Minutes of FACILITIES COMMITTEE
The Board of Trustees
Gull Lake Community Schools

A Facilities Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gull Lake Community Schools was held on the 7th day of October 2026, beginning at 8:05 AM in the Christopher L. Rundle Administration Building.

Roll Call: Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, Superintendent Drew Bordner, John McCann, Krystal Scott-Rhodes

Guests: Tim Britain from Viridis Design Group, Dan Coffman and Heidi Pfannes from Miller-Davis, Bernie Porn from EPIC-MRA (via phone at 8:11 a.m.)

1. **Public Comments:** None
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The September 2, 2026, minutes were approved.
3. **Community Survey Results**
   Bernie Porn from EPIC-MRA presented the results of the community survey, which was conducted September 10th through 16th and included three hundred respondents, with an overall approval rating of 55.7%. He reviewed the key findings, executive summary, and vote progression analysis. He explained that the District would receive a database of voter information as part of the survey deliverables.

   Bernie reviewed key messaging for the Yes Committee, including the District's comparatively lower tax rate than other districts, the absence of a tax increase, and the benefits of the proposed bond without increasing taxes. The Committee discussed potential next steps, including conducting focus groups to gather additional community feedback.

   The Committee discussed the potential removal of projects from the proposed bond to reduce the overall amount. Due to rising interest rates, the District's bonding capacity had decreased to $110–$112 million. The potential benefit of reducing the proposal to less than $100 million was discussed. Following discussion, the Committee expressed support for removing the turf project from the proposed bond. The final bond amount would need to be established by the December Treasury meeting.
4. **Current Bond Funds – Harbor Academy**
   Superintendent Bordner and Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented a proposal to use remaining bond funds for Harbor Academy at Gull Lake Middle School (GLMS). The program would be located at the rear of the building near the drop-off loop and would provide an educational setting designed to meet the needs of students, similar to Gateway Academy. Miller-Davis and Kingscott prepared a budget estimate of $818,000 for the project.

   The Committee discussed previously considered improvements to the courtyards at GLMS, which were estimated to cost $1.4 million. After discussions with middle school administration, Harbor Academy was identified as the higher priority to address an immediate District need. The proposal is to allocate the remaining bond funds toward Harbor Academy, with construction anticipated for summer 2027 and bidding scheduled for spring 2027.
5. **Project List**
   This agenda item was tabled until the next committee meeting.
6. **Next Meeting:** November 4, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.