

**Minutes of COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
The Board of Trustees
Gull Lake Community Schools**

A COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gull Lake Community Schools was held on the 13th day of August 2026, beginning at 8:00 AM in the Christopher L. Rundle Administration Building.

Roll Call: Jessica Harris, Eddie Keene, John McCann, Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, Superintendent Drew Bordner, Desiree LaDuke

Guests: Heidi Pfannes of Miller Davis, Bernie Porn of EPIC-MRA (via phone)

1. Public Comments: None

2. Approve Draft Minutes: The July 23, 2026 minutes were approved.

3. Community Survey

The Committee reviewed the community survey questions and discussed how responses will be analyzed. The survey will address voter registration, district residency, likelihood of voting, perceptions of educational quality, facility needs, and reasons for support or opposition to the proposed projects. Follow-up questions and a final re-vote will be included to determine whether responses change after additional information is provided.

The Committee discussed updating bond amounts to reflect potential additions. Deputy Superintendent Anderson will provide updated figures. A few questions were revised for clarification, including specifying the sport and location of the ball field, adding multi-use, and clarifying that restrooms do not currently exist at the identified location.

The goal is to complete approximately three hundred (300) interviews. Bernie will compile the results and provide a written report within one to two weeks identifying areas of strongest support and opposition. The Committee also discussed using the phrase, no tax increase in future communications and advertising.

4. Facility/Bond Planning

The Committee discussed engaging families once school is back in session to ensure community feedback remains consistent with survey results. Discussion included identifying members of a potential Yes Committee, with the understanding that Board members would not lead the committee but could participate and support its efforts.

The Committee also discussed presenting bond information to PTOs, Rotary, and other community groups. A community informational meeting will be considered following the survey to provide updates and ensure the community has current information.

5. Next Meeting: September 17, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.