MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 **Central Office - Madison Board of Education**
10:00 AM

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:* ***10:04AM***

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 ***Ms. Ellis****, seconded by* ***Mr. Duran****, 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* ***5:0***

Be it resolved that the Board will now enter into closed session to discuss matters rendered confidential by ***[indicate applicable matters listed below]****. Any discussion held by the Board that need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as is practical. Minutes of the closed session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons who may be discussed in closed session have been adequately notified.*

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
6. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
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, ***X*** *WILL BE, _MAY BE taken.* *TIME IN:* ***10:08AM***

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
Motion by ***Mr. Duran*** *Seconded by* ***Ms. Ellis*** *Vote Aye/Nay* ***5:0*** *TIME OUT:* ***10:17AM***

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 has been posted at 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	**X**		**X**	**X**		**X**	**X**
Absent		**X**			**X**		

Also Present:
Interim Superintendent Bruce Watson, Board Secretary Jawad Issak, and Board Attorney Stephen Fogarty

FLAG SALUTE

III. 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.

I seek a motion to
Open to the Public by ***Ms. Ellis*** *Seconded by* ***Dr. Tindall*** *Vote: Aye/Nay* ***5:0*** *Time:* ***10:20AM***

I seek a motion to
Close to the Public by ***Mr. Duran*** *Seconded by* ***Dr. Tindall*** *Vote: Aye/Nay* ***5:0*** *Time:* ***10:21AM***

IV. FINANCE & FACILITIES: *Dr. Stephen Tindall, Chair*

President: Having the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, I seek a motion to approve the following items:
*Motion by **Mr. Duran** Seconded by **Dr. Tindall** Discussion?*

FF25-26.166 The attached 2026 - 2027 Tax Levy Requisition Schedule Attachment

FF25-26.167 WHEREAS, the Madison Board of Education seeks to improve energy efficiency, reduce long-term operational costs, and promote environmental sustainability, through renewable energy solutions; and
WHEREAS, Talva Energy, a professional energy consulting firm, prepared a Solar Feasibility Assessment and the Board desires to pursue a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") structure whereby a third-party developer would finance, install, own, operate and maintain solar photovoltaic systems (the "Project") on district property and
WHEREAS, Talva Energy submitted a proposal dated May 12, 2026 to provide energy consulting services in connection with the Project including, but not limited to developing potential system designs and scenarios; providing utility interconnection analysis; conducting the RFP process; ensuring PPA language is appropriate and contracts are signed; overseeing final design and engineering; coordinating District and EPC/PPA information sharing; ensuring milestones are met and ensuring quality; ensuring all requirements are met prior to work commencement; helping to manage delays and changes to the schedule; and ensuring all final inspections take place prior to permission to operate; and
WHEREAS, the Board and Talva have reached agreement on the terms of an Agreement for Talva to develop potential system designs and scenarios; provide utility interconnection analysis; conduct the RFP process; ensure PPA language is appropriate and contracts are signed; oversee final design and engineering; coordinate District and EPC/PPA information sharing; ensure milestones are met and ensure quality; ensure all requirements are met prior to work commencement; help to manage delays and changes to the schedule are contained in the Agreement that is attached to this Resolution; and
WHEREAS, the Board wishes to enter into the proposed Agreement with Talva consistent with its proposal dated May 12, 2026 and this Resolution to complete the Project; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the terms of the proposed Agreement with Talva consistent with its proposal dated May 12, 2026 to complete the Project; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

FF25-26.168 WHEREAS, the Madison Board of Education (the "Board") seeks to improve energy efficiency, reduce long-term operational costs, and promote environmental sustainability through renewable energy solutions; and
WHEREAS, having reviewed the Solar Feasibility Assessment prepared by Tava Energy, the Board desires to pursue a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") structure whereby a third-party developer would finance, install, own, operate, and maintain solar photovoltaic systems (the "Project") on District property; and
WHEREAS, the Board has entered into an Agreement with Tava Energy to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the Project at designated District facilities.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator, Tava Energy and Board counsel to prepare and issue an RFP for the Project under a PPA structure.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and School Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Finance and Facilities

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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I seek a motion to
*Open to the Public by **Ms. Ellis** Seconded by **Ms. Browning** Vote: Aye/Nay **5:0*** *Time: **10:22AM***

I seek a motion to
*Close to the Public by **Mr. Duran** Seconded by **Ms. Browning** Vote: Aye/Nay **5:0*** *Time: **10:22AM***

VIII. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion by **Mr. Duran** Seconded by **Ms. Ellis** Vote Aye/Nay **5:0*** *TIME: **10:22AM***

MEETING NOTICE
2026 BOE Meeting Schedule