

MIDDLETON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MIDDLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
August 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Middleton School Board meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Rebecca Eastman-Derrow.

Members Present: Joseph Bailey, Rebecca Eastman-Derrow, Samantha Martell, Sierra Pawnell, Kelly Tivnan

Also present: Superintendent Scott Laliberte, Business Administrator Adriana Komst, Principal Ivy Leavitt-Carlson, community members

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

Ms. Eastman-Derrow read aloud the responses to the June public input questions. These questions and answers are available on the SAU 69 website under the Community Relations tab.

AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Eastman-Derrow added meeting minutes for May 26, 2026, June 18, 2026, and July 28, 2026 and a non-public session for a legal matter.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 10, 2026, School Board meeting as written.

Moved: Ms. Tivnan – **Second:** Ms. Pawnell

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion: To approve the minutes of July 28, 2026, School Board meeting as written.

Moved: Ms. Pawnell – **Second:** Ms. Martell

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 18, 2026, School Board meeting as written.

Moved: Ms. Pawnell – **Second:** Ms. Martell

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 26, 2026, School Board meeting as written.

Moved: Ms. Martell – **Second:** Ms. Pawnell

Vote: Unanimous in favor; Ms. Tivnan, abstained.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Laliberte introduced himself and explained his role in the interim position.

Middleton Elementary School Update

Principal Leavitt-Carlson shared the news of the generous donation of \$1500 from the Ann Waller Foundation for playground mulch, thanked the PTA for their work on the successful donation of picnic tables from Middleton Building Supply, and reported on new hires for the school and summer professional development by staff. She shared the school's new status as a Title 1 school and described ways the school is exploring additional cost-saving measures.

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Authorization to Suspend

Superintendent Laliberte explained the annual request to suspend according to RSA 193:13,I.

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to suspend students as presented.

Moved: Ms. Eastman-Derrow

– **Second:** Ms. Pawnell

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Food Service Costs

Business Administrator Adriana Komst introduced herself and explained that according to the Paid Lunch Equity calculator tool for the NH Department of Education, there is no need to increase the MSD meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year.

Financial Reports

Ms. Komst reviewed the summary recap for FY2026, noting that the year ended with a surplus of \$5,562.47, pending any outstanding invoices. Board members reviewed the financial reports for the end of FY2026. Ms. Komst reviewed the summary recap for FY2027 and explained the encumbrances. Board members reviewed the financial reports for July 2026. Ms. Komst will report on the balance of the Special Education Trust Fund at the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Donations and Crowdfunding

Principal Leavitt-Carlson requested guidance on the acceptance of donations on behalf of the school, citing the current mulch donation, PTO donations, classroom crowdfunding activities, and business sponsorships in support of the school as examples. Superintendent Laliberte offered that GWRSD has a policy for reference.

Champion Childcare Program Update

Ms. Eastman-Derrow explained that the Champion Childcare Program could not support the agreement as presented by the Middleton School Board so the program will not be offered this school year. The Board discussed returning to Champion for continued conversation, asking Primex to develop another contract for childcare, the challenges of offering childcare at the school, and the importance of protecting the community from liability risk associated with such a program.

Motion: To authorize Ms. Eastman-Derrow and Ms. Martell to reach out to Champion Childcare to see if they are willing to discuss further to provide a childcare program.

Moved: Ms. Eastman-Derrow

– **Second:** Ms. Martell

Vote: Ms. Eastman-Derrow, yes; Ms. Tivnan, yes; Ms. Martell, yes; Ms. Pawnell, yes; Mr. Bailey, no

Academic Affairs Committee

The committee will have its first meeting on September 9, 2026.

Motion: To accept the donation from the Ann Walker Estate.

Moved: Ms. Eastman-Derrow

– **Second:** Ms. Pawnell

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

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Motion: To accept the GWRSD Crowdfunding policy in order to accept donations.

Moved: Ms. Eastman-Derrow

– **Second:** Mr. Bailey

Discussion: Superintendent Laliberte clarified that MSD Policy BG requires a first and second reading of policies before adoption.

Motion: To adopt the GWRSD Crowdfunding procedure in order to accept donations in the interim.

Moved: Ms. Eastman-Derrow

– **Second:** Mr. Bailey

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Finance Committee

The committee will meet with the Superintendent and Business Administrator on September 28, 2026 at 10:00am at the SAU.

Community Relations Update

Ms. Martell reported that there are 74 followers of the Board's social media page.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Advanced Planning

Superintendent Laliberte read upcoming events from the agenda.

Public Input

None.

Closing Comments

Board members welcomed Superintendent Laliberte and Business Administrator Komst, commented on the billing of the town by the school for the use of the building on voting day, the propane contract for the upcoming heating season, thanked the staff for all of their hard work on the building this summer, and reminded everyone of the upcoming Old Home event.

Motion: At 7:04 pm a motion was made to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A; 3 to discuss legal matters.

Moved: Ms. Eastman-Derrow

– **Second:** Ms. Pawnell

Vote: Ms. Pawnell, yes; Mr. Bailey, yes; Ms. Martell, yes; Ms. Tivnan, yes; Ms. Eastman-Derrow, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Moved:

– **Second:**

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board: **TBD**