Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Board of Education met on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Grand Haven High School/Performing Arts Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Nichol Stack. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Perkowski, Jason Reinecke, Michael MacDonald, Mary Jane Evink, Cassady Krumm, Sara VanderZee, Nate Hunt and about 58 members of the audience.

17-873 Motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

This motion, made by Casemier and seconded by Eickholt, **CARRIED 7 - 0.**

17-874 Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

This motion, made by Eickholt and seconded by Boyd, **CARRIED 7 - 0.**

- Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2026 Budget Hearing
- Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2026 Closed Session
- Payment of Bills - June

Accounts Payable – Expenditures Previously Approved by Board Treasurer	$2,696,936.89
Payroll	$3,947,769.89
2020 Building & Site Bond Expenditures	$32,605.61
Ref Pay June, 2026	$23,822.75
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	$154,781.95
Commerce credit card (credit on account)	$37,716.29
Board Member Reimbursement Requests	$0.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following audience members spoke during Public Comment:
Anna Harms
Isabel Dodge
Wendy Elliott
Nancy Emmerich
Val Martin
Kolton Batka
Robyn Cook
Mark Huizen

TEACHING & LEARNING

Approval of Earth Science Digital Textbook Renewal

17-875 Motion to approve the renewal of the Earth Science Digital Textbook, as presented, at a total cost of $42,714.78.

This motion, made by Casemier and seconded by Holt, **CARRIED 7 - 0.**

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Approval of Tech Shared Services Contract

17-876 Motion to approve the contract for shared technology services with Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

This motion, made by Eickholt and seconded by Boyd, **CARRIED 7 - 0.**

Approval of Per Diem Meal Reimbursements

17-877 Motion to approve the above recommended per diem meal reimbursement rates for the 2026-27 school year.

This motion, made by Herrygers and seconded by Eickholt, **CARRIED 7 - 0.**

LABOR & POLICY

Approval of New Hires

17-878 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 Boyd and seconded by Holt, **CARRIED 7 - 0.**

Approval of Employee Association Bargaining Agreement

17-879 Motion to approve a three (3) year agreement with the Local 517 Service Employees International Union, as presented, through June 30, 2029.

This motion, made by Eickholt and seconded by Holt, **CARRIED 7 - 0.**

SUPERINTENDENT

Strategic Plan Quarterly Update

Perkowski shared a quarterly update on the progress of the District's Strategic Plan.

Superintendent Mid-Year Progress Update

Perkowski provided a mid-year progress update on her Board-approved goals. Additional evidence will be provided before December's Superintendent Evaluation.

1st Reading of Policy Updates

Perkowski shared a first reading of policy updates for the Board's consideration from Thrun Law.

Bond Proposal

Approval of Phase 1 Support:

17-880 Motion to approve the proposed Phase 1 projects identified in the District's Master Plan for submission to the voters through a November 2026 bond proposal.

This motion, made by Boyd and seconded by Eickholt, **CARRIED 7 - 0 by a ballot vote.**

Sara VanderZee read the votes aloud.

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

Approval of November 2026 Bond Proposal Resolution:

17-881 Motion to approve the resolution, as presented, for a bond proposal to go before voters at the November 3, 2026 general election.

This motion, made by Eickholt and seconded by Herrygers, **CARRIED 7 - 0 by a roll call vote.**

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

BOARD PRESIDENT

Board Goals Update

President Stack shared an update on the Board's 2026 Goals. Trustee Tour planning has been postponed.

Trustee Activity Reports

Eickholt shared that he will be volunteering at the upcoming Athletics Boosters pancake fundraiser.
Bisonet shared that he led a recent Rotary Jeep Raffle, raising about $18k for upgrades to the GHHS aquatic center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further agenda items, President Stack adjourned the meeting at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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