

Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Gull Lake Community Schools

A Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Gull Lake Community Schools was held on the 15th day of September 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate Media Center, Richland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

A. Present

Mini Paulose-Murphy, Desiree LaDuke, Laura Zervic, John McCann, Krystal Scott-Rhodes, Eddie Keene

B. Absent

Carole Mendez

C. Staff Members

Superintendent Christopher Rundle, Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Drew Bordner

D. Guests Present

Mike Stephayn, Suzy Barrett, Courtney Boyce, Leigh Schultz, Carmen Maring, Danielle Buckmaster, Tia Vacha, Rob Woodrow, Amanda McElroy, Nick Rowe, Audra Misner, Lynnette Walker, Bobbi Jo Stoner, Randy Widener

4. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments

Leigh Schultz – Parent: Addressed the Board regarding safety and security and asking the Board to consider the costs to implement metal detectors throughout the District.

Tia Vacha – Teacher & GLEA President: Addressed the Board to inform them the school year has started well. Shared her concerns that a State Budget has not yet been passed. She encouraged everyone to reach out to their state representatives.

B. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Rundle expressed concern regarding the continued absence of a finalized State Budget and provided an update on the anticipated State Aid for October. He also informed the Board that State Representative Matt Hall is scheduled to attend the Richland Township meeting on September 16th at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged Board members and community stakeholders to attend and engage in discussion.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

Deputy Superintendent echoed the concerns with the delay in the approval of the State Budget. Appreciation was extended to those who contacted their state representatives, and community members were encouraged to continue reaching out if they have not already done so.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Deferred comments until later in the agenda.

E. Board Vice President Comments

Vice President LaDuke expressed concern that the State remains without an approved budget 76 days into the year. She encouraged community members to attend the Richland Township meeting tomorrow to participate during the public comment portion.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: August 18, 2025 Regular Minutes

B. Accounts Payable: August 2025 Accounts Payable Report

C. New Hires: Grace Henion – Ryan Intermediate 5th Grade Teacher; Brittany Kiser – GLVP Teacher/Instructional Coach; Randy Widener – GLMS Social Studies Teacher

D. Resignation: Tiffany Carnago – GLHS Math Teacher

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the August meeting minutes, which were pulled for edits at the request of Trustee Scott-Rhodes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee McCann provided an update to the Board on the projects, which included both bond and sinking fund initiatives at GLMS, Bedford, Kellogg, Maintenance facility, and the GLCFA.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee will meet on Thursday.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed the 2025-2026 Gateway Course Catalog Updates and AP Psych Curriculum Materials Purchase that will be addressed under New Business. The Committee received an update on the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) and Starbase programs, as well as an overview of the One Community One Book scheduled to launch in February 2026.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Admin Building Improvements; 2) Building & Grounds Update; 3) Tennis Building Update; 4) Facilities Study Update; 5) Committee Goals

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee did not meet.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee did not meet.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee did not meet.

7. Old Business

A. MASB Call for Delegates

Vice President LaDuke presented the 2025 Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Call for Delegates. The Delegate Assembly will be held on Thursday, October

23, 2025. The Board will appoint Trustee Scott-Rhodes as a delegate and Secretary Paulose-Murphy as an alternate.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Keene to adopt the 2025 MASB Call for Delegates as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

A. Overnight Trip Request for GLHS Spanish Club

Principal Stoner requested permission on behalf of the Spanish Club, for an overnight trip request to Costa Rica, June 16, 2026 – June 26, 2026.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the Overnight Trip Request for the Spanish Club as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B. 2025-2026 Gateway Course Catalog Update

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the 2025-2026 Gateway Course Catalog Updates to the Board for approval.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the 2025-2026 Gateway Course Catalog Updates as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. AP Psychology Curriculum Materials Purchase

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the AP Psychology Curriculum Materials Purchase to the Board for approval.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the AP Psych Curriculum Materials Purchase as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business Vice President LaDuke adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Vice President Desiree LaDuke

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____