

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 17th day of March 2025, beginning at 7:02 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

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

B. Absent

None

C. Staff Members

Superintendent Christopher Rundle, Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Drew Bordner and Recording Secretary Danelle Wheeler

D. Guests Present

Suzy Barrett, Courtney Boyce, Kelsey Ward, Danielle Buckmaster, Nathan Ferency, Carmen Maring, Becky Young, Lynnette Walker, Amanda McElroy, Rob Woodrow, Betsy Springer, Ethne Springer

4. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments – None

B. Superintendent Comments

Deferred comments until later in the agenda

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

No comments

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Deferred comments until later in the agenda

E. Board President Comments

President Mendez stated the Board is closely monitoring the government's actions and evaluating how to proceed with operations but noted that there is no substantive information to share at this time. She stated that we will proceed with business as usual. She added for everyone to enjoy Spring Break.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: February 17, 2025 Regular Minutes

B. Budget Report: February 2025 Budget Report

C. Accounts Payable: February Accounts Payable Report

D. New Hire: Kelsey Ward – Child Care and Community Education Coordinator

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Principal Boyce introduced the new Childcare and Community Education Coordinator, Ms. Kelsey Ward to the Board; a brief background was given. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee McCann reported that Bid Pack #1 which includes work at WK Kellogg, Bedford, GLMS, Ryan Intermediate, and Transportation was previously bid out and approved; work will begin at the end of the school year. Bid Pack #2 which includes cold storage for Maintenance and Band/Performing Arts Center, is currently out for bid.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Community Organizations Breakfast which will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at the Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts Gallery from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Matt Hall and Sean McCann were also invited to the breakfast.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed Alternative Middle School Programming which will begin with a pilot program in 2026 with fifteen (15) 7th graders. Future Board approval will be needed.

Superintendent Rundle presented the concept of Tuition Based Schools to the Board. Two sports academies in Michigan have expressed interest in partnering with the District's Virtual Partnership to offer education to their players. Additional possibilities include enrolling international students and homeschool students from Indiana.

Assistant Superintendent Bordner shared an email from Laurel Flaget, Special Education Parapro with the Board as a follow-up to the Theater Experience the Board approved a few months ago; she gave kudos to Lisa Ouellette for creating the peer-to-peer course, which has had a positive effect on the students enrolled in the class.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) the Fencing Project at Kellogg Elementary and Ryan Intermediate; 2) District Signage; 3) Traffic Flow at Kellogg Elementary, the Committee is working with Viridis Design Group to prepare a new drawing for submission to the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County; and 4) Facility Master Planning.

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Budget Report, Preliminary Budget Amendments, and 2025-2026 Budget Projections.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and discussed Transportation Recruitment and Staffing including compensation, benefits, hours, and the idea of purchasing vans. The Committee also reviewed the Organizational Chart and Open Positions.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Earned Sick Time Act Policy Update that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business.

7. Old Business – none

8. New Business

A. Overnight Trip Request for PAC

Assistant Superintendent Bordner requested permission on behalf of PAC, for an overnight trip to Stratford, Ontario, September 12 – 13, 2025.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Overnight Trip Request for PAC as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Earned Sick Time Act Policy Update

Vice President LaDuke presented the Earned Sick Time Act Policy Update to the Board with a brief overview.

It was moved by Vice President LaDuke, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the Earned Sick Time Act Policy Update as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____