

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 20th day of November 2025, beginning at 8:01 AM in the Christopher L. Rundle Administration Building.

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

1. Public Comments: None

2. Approve Draft Minutes: The November 20, 2025 minutes were approved.

3. Community Engagement and Communications

Vice President LaDuke reviewed the Financial Advisor's presentation at the Board meeting. She noted that the District will need to pursue a bond in the future and raised the question of how best to communicate this to the public. Current growth since 2008 is at 49%.

Deputy Superintendent Anderson explained that, once architects and related professionals are hired, they typically assume responsibility for much of the bond-related marketing. Kingscott is the current firm. The committee discussed the anticipated timeline and potential project components for a future bond proposal, including enrollment trends, capacity considerations, five-year growth projections, and the Department of Treasury's formula for determining capacity. The possibility of property acquisition and the impact of new housing developments were also discussed. Members agreed that the District will need to determine its long-term facility needs, and that this planning process will require significant time.

Concerns were raised regarding current building capacity, particularly at Ryan Intermediate, where enrollment is high, and the large 5th grade class. School of Choice numbers and the feasibility of building upward were also reviewed.

The committee discussed the process required to move toward a potential bond vote. Deputy Superintendent Anderson will consult with legal counsel to identify necessary preliminary steps. The group also discussed that it would be appropriate to have a separate Board-appointed bond steering committee

There was consideration to prepare a condensed version of the Board meeting presentation for publication in the *Communicator*, but the committee agreed to pause on that for now. The committee reviewed past survey work conducted by Bernie Porn of EPIC-MRA and discussed whether a new survey should be initiated at this stage or delayed.

Finally, members discussed whether the District should consider new architectural or construction management firms and reviewed the interview and selection process.

4. Next Meeting: January 15, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.