

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Gull Lake Community Schools

A Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Gull Lake Community Schools was held on the 18th day of August 2025, beginning at 7:03 p.m. in the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate Media Center, Richland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

A. Present

Mini Paulose-Murphy, Desiree LaDuke, Laura Zervic, John McCann, Carole Mendez, Krystal Scott-Rhodes, Eddie Keene

B. Absent

None

C. Staff Members

Superintendent Christopher Rundle, Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Drew Bordner, and Recording Secretary Danelle Wheeler

D. Guests Present

Rob Woodrow, Suzy Barrett, Carmen Maring, Lynnette Walker, Jon Tristan von Gunten, Bobbi Jo Stoner, Nathan Ferency, Rachele Sommer, Amanda McElroy, Kathy Owens, Emma Michael, Candace Laybourn-Morris

4. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments

Rachele Sommer – Resident: Addressed the Board to inform them that the Richland Township Planning Commission granted an exception for a new gas station located at M-89 and 34th Street. The Township only notified people within 300 feet of the property.

B. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Rundle congratulated our dedicated mechanics, Travis Hall, Tyler Cody, and Mike Davis for achieving an extraordinary milestone of five consecutive years of a 100% pass rate on Michigan school bus inspections.

Superintendent Rundle stated we are on the 49th day not having a state budget in place. Please urge your Representatives to pass a budget by sending an email or letter.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

Deputy Superintendent echoed the same concerns over the state budget.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Assistant Superintendent Bordner thanked our summer school staff for all their hard work with the students. He invited the Board to the Welcome Back Staff event on Wednesday, August 20th at the Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts (GLCFA).

E. Board President Comments

President Mendez is excited for the school year to start and appreciate all the staff for all they do. She echoed the Superintendent's comments about the budget, stating it is not fair to the staff, students, and community.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Accounts Payable: July 2025 Accounts Payable Report

C. New Hires: Cayla Fuld – Kellogg/Richland Elementary Special Education Teacher; Jill Hunt – Gateway Academy Student Success Coach; Candace Laybourn-Morris – GLMS Science Teacher; Emma Michael – GLMS Special Education Teacher; Kelly Morcombe – Innovative Program Supervisor; Katlin Powell – GLMS ELA Teacher; Jon Tristan von Gunten – GLHS Social Studies Teacher; Sydney Webster – GLHS ELA Teacher

D. Resignations: Regina Ambs – Ryan Intermediate Intervention Specialist; Melissa (Mina) French – Dean of Early College; Johnna Monroe – Ryan Intermediate 5th Grade Teacher

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee McCann provided the Board with a summer work update. The projects, which included both bond and sinking fund initiatives at GLMS, Bedford, Kellogg, Maintenance, and GLCFA will not impact the start of the school year.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee did not meet but invitations were sent to Community Partners to greet students on the first day of school.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee did not officially meet but an informal meeting was held to review a presentation on two potential programs: Starbase Programming and Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC). The programming would take place at Ryan Intermediate and GLHS. A key requirement for moving forward with the AFJROTC program is to secure a minimum of 100 participants from the district.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee met and discussed summer work throughout the District. The Committee discussed the location of the GLCSF Eagle Endowment Wall, which will honor donors after a recent fundraising event successfully raised over \$50,000. The Committee agreed to move forward with the installation in the GLCFA.

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Van Purchase that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business, an Audit Update, and future agenda items with timelines. The Committee also received a GLVP Staffing update that was presented to the Negotiations/Personnel Committee.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Food Service Tentative Agreement that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business; 2) GLVP Staffing; 3) Ulliance Employee Assistance Program; 4) Transportation Update; 5) Open Positions

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee met and discussed Policy 4221 Employee Speech, Policy 5407 Instructional Materials and Curriculum Development, and 5407-F Instructional Materials Opt-Out Form. The Committee discussed and reviewed the optional changes to these policies and form and agreed that our current practices are sufficient.

7. Old Business - none

8. New Business

A. MASB Call for Delegates

President Mendez presented the 2025 Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Call for Delegates. The Delegate Assembly will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025. A brief history was given to the Board. President Mendez is requesting the Board to consider whether they would like to attend.

President Mendez requested this be addressed at next month's meeting as we need to certify our delegates by Thursday, October 2, 2025.

B. Food Service Association Tentative Agreement

Superintendent Rundle presented the Food Service Association Tentative Agreement. This agreement covers the second year of a three-year contract, focusing on a wage reopener. Details were given to the Board.

It was moved by Trustee Keene, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, to approve the Food Service Association Tentative Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Ryan Intermediate Cafeteria Tables Bid Recommendation

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Ryan Intermediate Cafeteria Tables Bid Recommendation in the amount of \$40,280.34 to Stafford-Smith.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Ryan Intermediate Cafeteria Tables Bid Recommendation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Van Purchase

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Van Purchase in the amount of \$64,570 to Tapper Ford. Details were given to the Board.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the Van Purchase as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____