

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 20th day of April 2026, beginning at 7:00 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

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

B. Absent

Desiree LaDuke

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

Patti Janik, Suzy Barrett, Danielle Buckmaster, Paula Pobocik, Joe Pobocik, Aiden Pobocik, Rob Woodrow, Melissa Gensic, Payton Steinke, Amy Krueger, Besty Muskovin, Katie Zamora, Annie Michalak, Nick Rowe, Gail Goebel, Dustin Sayers, Tina Knighten, Amanda Neitzel, Kayla O'Heran, Kaitlynn Baylerian, Ashley Crawford, Luke Myers, Ben Pobocik, Shellie McQueen, Brandon Renouf, Casie Tyler, Corey Mingerink, Elliott Mingerink, Amy Bower, Kim Wisser, Peggy Kendrick, Ann Green, Ashley Bensinger, Jake Oaster, Audra Misner, Stacey Robbins, T.R. Walters, Angie Mingerink, Tim Wester, Linda Clancy, Kristen Holsomback, Sophie McNeil, Tia Vacha, Nikki VanPelt, Seth Allred, Tracy Lynn, Kate Powell, Kim Wason, Jessie Wolfe, Ray Antel, Greta Rose, Brittani Zuidema, Jeremi Coplin, Amy Renouf, Shannon Angel, Amy Perry, Jennifer Flickinger, Sydney Harris, Avery Horrigan, Ellie Ferris, Hannah Lord, Lisa Renne, Cameron Hoover, Andrea Burke, Charlie Jansen, Kara Helgemo, Cat Robison, Kristin Carl, Alex Bohr, Ashley Copp, Michele Chabitch, Jaclyn Bartley, Jordon Beery, Jessica Leyrer, Peter Santa Maria, Jeremy Badiner, Jodi Klein, Michelle Jones, Shelley Fulling, Patrick English, Kyle Smith, Abbie Schepers, Sarah Holmes, Casandra DeBoer, Haylee Meadows, Adrian Myers, Jenna Ellis, Kathy Engel, Doug Hoover, Kailynn Bachman, Jennifer Borg-Molner, Alaina Neff, Katie Roseboom, Michelle Barton, Bobbi Jo Stoner, Attorney Katherine Broaddus (via Google Meet at 8:08 p.m.)

4. Eagle Scout – Aiden Pobocik

Superintendent Rundle honored Aiden Pobocik, 11th grader at GLHS, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He read a letter of acknowledgement to the Board.

5. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments

The following teachers, students, alumni, and community members addressed the

Board to share their perspectives on teacher salaries and contract negotiations: Tia Vacha, Katie Zamora, Annie Michalak, Patty Janik, Kailynn Bachman, Elliott Mingerink, Alaina Neff

B. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Rundle extended congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Bordner on being selected as the new Superintendent, commending the quality of his presentation and interview. He offered best wishes for his success in the role beginning July 1, 2026.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

Deputy Superintendent Anderson offered congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Bordner and noted that she looks forward to continuing to work together.

An update was provided on the development of the 2026–2027 budget, noting that limited information is currently available at the state level, including a preliminary proposal of a \$250 per-pupil increase. It was reported that Business Manager McElroy will be attending the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) conference this week, and the Board will be updated as additional information becomes available.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Assistant Superintendent Bordner thanked everyone for their kind words and shared thoughts on the District’s trajectory over the next five years. Emphasis was placed on the collaborative approach moving forward, noting the strength of the district and its staff, and expressed excitement for the work ahead.

E. Board President Comments

President Mendez expressed satisfaction with the selection of the new Superintendent and indicated interest in updates regarding the next GLEA negotiation session.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Budget Report: March 2026 Budget Report

C. Accounts Payable: March 2026 Accounts Payable Report

D. New Hire: Katlin Powell – GLMS English Language Arts Teacher

E. Resignation: Sydney Webster – GLHS English Language Arts Teacher

F. Retirement: Laura Britain – GLMS Math Teacher

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee McCann reported that all planned bond projects have been completed. Remaining funds will be allocated toward band furniture and improvements to the GLMS Courtyard.

Regarding Sinking Fund projects, the skylight replacement at Ryan Intermediate is scheduled to begin in June. In addition, three projects planned for 2026 will be going out to bid: installation of air conditioning at Richland Elementary, replacement of gym lighting at Kellogg Elementary, and carpet replacement at Ryan Intermediate.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Community Organizations Breakfast that will be held on Tuesday, May 5th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m., a potential survey from EPIC-MRA, and Gull Lake branding and logos.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed the GLVP Course Proposals that will be presented under New Business, ELA Materials Review, and committee goals.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee did not meet.

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Food Service Renewal that will be presented under New Business; 2) 2025-2026 Budget Amendments; 3) 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget Projections; 4) Bond Budget Update; 5) EPIC-MRA Survey; 6) Budget Report

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and entered a Closed Session for Collective Bargaining discussion. The Committee reviewed the 271 Educator Compensation Proposal with work continuing with GLEA to finalize. Wage Recommendations for non-represented groups were discussed, but no decisions were made. The Committee received a transportation update, reviewed salary/wage information for all staff, and open staffing positions.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee did not meet.

8. Old Business – none

9. New Business

A. Overnight Trip Request for DECA

Principal Stoner requested permission on behalf of DECA, for an overnight trip to Atlanta, Georgia, April 25-29, 2026.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to approve the Overnight Trip Request for DECA as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Overnight Trip Request for GLHS

Principal Stoner requested permission on behalf of GLHS, for an overnight trip to Italy (Venice, Florence, Rome, and Assisi), June 23 – July 1, 2027.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the Overnight Trip Request for GLHS as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Overnight Trip Request for GLVP

Principal Jaros requested permission on behalf of the GLVP, for an overnight trip to Mackinac Island, Mackinaw, Michigan, September 13-16, 2026.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the Overnight Trip Request for GLVP as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

D. KRESA Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Representative Recommendation

Suzy Barrett, Special Education Director presented the KRESA Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Representative Recommendation to the Board. Jennifer Martin was recommended to represent Gull Lake Community Schools on the committee. She will

serve a 3-year term.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Food Service Management Company Renewal

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Food Service Management Company Renewal to the Board. The renewed contract, effective from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, has been reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the Food Service Management Company Renewal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

F. GLVP Course Proposals 2026-27

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the GLVP Course Proposals 2026-27 to the Board; a brief overview was given.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the GLVP Course Proposals 2026-27 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Closed Session Under Section 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act to Consider Collective Bargaining

At 7:40 p.m. it was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider Collective Bargaining.

AYES: Paulose-Murphy, McCann, Keene, Mendez, Zervic, Scott-Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: LaDuke

Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:53 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____