Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Board of Education met on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM at GHAPS Education Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Nichol Stack. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Marc Eickholt called the roll as Acting Secretary for the meeting.

PRESENT: Brook Bisonet, Cyndi Casemier, Marc Eickholt, Heather Herrygers, Seth Holt, and Nichol Stack

ABSENT: Kristal Boyd

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Perkowski, Jason Reinecke, Michael MacDonald, Mary Jane Evink, Cassady Krumm, McKenna Twa, Matt Keskine, Sara VanderZee, and about 14 members of the audience.

17-854 Motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented.
This motion, made by Holt and seconded by Herrygers, **CARRIED 6 - 0**.

17-855 Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
This motion, made by Casemier and seconded by Herrygers, **CARRIED 6 - 0**.

- Approval of Minutes - May 11, 2026
- Payment of Bills - May

Accounts Payable - Expenditures Previously Approved by Board Treasurer	$2,251,248.60
Payroll	$5,543,772.89
2020 Building & Site Bond Expenditures	$7.21
Ref Pay May, 2026	$13,651.95
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	$323,234.28
PNC/Commerce credit card (credit on account)	$33,462.14
Board Member Reimbursement Requests	$0.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Perkowski read a letter of appreciation from Ron Knoll, The Folds of Honor, thanking the District for allowing them to produce the Armed Services Marathon at the Grand Haven High School football stadium.

American Legion Teacher of the Year Award

Larry Money introduced the American Legion Teacher of the Year, Ferry S.T.E.M. teacher Andrew Ratke. Ratke expressed appreciation for the staff and team at GHAPS.

Leadership Connect

Perkowski recognized and congratulated Dennis Threadgill, GHAPS Performing Arts Center Coordinator and Digital Content Creator, for recently completing the Leadership Connect program through the Chamber of Commerce.

State Champions
Perkowski recognized and congratulated our GHHS Boys Volleyball team as this year's State Champions.
Perkowski recognized and congratulated this year's 1600 Track and Field Back-to-Back State Champion, a junior at GHHS.

MASB Awards
Perkowski formally recognized the accomplishments of several Board members for achieving new levels of recognition through the Michigan Association of School Boards' Board Member Awards Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT
The following audience members spoke during Public Comment:
Jason Klinger

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
Student Representatives Report
Perkowski shared she met with this year's student representatives to discuss ideas to improve student voice next school year. Twa reported she is hoping for more student engagement with the Board; more surveys and comments from students and staff/students at other buildings; more students sharing information at Board meetings; and possibly holding a voter registration opportunity for students. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as this year's Senior Student Representative. Keskine reported he is hoping for more public comment at Board meetings. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as this year's Junior Student Representative.

TEACHING & LEARNING
Benchmark Assessment Goals and Data
Mary Jane Evink shared the end-of-year iReady assessment data for K-8. White Pines showed strong growth from 1st to 2nd semester, while Ferry and Griffin showed very strong growth. Lake Hills 4th grade showed significant improvement. Peach Plains had notable growth in math. An economically disadvantaged subgroup at Rosy Mound showed more growth than some of their grade levels. Central High School graduation was consistent from last year. Cyber School graduation was up 1% this year and GHHS had a graduation rate of 99% with only 1 person not meeting requirements. 2024-25 MSTEP rankings in Ottawa and Kent Counties, when accounting for poverty, show Grand Haven is the second-best. Scores will be posted to our website for the public.

Approval of Online Curriculum Adoption and Purchase: Subject

17-856 Motion to approve the adoption and purchase of Subject as presented, at an annual cost of $39,000 for three years.

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

Approval of US History Book Renewal

17-857 Motion to approve the renewal of the US History Book as presented, at a total cost of $49,792.10.

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

Approval of Learner Readiness Purchase

17-858 Motion to approve the adoption and purchase of Wayfinder as presented, at an annual cost of $39,284.80 for five years.

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

Approval of MHSAA Membership Resolution

17-859 Motion to adopt the resolution for membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2026-27 school year.

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

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

FINANCE & OPERATIONS
Approval of 2026 Tax Levy

17-860 Motion to adopt Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029 for the 2026 tax levies.

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

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

Approval of 2025-26 Final Budget Amendment

17-861 Motion to approve the 2025-26 Final Budget Amendment.

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

Approval of 2026-27 Proposed Budget

17-862 Motion to approve the proposed 2026-27 budget as presented.

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

Approval of Bank Depositories & Credit Card Holders

17-863 Motion to approve the above bank depositories/financial institutions and authorized district credit card users for school district funds for the 2026-27 school year.

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

LABOR & POLICY

Approval of New Hires

17-864 Motion to offer employment contract to the above-named candidates for the 2026-27 school year, with placement on the salary schedule as presented.

This motion, made by Herrygers and seconded by Holt, **CARRIED 6 - 0**.

Approval of Administrator Contract Extensions

17-865 Motion to approve contract extensions and revisions for the listed administrative staff as presented.
This motion, made by Herrygers and seconded by Holt, **CARRIED 6 - 0**.

Approval of Non-Association Employee Compensation

17-866 Motion to approve the increase for all Non-Association employees for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

This motion, made by Herrygers and seconded by Holt, **CARRIED 6 - 0**.

17-867 Motion to reorganize the approved agenda to hold Section 8d [Bargaining Strategy] and 8e [Approval of Employee Association Bargaining Agreements] until after Section 10 [Board President] is completed.

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

SUPERINTENDENT

2nd Reading of Board Policy Updates

17-868 Motion to adopt the Board policy updates as proposed.

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

1st Reading of Policy Updates

Perkowski presented revised language for a first reading of proposed Policy 3302.01 Naming of Facilities. The Labor & Policy Committee will reconsider the language at their July meeting.

Master Plan Roadmap: Potential Bond Phasing and Next Steps

Perkowski introduced Jeff Hoag, GMB, and Adam Tweedy, O.A.K., to share information about the development of the Master Plan and the proposed bond phasing to address facility needs. The audience was reminded that an in-depth facilities assessment was done, community engagements were held, and several surveys were completed, which led to a Board-approved Master Plan in November. Considering resources available to address the facilities' needs, the team realized it couldn't be done at once, financially or logistically, so a phased approach was developed.

Information and other considerations of the phases were shared, and area tax rates, showing GHAPS is the lowest in the region. A proposed timeline was shared for next steps. President Stack asked trustees to communicate with the administration any additional data they need to make a data-based decision for the July vote.

BOARD PRESIDENT

Superintendent's Contract

17-869 Motion to approve the revised contract for Superintendent Kristin Perkowski as presented.

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

Board Goals Update

Stack reported that standing trustee activity summaries have been accomplished.

Trustee Activity Reports

Trustee Herrygers shared that she completed remaining MASB 100 level classes, attended graduations, volunteered at Robinson's Color Run, volunteered at White Pines' Field Day, and attended Jeff Marcus' Retirement Celebration.

Holt shared that he spoke with community members about the potential bond, attended graduations, and attended Excellence in Education.

Eickholt shared that he attended the last Griffin PTO meeting and he was selected to present at MASB this fall with Michael MacDonald on the impact of AI. As our representative on the NORA Board, he shared information about an upcoming fundraiser to be held on July 21st.

Casemier shared that she attended the MASB Behind the Scenes at the Capitol event, where she met with Representative Greg VanWoerkom and shared about our MEERA program and outdoor learning center. She will be writing a letter to the State of MI regarding the state's budget timeline and its impact on our district. Casemier also attended a City Council meeting where she spoke about MEERA.

Stack shared that she attended graduations, attended Twa's graduation celebration, and enrolled in a 2-day tax class using her personal funds.

Bargaining Strategy (Closed Session, pending vote, pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act)

17-870 Motion to move into closed session for collective bargaining agreement strategy and negotiations, at the request of GHAPS Administration, pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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

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

The Board went into closed session at 9:39 PM.

17-871 Motion to come out of closed session.

This motion, made by Herrygers and seconded by Bisonet, **CARRIED 6 - 0**

The Board returned to open session at 10:16 PM.

Approval of Employee Association Bargaining Agreements

17-872 Motion to approve the three (3) year agreements with the Secretaries' Association, the Grand Haven Education Association (GHEA), and the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Administrators Association (GHAPSAA), as presented, through June 30, 2029.

This motion, made by Holt and seconded by Bisonet, **CARRIED 6 - 0.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further agenda items, President Stack adjourned the meeting at 10:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Eickholt, Acting Secretary
GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
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