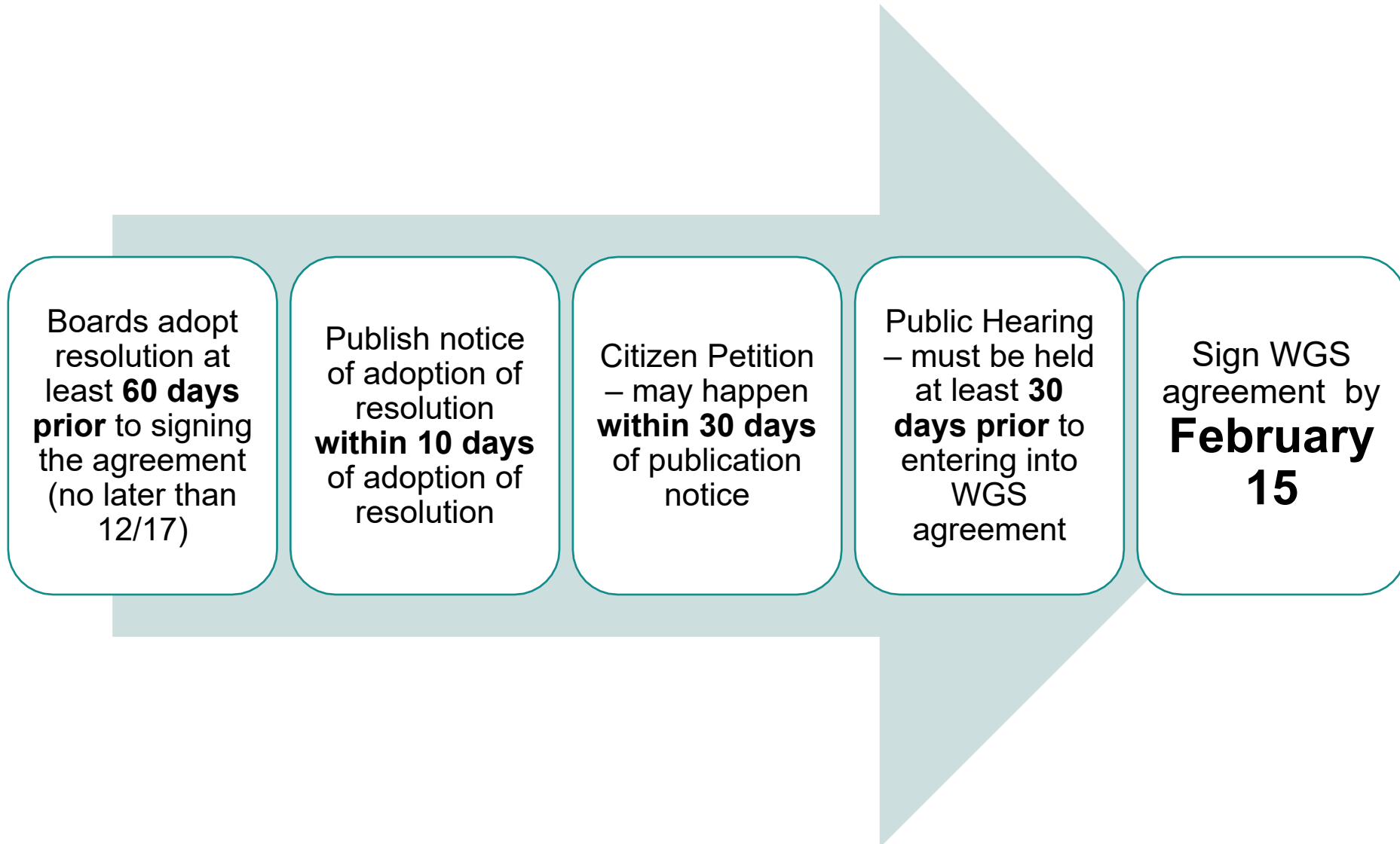
Savings	\$786,666
- Cost	<u>\$386,994</u>
Net Savings	\$399,672

## Estimated Deficit for 2026-2027 = \$642,884

Deficit	<b>\$642,884</b>
- Savings to WGS =	<u>\$208,134</u>
- <b>Remainder deficit =</b>	<b>\$434,750</b>

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- <b>Remainder deficit =</b>	<b>\$243,212</b>

# Whole Grade Sharing (WGS) Timeline



## Area Referenda History

District Name	Vote Date	Type	Total Amount	Result
Marshfield	11/5/2024	Issue Debt	\$71,575,000	Passed
Pittsville	11/5/2024	Non-Recurring	\$6,020,000	Passed
Greenwood	4/2/2024	Non-Recurring	\$5,100,000	Passed
Marshfield	4/4/2023	Issue Debt	\$99,500,000	Failed
Loyal	4/4/2023	Non-Recurring	\$6,700,000	Passed
Neillsville	4/4/2023	Issue Debt	\$12,500,000	Passed
Loyal	11/8/2022	Non-Recurring	\$6,700,000	Failed
Loyal	4/5/2022	Issue Debt	\$11,700,000	Failed
Spencer	4/5/2022	Recurring	\$2,550,000	Passed
Spencer	4/6/2021	Non-Recurring	\$975,000	Failed
Marshfield	11/3/2020	Recurring	\$3,500,000	Passed
Greenwood	4/7/2020	Non-Recurring	\$4,650,000	Passed
Pittsville	4/7/2020	Issue Debt	\$6,700,000	Passed
Spencer	4/2/2019	Issue Debt	\$5,980,000	Passed
Loyal	11/6/2018	Non-Recurring	\$2,980,000	Passed
Marshfield	11/8/2016	Non-Recurring	\$12,000,000	Passed
Greenwood	4/5/2016	Non-Recurring	\$3,850,000	Passed
Spencer	4/5/2016	Non-Recurring	\$4,875,000	Passed

# Granton Referenda History

District Name	Vote Date	Type	Total Amount	Result
Granton Area	10/10/2017	Issue Debt	\$2,000,000	Passed
Granton Area	5/18/2004	Recurring	\$350,000	Passed
Granton Area	11/7/2000	Non-Recurring	\$60,000	Passed
Granton Area	11/7/2000	Recurring	\$30,000	Passed
Granton Area	4/1/1997	Issue Debt	\$1,350,000	Passed

Source: Department of Public Instruction, dated through April 2025

# Future Election Dates

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Spring Primary</b>	02/17/2026	02/16/2027	02/15/2028	02/20/2029	02/19/2030
Adopt and file resolution(s):	12/09/2025	12/08/2026	12/07/2027	12/12/2028	12/11/2029
<b>Spring General</b>	04/07/2026	04/06/2027	04/04/2028	04/03/2029	04/02/2030
Adopt and file resolution(s):	01/27/2026	01/26/2027	01/25/2028	01/23/2029	01/22/2030
<b>Fall Primary</b>	08/11/2026		08/08/2028		08/13/2030
Adopt and file resolution(s):	06/02/2026		06/06/2028		06/04/2030
<b>Fall General</b>	11/03/2026		11/07/2028		11/05/2030
Adopt and file resolution(s):	08/25/2026		08/29/2028		08/27/2030
<p>*The governing board is required to file adopted referendum ballot resolutions with their municipal clerks <b>at least 70 days prior</b> to the election indicating the amount and purpose.                      *No more than two board resolutions per year</p>					

State Report Card Scores						
	2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023	
<b>Granton</b>						
District Score	56.2	Meets Few Expectations	58.6	Meets Expectations	62.9	Meets Expectations
Elementary	59.2	Meets Few Expectations	62.1	Meets Expectations	71.7	Exceeds Expectations
High School	54.9	Meets Few Expectations	59.6	Meets Expectations	58.6	Meets Expectations
<b>Loyal</b>						
District	61.9	Meets Expectations	62.0	Meets Expectations	61.3	Meets Expectations
Elementary	60.5	Meets Expectations	61.5	Meets Expectations	63.0	Meets Expectations
Middle School	63.0	Meets Expectations	66.1	Meets Expectations	64.8	Meets Expectations
High School	62.4	Meets Expectations	59.4	Meets Expectations	56.6	Meets Few Expectations
<b>Greenwood</b>						
District	64.0	Meets Expectations	58.9	Meets Expectations	65.9	Meets Expectations
Elementary	68.7	Meets Expectations	73.2	Exceeds Expectations	77.0	Exceeds Expectations
High School	62.6	Meets Expectations	64.0	Meets Expectations	59.5	Meets Expectations
<b>Neillsville</b>						
District	61.9	Meets Expectations	58.4	Meets Expectations	55.5	Meets Few Expectations
Elementary	78.1	Exceeds Expectations	71.2	Exceeds Expectations	64.8	Meets Expectations
Middle School	49.3	Meets Few Expectations	54.8	Meets Few Expectations	55.5	Meets Few Expectations
High School	63.4	Meets Expectations	53.4	Meets Few Expectations	48.5	Meets Few Expectations

### Points to Consider

- Cut scores change frequently and districts don't have any input
- Format of the tests change
- Consistency of the staff who are preparing the students for the testing
- The monitor in the room while the students take the test
- Testing skills of the students
- Comeback after COVID

Open Enrollment Numbers								
	Granton		Greenwood		Loyal		Neillsville	
School Years	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
2025-2026	70	90						
2024-2025	62	71						
2023-2024	60	74	0	41	61	60	48	69
2022-2023	47	66	0	42	51	64	56	64
2021-2022	49	78	0	47	52	70	49	57
2020-2021	45	70	0	42	50	65	46	65
2019-2020	52	62	16	40	40	78	39	66
2018-2019	61	65	14	48	31	76	45	67
2017-2018	53	64	17	59	46	83	44	53
2016-2017	48	64	12	62	55	69	50	51



