

ASHTON

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The A’s answered with two runs in the top of the third inning — both coming with two outs.

Ballweg, Ashton’s No. 3 hitter, bunted down the third base line for a base hit to get the rally started.

“The way I was taught baseball, there is no one too big for a bunt,” said Ballweg, known for his home run hitting prowess. “I don’t care who you are as a baseball player. If they give you something, you take it. That’s the mentality I learned in college and how to play the game.

“I didn’t have one (bunt hit) all year. That was my first one. It was pretty decent. So, it was just about getting on base. Our whole lineup is really talented. We were able to scratch a couple of runs across. At that point, we needed a baserunner and I’m willing to do whatever it takes to get on base.”

Carney followed with a double just inside the left field foul line that scored Ballweg from first base to tie the game at 1-1.

“They didn’t expect him to bunt there, but he was battling a little hand injury,” Carney said of Ballweg. “So, he laid down a bunt and it what good. When he started running for second, I was like, all right, let’s do a little hit and run and luckily it dropped in there and got us a run.”

Dylan Carrington, whose sacrifice fly drove in the winning run against Columbus, then lined a single down the left field line to score Carney. But Carrington was thrown out trying to advance to second base for the third out.

The A’s were unable to advance a runner past second base the rest of the game.

Ashton manager Logan Ziegler said he wasn’t surprised by Ballweg’s decision to bunt, which led to the A’s 2-1 lead.

“Luke is a very smart guy. He will beat you anyway he can,” Ziegler said. “Obviously, a lot of people are expecting the power. A lot of people were playing back, and he laid down a hell of a bunt. That was a smart baseball play, right there.”

Stumpf settled in, though, and kept the A’s off the scoreboard the rest of the way.

“He did a really, good job with his off-speed (pitches),” Ziegler said of Stumpf. “He kept us off-balance. He was able to throw for strikes and out of the zone we helped him a little bit He did a good job mixing it up.”

Hewuse retired eight of the next 10 Verona batters spanning the second through fourth innings. But the Cavaliers grabbed the lead for good with a three-run fifth inning.

Player/manager Justin Scanlon, who started at shortstop for Verona, got the rally started with a hustling double to left field. Scanlon, who announced earlier this season that his 20th HTL season would be his last, gave the Cavaliers an emotional boost with his leadoff line drive and head-first slide.

“I knew this was my last game, so I was going to do anything and everything and leave it all on the field,” Scanlon said. “I found a good spot in the outfield where I could push it to two.”

Third baseman James Rae followed with a single to left field. After Scanlon scored on a wild pitch to tie the game 2-2, first base-

man Tristan Largent drew a walk to chase Hewuse.

Hewuse, who threw a 131-pitch complete game in the A’s 2-0 win over Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb in the quarterfinals, lasted just four innings Sunday, allowing four runs on four hits with three walks and a strikeout.

Rothwell took over for Hewuse, but he was greeted by back-to-back RBI singles from second baseman Jake Rydquist and left fielder David Lund to give the Cavaliers a 4-2 lead.

“They clutched up with a big inning when they were down,” Ziegler said of Verona. “We had plenty of opportunities. Unfortunately, we couldn’t get through with a couple more later in the game.”

Rothwell shut down the Cavaliers the rest of the way, allowing just four hits with faour strikeouts in the final four innings.

“I made a few adjustments, but too little, too late I guess,” Rothwell said. “That’s just the way it is.

“We knew we were going to fight to the end, and they’re a great team. You’ve got to tip your cap and hold your head high.”

Stumpf retired eight of the last 10 batters he faced to wrap up his 112-pitch outing.

Carney singled with two outs in the top of the eighth inning. But Verona right fielder Colby Davis, a former Edgewood College player, made a diving catch of Carrington’s sinking liner to end the threat.

“That was the play of the game,” Scanlon said. “If that gets by him, we’re looking at a one-run ball

game with a runner on third at worst case. That was as great a play as you’ll get in Home Talent.”

Right fielder Ben Collier lined a two-out single to right field in the top of the ninth inning to bring the tying run to the plate. But Stumpf retired center fielder Cooper Holewinski on a fly ball to Davis in right field to end the game.

“He’s been a bulldog for us,” Scanlon said of Stumpf. “He’s not used to throwing that many innings. He threw five or six, sometimes four in the regular season. We had to stretch him out for all nine there. He never once looked at me and said he was done. He was going all nine.”

Despite the loss, Ziegler said the A’s had a memorable season.

“We lost here in 2015 (in the championship game) and won it all in 2014,” Ziegler said of the A’s. “Verona is a hell of a team. They’ve won the majority of the championships the last decade. We knew they were a good team.

“But I couldn’t be more proud of my guys. They worked their tails off all summer. They’re just a great group of guys. I wish I could have done enough to get them the title. They deserve a championship.”

Sept. 6
Verona 4, Ashton 2
Ashton 002 000 000 – 2 8 1
Verona .. 010 030 00x – 4 10 1
Pitchers (ip-h-er-so-bb) – A: Treyden Hewuse (L: 4-4-3-3-1-3), Derrick Rothwell (4-6-1-1-4-0); V: Liam Stumpf (W: 9-8-2-2-8-1).
Leading hitters – A: Jacob Carney 2x4 (2B), Ben Collier 2x3. V: Jacob Slonim 3-4 (2B), Tristan Largent 2x4, Justin Scanlon (2B), David Lund (2B).

CITY OF MIDDLETON
NOTICE
LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, in the City of Middleton, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
St Luke's Lutheran Church, 7337 Hubbard Avenue	1-4, 20, 23
St. Bernard's Church, 7436 University Avenue	5-8, 21
Middleton Police Station, 7341 Donna Drive	9-13, 19, 22, 24
District Service Center, 7106 South Avenue	14-18

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.
Lorie J. Burns
7426 Hubbard Avenue
608-821-8350
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. M-F

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Notice of Meeting of Municipal Board of Canvassers (MBOC)
On the day after Election Day, the MBOC will convene for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Notice of Meeting of MBOC to Process Rehabilitated Provisional Ballots
If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.

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CITY OF MIDDLETON
TID JOINT REVIEW BOARD AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 10:00 AM

Remote: [Zoom.us](#) Meeting ID: 825 3348 3376 Passcode: 473302

Call to Order/Roll Call
Action

1.) TID Joint Review Board Minutes of July 28, 2026
2.) Discussion of TID #7 Project Plan
3.) Discussion of TID #8 Project Plan
4.) Action on Resolution Approving Middleton Common Council Resolution Creating TID #7
5.) Action on Resolution Approving Middleton Common Council Resolution Creating TID #8

Other Items As Allowed By Law
Adjourn

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It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at this meeting to gather information; however, no action will be taken by any governmental body at this meeting other than the governmental body specifically referenced in this notice.

Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the American With Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible location or format must contact the City Administrator at (608) 821-8350, 7426 Hubbard Ave., Middleton, WI at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting so that any necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate each request.

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MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District
Performing Arts Center, Middleton High School
2100 Bristol Street, Middleton, WI 53562, 7:00 PM

1. BUDGET HEARING

A. Call to Order and Introductions: Catherine Kells, Board Vice President
B. 2026-2027 District Budget Presentation

2. ANNUAL MEETING

A. Call to Order and Introductions: Catherine Kells, Board Vice President
B. Election of Chairperson for 2026 Annual Meeting
C. Adoption of Limited Utilization of Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure to include a level of formality in addressing the chair, voting procedures, and a three-minute duration of commenting on resolutions to mirror what is in place during Board of Education meetings.
D. Reading of Minutes - September 15, 2025 Annual Meeting

3. New Business

A. Resolution A - Special Item of Business Put Forward by Petition
BE IT RESOLVED: Pursuant to the provisions of Ch. 120, Wis. Stats. 120.02(2)(a), that the electors of the annual meeting of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District approve the plan of apportionment, duly presented by petition, which modifies the present apportionment of the 9- member MCPASD Board of Education by establishing five (5) geographically-designated school board seats (one each for already established board representation areas, Areas I, II, III, IV, and V) and four (4) open at-large seats available to any qualified elector residing anywhere in the school district, with this change to be implemented gradually at each seat's natural point of re-election beginning with the Spring 2027 election.
B. Resolution B - Adding to Capital Fund
BE IT RESOLVED: That there be levied for the 2026-2027 fiscal year a tax in the amount of \$1,000,000 upon all taxable property in the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District to be deposited into the segregated capital fund created at the 1993 Annual Meeting.
C. Resolution C - Adoption of Tax Levy
BE IT RESOLVED: That there be levied a tax in the amount of \$113,093,923 upon all taxable property in the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District with the purpose of paying employee salaries and meeting other necessary expenses to operate and maintain the district schools and to finance the debt service and capital outlay of the said district on the basis of the approved budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
D. Resolution D - Approval of Transportation for Students at District Expense
BE IT RESOLVED: The School District transports students in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, which require that any student living more than two miles from school or in a hazardous area must be provided transportation. (Wis. Stat. 121.54 (2) (a)) Transportation of students at district expense over and above that required by law shall be determined annually by the electorate at the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting. (Wis. Stat. 121.54 (9) (2) (e))
Recommend approval of current district practice of providing transportation to and from school for all students residing in the District who live 1.1 miles or more from the school in their attendance area.
E. Resolution E - Adoption of School Board Salaries for 2026-2027
BE IT RESOLVED: That the following yearly salary be adopted for all members of the Middleton- Cross Plains Area School District Board of Education in the amount of \$____ (proposed rate).
Current Rate (2025-26)* Proposed (2026-27)
President \$12,354 \$12,000 x 2.63% = \$12,679
Other Members . . \$ 6,177 \$6,000 x 2.63% = \$6,339
*The amounts were increased on an annual basis consistent with the cost of living adjustment percentage received by MCPASD employees per the 2025 Annual Meeting. CPI (Consumer Price Index) for July 1, 2026 was 2.63%
F. Resolution F - Reimbursement of Board Members' Expenses
BE IT RESOLVED: A Board member shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred when traveling in the performance of duties, including attendance at Board-approved fullday or out-of-area conferences, conventions, or meetings.
Board members shall follow administratively established procedures for claiming and substantiating amounts for which payment or reimbursement is requested.
G. Resolution G - Acquisition of Real Estate
BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education be authorized to acquire, by purchase or condemnation under Chapter 32 of the Wisconsin Statutes, real estate and structures and facilities relating or attached to such real estate necessary for school district purposes on terms and conditions agreeable to the Board.
H. Resolution H - Authorizing Property Lease
BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education be authorized to lease school sites and buildings not needed for school purposes to any person for any lawful use at a reasonable rental rate at terms and conditions agreeable to the Board.
I. Resolution I - Scheduling of the 2027 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting
BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education be authorized to establish the date, time and place of the 2027 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

4. Other New Business

A. Other New Business within the Power and Authority of the Annual Meeting

5. Adjournment

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Persons needing special accommodations or more specific information about agenda items may call 829-9004.

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FOOTBALL

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tion, certainly got help on the play. But the Cardinals also know there are very few tight ends in the state that could have turned that play into a first down.

“I mean that’s our guy,” Middleton right tackle Madden Cleary said of Parks. “He’s the one pretty much doing all the work on that play. Our wide receivers did a great job blocking, and I mean a lot of credit goes to the blocks up front. But then Carter’s got his own separate category.

“He had to get what eight yards on that play and he broke three, four, five tackles just to get there. And he’s running through contact on every play, through every drive. It’s just amazing what he does.”

Joe Poehls agreed. “Carter’s our playmaker,” Joe Poehls said. “Like we have that kind of confidence in him. And in the big moments you’ve got to go to your big guys.”

Parks wasn’t done. With Middleton still needing one more first down to finish things, Parks got loose on a third down play and Lashuk found him for a 10-yard reception to officially K.O. the Spartans.

“We needed this really bad,” Parks said of the Cardinals’ first win. “Going 0 for 2 to start, that’s not really fun. Getting this win really helped. Everyone’s confidence is up.”

Middleton delivered its finest performance following a week filled with urgency.

The Cardinals’ loss to perennial state power Bay Port — which has played in consecutive state championship games — in the season opener wasn’t a surprise. Middleton’s setback to a mediocre Kenosha Indian Trail program in Week 2 sent shock waves through the Cardinals’ program, though.

So on the Monday before the Memorial game — a day where the Cardinals typically practice without pads — they had a fully padded practice. On Tuesday, they ran — and ran — and ran some more. That may have paid dividends on a muggy night that saw nine Memorial players leave for stretches due to cramps vs. just two Cardinals.

By Friday, Middleton was focused, motivated and single-minded.

“There was a lot of urgency, yes,” Cleary said. “I mean, this was probably our best week of practice. We were doing well the whole time, and you know, we had to bring in something special this week.”

For the most part, the Cardinals did just that.

Middleton’s defense stuffed Memorial on a

fourth-and-2 on its opening possession and the Cardinals’ offense began at the Spartans’ 43.

Four plays later, senior running Derion Hawkins ripped off a 13-yard touchdown run to give the Cardinals a 7-0 lead just 4 minutes into the game. On the TD, Hawkins shot up the middle until he encountered a Memorial linebacker at the 6-yard line. Hawkins then made a nifty jump cut, bounced to the left, and outran four Spartans to the pylon.

“Really, I just followed my blocks, stayed patient, and usually it opens up for you,” said Hawkins, who finished the night with 15 carries for 104 yards. “You can’t be too urgent to go on and push it in. So I just waited for my blocks, and it just it came to me, opened up.”

The Spartans settled in, and got a 12-yard TD run from senior Manny Lopez-Darden late in the first quarter to even things, 7-7. Middleton scored 10 points in the final 4:30 of the first half, though, and surged to a 17-7 lead at the break.

First, Memorial junior tight end Gotti Carreon fumbled after a 27-yard reception and Middleton’s Cahner Vitense recovered at the Cardinals’ 47. Middleton then put together a methodical 11-play, 39-yard drive that ended in a 31-yard field goal from Caymus Roberts to take a 10-7 lead.

Memorial went three-and-out, then the Cardinals took over at their own 33-yard line with 3 ½ minutes left in the half.

On second-and-7, Lashuk avoided a sack and found Parks for 19 yards. Parks went high in the air on the play and hauled Lashuk’s pass in over two Memorial defenders.

Two plays later, Lashuk hit sophomore running back Regin Kalscheur for 17 yards on a screen pass to the Memorial 16. Lashuk and Kalscheur hooked up again for 8 yards on a third-and-7 to the Memorial 5.

Two plays later, Hawkins danced off right tackle for a 6-yard TD that gave the Cardinals a 17-7 lead with just 17 seconds left in the half. Hawkins again made a nifty move to bounce the play outside, then slipped an attempted ankle tackle at the 3 and walked in.

“It was really just kind of once again staying patient with it,” Hawkins said of his second TD run. “That play just opened up as well, so I had to take the opportunity.”

Middleton opened the third quarter with a 13-play, 49-yard drive that gobbled up nearly 6 minutes and ended with a 21-yard field goal from Roberts to take a

20-7 lead.

Memorial followed with a quick three-and-out thanks in part to a third down sack from cornerback Aiden Bell, who closed from 15 yards away to dump senior quarterback Bryan Hinkle.

Middleton then took a seemingly comfortable 28-7 lead when Parks had a sensational, 26-yard TD catch — and hauled in the ensuing two-point conversion. On the touchdown grab, Parks came in motion left to right, then got loose around the 17-yard line. Lashuk’s pass was tipped by a Memorial linebacker, but Parks stayed with it, made a tremendous catch, then raced the final 15 yards untouched.

“Really, just stare at the ball the whole way,” Parks said of the TD grab. “Watch it into the chest, into the hands.”

At that point, the Spartans appeared finished. Memorial’s previous three possessions had yielded just 29 total yards and two first downs.

Needing a spark, the Spartans put the dynamic Aparicio under center and he gave them the jolt they were looking for.

On just the third play of the fourth quarter, Aparicio exploded for a 35-yard touchdown run out of the Wildcat that pulled the Spartans within 28-14 with 10:06 remaining.

Then after a Middleton fumble left Memorial with a short field, Aparicio engineered a six-play, 45-yard TD march that pulled the Spartans within 28-20 with 5:52 left. Aparicio had a 29-yard run during the drive, then finished things off with a 3-yard touchdown run off left tackle.

The Cardinals then asked their offense to deliver — which is exactly what happened.

“I knew our offense would figure out a way to move the ball, kill the time,” Parks said. “We just told the offense to be calm, keep it like normal possession, move

the ball, and don’t go out of bounds.”

Seven of Middleton’s 10 offensive plays on the game-clinching drive came on the ground behind its impressive line of (from left) Clark Cox, Brayden Booth, Braden Poehls, Garrett Schweitzer and Cleary. And with Hawkins sidelined the final 18 minutes with an ankle injury, Middleton leaned on Kalscheur (27 carries, 107 yards) and the mobile Lashuk throughout the final drive — and the second half.

When push came to shove, though, the dynamic Parks did a good deal of the shoving himself.

“Carter is just an exceptional player,” Cleary said of Parks. “And there’s just an immense amount of heart that we all showed.

“I think this is a great confidence booster for all of us. We didn’t start off as hot as we wanted to, but starting conference play, I mean the sky’s the limit. We’re just going up from here.”

Cleary’s teammates felt the same.

“I feel like this is going to bring our team closer together,” Hawkins said. “We’re going to keep going to work every day with our wonderful coaching staff, and get ready for week four.”

Added Parks: “There was definitely some urgency this week. We really needed this after starting slow. Now we’re moving.”

As Cardinals all around him celebrated, Joe Poehls took an extra second to soak it all in.

Poehls, a former high school standout himself at Green Bay Southwest, understands how special Friday Night Lights are. It’s even more meaningful when you’re coaching your son, it’s his birthday and your football team earns win No. 1.

“Proud Dad and proud coach,” Joe Poehls said. “It was a fun night.”



Photo submitted

Eli Anderson looks for room to run during Middleton’s 28-20 win over Madison Memorial last Friday.

Sept. 4
Middleton 28,
Madison Memorial 20
Middleton 7 10 11 0 — 28
MM 7 0 0 13 — 20

Midd: Derion Hawkins, 8, run (Caymus Roberts kick)
MM: Manny Lopez-Darden, 12, run (Aparicio kick)
Midd: FG, 31, Roberts
Midd: Hawkins, 6, run (Roberts kick)
Midd: FG, 20, Roberts
Midd: Carter Parks, 26, pass from Ben Lashuk (pass to Parks)
MM: Aparicio, 4, run (Aparicio kick)
MM: Aparicio, 2, run (Aparicio kick)

TEAM STATISTICS
Rushing (Att.-Yds.) — Midd 51-219, MM 28-207. Passing yards —Midd 147, MM 56. Passing

(Comp.-Att.-Int.) — Midd 17-24-0, MM 5-12-0. Fumbles-lost — Midd 1-1, MM 1-1. Penalties-yards: Midd 4-45, MM 4-25.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.) — Midd — Regin Kalscheur 27-107, Derion Hawkins 15-104, Eli Breunig 2-7, Ben Lashuk 7-6. **MM** — Sam Aparicio 5-71, Manny Lopez-Darden, 10-57, Eric Johnson 8-55, Tray Harris 1-10, Bryan Hinkle 2-3.
Passing (Att.-Comp.-Yds-TD-INT) — Midd — Ben Lashuk 8-11-83-1-0, Eli Breunig 9-13-64-0-0. **MM** — Bryan Hinkle 5-12-66.
Receiving (Rec.-Yds.) — Midd — Carter Parks 8-86, Eli Anderson 4-29, Isaiah Nehring 2-18, Logan Thompson 2-15, Regin Kalscheur 1-(-1). **MM** — Gotti Carreon 2-47, Paul Rafferty 1-18, Sam Aparicio 1-10, Tray Harris 1-(-3).

CITY OF MIDDLETON
VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, and who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must include your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, your signature, and a copy of your photo identification.*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5:00 pm on the fifth day before the election, October 29, 2026.**

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person. Our office will be open for absentee voting on weekdays only.

Lorie J Burns, City Clerk
7426 Hubbard Avenue
Middleton, WI 53562
608-821-8350
Offices will be open until 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2026.
The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office is: October 20, 2026 — 8:30 am — 3:00 pm
The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office: October 30, 2026— 8:30 am — 5:00 pm
Visit myvote.wi.gov for a full listing of clerk’s office voting days and hours.
No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.
The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place before the polls close on November 3, 2026. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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TOWN OF MIDDLETON
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
This meeting will be held at the Middleton Town Hall, 7555 W. Old Sauk Rd, Verona, WI 53593.
This special meeting is called by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Middleton pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.12(1).
The meeting is called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following specific matter: Consideration and approval of Alliant Energy (Wisconsin Power & Light Company) 24 kV underground electric line transmission easement at Parcel ID: 038/070830497606, which easement area is six (6’) feet in width across the following described parcel: A parcel of land being a part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 SE1/4) of Section 30, Township 7 North, Range 8 East, Town of Middleton, and being more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed recorded December 28, 1998, as Document No. 3062398, in the office of the Register of Deeds, Dane County, Wisconsin. The easement may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk at the Middleton Town Hall.
This meeting is open to all qualified electors of the Town of Middleton.
Dated this 3rd day of September, 2026.
Barbara Roesslein, Town Clerk
Town of Middleton

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MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING

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C. Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure

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Recommend approval of current district practice of providing transportation to and from school for all students residing in the District who live 1.1 miles or more from the school in their attendance area.

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BE IT RESOLVED: That the following yearly salary be adopted for all members of the Middleton- Cross Plains Area School District Board of Education in the amount of \$ (proposed rate).

Current Rate (2025-26)*Proposed (2026-27)

President \$12,354\$12,000 x 2.63% = \$12,679

Other Members . . \$ 6,177\$6,000 x 2.63% = \$6,339

*The amounts were increased on an annual basis consistent with the cost of living adjustment percentage received by MCPASD employees per the 2025 Annual Meeting. CPI (Consumer Price Index) for July 1, 2026 was 2.63%

F. Resolution F - Reimbursement of Board Members' Expenses

BE IT RESOLVED: A Board member shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred when traveling in the performance of duties, including attendance at Board-approved fullday or out of the area conferences, conventions or meetings.

Board members shall follow administratively-established procedures for claiming and substantiating amounts for which payment or reimbursement is requested.

G. Resolution G - Acquisition of Real Estate

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education be authorized to acquire, by purchase 2740 Maywood Avenue, Middleton, WI, under Chapter 32 of the Wisconsin Statutes, real estate and structures and facilities relating or attached to such real estate necessary for school district purposes on terms and conditions agreeable to the Board.

H. Resolution H - Authorizing Property Lease

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education be authorized to lease space within the Elm Lawn Elementary, Northside Elementary, Park Elementary, Pope Farm Elementary, Sauk Trail Elementary, Sunset Ridge Elementary, and West Middleton Elementary school sites for the purposes of after-school care programming and any lawful use at a reasonable rental rate at terms and conditions agreeable to the Board.

I. Resolution I - Scheduling of the 2027 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education be authorized to establish the date, time and place of the 2027 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

4. Other New Business

A. Other New Business within the Power and Authority of the Annual Meeting

5. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
GENERAL FUND			
Beginning Fund Balance	39,306,688.58	43,041,419.05	46,012,308.30
Ending Fund Balance	43,041,419.05	46,012,308.30	46,020,178.30
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers - In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	7,870.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	81,667,877.60	91,946,425.78	100,874,582.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,862,522.59	2,629,129.90	2,956,927.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	5,000.00	2,300.00	0.00
State Sources (Source 600)	33,299,230.46	29,100,367.14	25,938,838.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	2,783,234.85	1,239,125.51	903,508.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	849,528.61	236,617.55	230,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	120,467,394.11	125,153,965.88	130,911,725.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	52,528,534.79	56,620,707.48	66,742,909.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	45,668,589.15	44,081,884.09	44,808,030.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	18,535,539.70	21,480,485.06	19,352,916.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	116,732,663.64	122,183,076.63	130,903,855.00
	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND			
Beginning Fund Balance	230,301.55	460,603.10	656,547.47
Ending Fund Balance	460,603.10	656,547.47	656,547.47
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	23,099,775.70	24,813,102.80	24,343,999.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	22,869,474.15	24,617,158.43	24,343,999.00
	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
Beginning Fund Balance	9,006,928.91	8,269,556.82	6,634,159.90
Ending Fund Balance	8,269,556.82	6,634,159.90	6,898,559.90
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	11,961,621.67	11,660,598.14	13,753,317.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	12,698,993.76	13,295,995.06	13,488,917.00
	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND			
Beginning Fund Balance	12,949,854.20	10,544,332.32	11,853,300.24
Ending Fund Balance	10,544,332.32	11,853,300.24	13,775,800.24
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,678,829.19	13,003,022.81	3,450,500.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	4,084,351.07	11,694,054.89	1,528,000.00
	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
FOOD SERVICE FUND			
Beginning Fund Balance	1,923,126.37	1,482,518.76	1,395,435.92
Ending Fund Balance	1,482,518.76	1,395,435.92	1,040,427.92
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,651,725.94	3,935,649.11	3,452,546.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	4,092,333.55	4,022,731.95	3,807,554.00
	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND			
Beginning Fund Balance	219,922.96	106,615.73	103,258.17
Ending Fund Balance	106,615.73	103,258.17	103,957.17
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	106,615.26	246,058.12	235,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	219,922.49	249,415.68	234,301.00
	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND			
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	42,493.47	45,930.79	47,755.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	42,493.47	45,930.79	47,755.00
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
ALL FUNDS			
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES-ALL FUNDS	160,740,232.13	176,108,363.43	174,354,381.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	13,795,140.70	17,853,516.65	15,548,558.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	146,945,091.43	158,254,846.78	158,805,823.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		7.70%	0.35%
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
FUND			
General Fund	78,525,431.00	88,779,586.00	98,549,181.50
Referendum Debt Service Fund	11,593,219.00	10,777,894.00	12,964,668.76
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	416,263.00	398,072.50
Capital Expansion Fund	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Community Service Fund	38,565.00	177,000.00	182,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	91,157,215.00	101,150,743.00	113,093,922.76
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		10.96%	11.81%
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VILLAGE OF CROSS PLAINS, WISCONSIN
NOTICE
JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
REGARDING THE 2025 TID ANNUAL REPORT
FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT (TID) NO. 3

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Village of Cross Plains will hold a Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on September 16, 2026 at 10:15 AM. Interested parties may join virtually by Zoom or calling into the conference telephone line.
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86966790981>
Conference telephone line: 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 869 6679 0981
The purpose of this meeting is for the JRB to review the Annual Report for TID No. 3. The meeting is open to the public.
Copies of the TID Annual Report(s) are available for review in the Clerk’s Office located at the Cross Plains Village Hall, 2417 Brewery Road and will be provided upon request.

Bobbi Zauner
Village Clerk

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TOWN OF MIDDLETON
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
This meeting will be held at the Middleton Town Hall, 7555 W. Old Sauk Rd, Verona, WI 53593.
This special meeting is called by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Middleton pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.12(1).
The meeting is called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following specific matter: Consideration and approval of Alliant Energy (Wisconsin Power & Light Company) 24 kV underground electric line transmission easement at Parcel ID: 038/070830497606, which easement area is six (6’) feet in width across the following described parcel: A parcel of land being a part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 SE1/4) of Section 30, Township 7 North, Range 8 East, Town of Middleton, and being more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed recorded December 28, 1998, as Document No. 3062398, in the office of the Register of Deeds, Dane County, Wisconsin. The easement may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk at the Middleton Town Hall.
This meeting is open to all qualified electors of the Town of Middleton.
Dated this 3rd day of September, 2026.
Barbara Roesslein, Town Clerk
Town of Middleton

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VILLAGE OF
MAZOMANIE
NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING –
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE is given to all persons in the Village of Mazomanie that a public hearing will be held on Sept 21, 2026, at 5pm at the Village Office, 133 Crescent St., Mazomanie, WI 53560 to receive public comment on:
• Conditional Use Permit in the B-1 District at parcel 153/0806-093-5631-8
All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to: cerickson@villageofmazomanie.com
Angie Volkman
Village of Mazomanie
Clerk/Treasurer
8/27/2026
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VILLAGE OF
BLACK EARTH
NOTICE
AMENDED ORDINANCE

Please take notice that the Village of Black Earth amended Ordinance 231 of the Code of Ordinances regarding to Solid Waste. This change has updated the ordinance to current Refuse standards according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The full text of ordinance 231 may be obtained at www.blackearth-wisconsin.com or from the Village of Black Earth Village Hall, 1210 Mills St, Black Earth; phone number 608-767-2563.

Danielle Eastman
Deputy Clerk/Treasure

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VILLAGE OF BLACK EARTH, WISCONSIN
NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given that the Village of Black Earth will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on September 16, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4890967284?pwd=WDIVYTZRbTVrbUpRd3owQWZlYzVGdz09&omn=81503126700>
Meeting ID: 489 096 7284 Passcode: 9yq0nm
The purpose of the meeting is to review the annual reports and the performance and status of each Tax Incremental District governed by the Joint Review Board as required by Wis. Stat. § 66.1105(4m)(f).
The meeting is open to the public. Copies of the annual reports will be available for viewing in the offices of the Village Clerk at the Black Earth Village Hall, located at 1210 Mills Street, during normal business hours and will be provided upon request.
By Order of the
Village of Black Earth, Wisconsin

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VILLAGE OF BLACK EARTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Village of Black Earth Planning Commission on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 5:30pm in the Village Hall at 1210 Mills St, Black Earth, Dane County, Wisconsin regarding the following agenda items:
1. Petition to Rezone Parcel # 107/0806-261-4134-1 at 714 Center Street Black Earth, Dane County, Wisconsin from Highway Commercial to R1 Single- and Two-Family Residential.
2. Conditional Use Permit application for Parcel # 107/0806-261-4134-1 at 714 Center Street Black Earth, Dane County, Wisconsin for operation of an in-home business of Location Unknown Travel a Travel Agency.
3. Petition to Rezone Parcel # 107/0806-351-8531-1 at 1705 Center Street Black Earth, Dane County, Wisconsin from R1 Single- and Two-Family Residential to General Commercial.
4. Updating the Village of Black Earth Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 310 Zoning, specifically addressing updates to signage in residential districts, and the number of permissible accessory structures per site.
The Planning Commission will discuss the updated ordinance and possibly make a recommendation for approval to the Village of Black Earth’s Village Board. The Village Board would consider any recommendations from the Planning on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 6:00PM at their regular meeting.
Requests for accommodation to participate in this meeting from persons with disabilities should be made to the Village Office at 608-767-2563 or dani.eastman@blackearthwisconsin.com with as much advance notice as possible.
Dani Eastman
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Dated: September 10, 2026

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VILLAGE OF BLACK EARTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1210 Mills St. Black Earth, WI 53515
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 @ 6:00PM

1. Call to order – Called to order by Terry Moyer at 6:00PM. Present: Terry Moyer (Moyer), Mitch Hodson (Hodson) by phone, Jen Schuetz (Schuetz), Nathan Cavanagh (Cavanagh), Tom Marks (Marks) and Sydney Haase (Haase). Absent is Dylan Helmenstine. Also present is Matt Kahl (Kahl) – Public Works Director and Carla Huston (Huston) – Library Director.
2. Pledge of allegiance recited by all.
3. Proof of posting read aloud by Moyer.
4. Public comment – None
5. Approval of minutes from 07/06/2026 – Motion to approve by Cavanagh, second by Haase, all ayes motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussion/Action: Committee Member Appointment
a. Lili Crane – Economic Development Committee Citizen Member – Motion by Hodson, second by Schuetz. All ayes, motion carried.
b. Griffin Kalepp – Plan Commission Citizen Member – Motion by Marks, second by Cavanagh. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Discussion/Action: Recommendation from Public Works Committee – Town and Country Proposal for Storm Ditch Clean Up Near Dane-Iowa Lift Station – Motion to approve by Hodson, second by Marks. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
8. Discussion/Action: Approve Assigned Fund Balances as of 12/31/2025 – Motion to approve by Schuetz, second by Cavanagh. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2026-06: Establishing a Fund Balance Policy for Compliance with GASB 54 – Motion to approve by Schuetz, second by Cavanagh. All ayes, none opposed motion carried.
10. Discussion/Action: Property status update – Parcel # 107/0806-264-5612-4 – Brief discussion held, no action tonight.
11. Invoices – motion to approve by Hodson, second by Cavanagh. All ayes, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.
12. Committee Reports:
a. Clerk/Treasurer & Financial Reports – Provided by Clerk/Treasurer
b. Vanguard Commission – Next meeting 9/15
c. Vanguard Electric Superintendent – Doing some work in BE Utility, lights on Mills St, service installs in the rural.
d. Black Earth Fire District – Next meeting 9/3
e. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission – Met 7/16, next meeting 8/20.
f. Economic Development Committee – Met 7/30
g. Emergency Management – Not met, meeting next week to discuss Hazard Mitigation Plan.
h. Library Board – Friends of the Library sold pie at the Concerts in the Park. Expansion Committee meets in August. ILS transition has not been smooth. Establishing a public comment policy for meetings.
i. Library Director Report – One Page hired, looking to hire a second and a Substitute Librarian. Wrapped up Summer Library Program. Working on Library Budget. New programs are coming in the next couple months.
j. President’s Report – Thank you to Lili and Griffin for stepping up to committees. Working with Johnson Block on the 2025 Audit, should be finished soon. Looking forward to Black Earth Field Days.
k. Public Works Director – Doing normal things of chipping, sweeping, meter maintenance and painting cross walks and getting the park ready for Field Days. Electronic meters have been ordered, installations to begin this Winter. The county notified Public Works that they will be resurfacing Mills St from KP to Highway 14, and Highway 14 from Mazomanie to Cross Plains in the next 5 years.
l. Public Works Committee – Discussed electronic meters, Stormwater ditch clean up, and grants. Next meeting 8/17.
m. Parks Committee – Approved batting cage plans at Jerry Barsness Field. Discussion about mountain biking course with CORP Trails, but unfortunately, will not be pursued due to lack of funding. Internet is installed in Veterans Park for security cameras. Next meeting 8/17.
13. Next meeting – Tuesday, September 1, 2026 @ 6PM
14. Motion to adjourn by Schuetz, second by Marks adjourned at 6:47PM.
Full minutes available online at www.blackearthwisconsin.com and by request in the Village Office.
Submitted by Dani Eastman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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