Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 – 6:00 PM

The Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM at GHAPS Education Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Nichol Stack. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Kristal Boyd, Cyndi Casemier, Marc Eickholt, Heather Herrygers, Seth Holt, Nichol Stack

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Reinecke, Sara VanderZee, and about 7 members of the audience.Also Present: Sara,

17-814 Motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

This motion, made by Casemier and seconded by Eickholt, **CARRIED 6 - 0**.

17-815 Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

This motion, made by Eickholt and seconded by Boyd, **CARRIED 6 - 0**.

- Approval of Minutes - January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following audience members spoke during Public Comment:
John Siemion
Kate Hoffmeyer

BOARD TRUSTEE CANDIDATE INTERVIEW PROCESS

17-816 Motion to approve the interview and advancement process for the vacant Trustee position of the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education, as outlined.

This motion, made by Eickholt and seconded by Casemier, **CARRIED 6 - 0**.

BOARD TRUSTEE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The Board interviewed Zach Winterhalter, followed by Robyn Cook.

The Board went into recess at 7:04 PM, and returned from recess at 7:24 PM.

The Board interviewed Emily Nail, followed by Brook Bisonet.

Trustees individually scored each of the interviewed candidates using a standardized scoring rubric. Score sheets were collected and tallied. The candidates' total points were displayed for trustees and the audience, as outlined below:

	Winterhalter	Cook	Nail	Bisonet
Kristal Boyd	21	26	19	27
Cyndi Casemier	25	23	22	30
Marc Eickholt	17	26	16	27

Heather Herrygers	16	28	25	29
Seth Holt	15	30	25	30
Nichol Stack	23	25	20	28
TOTAL	**117**	**158**	**127**	**171**

Robyn Cook and Brook Bisonet, the two highest-scoring candidates, advanced for further consideration. Trustees then cast ballots indicating their first and second choices. Two points were given to each first choice and one point to each second choice. Ballots were collected and tallied. The total ballot scores were displayed for trustees and the audience, as outlined below:

	Cook	Bisonet
Kristal Boyd	2	1
Cyndi Casemier	1	2
Marc Eickholt	1	2
Heather Herrygers	1	2
Seth Holt	1	2
Nichol Stack	1	2
TOTAL	**7**	**11**

BOARD TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

17-817 Motion to appoint Brook Bisonet as a Trustee of Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education until the November 3, 2026 elections have been held and certified, and a newly elected successor has accepted the office.

This motion, made by Eickholt and seconded by Herrygers, **CARRIED 6 - 0 by a roll call vote.**

Boyd: Yea, Casemier: Yea, Eickholt: Yea, Herrygers: Yea, Holt: Yea, Stack: Yea

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further agenda items, President Stack adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristal Boyd, Secretary
GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
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