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 20 day of July 2026, beginning at 7:02 p.m. in the Gull Lake Middle School Media Center, Richland, Michigan.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call**
   - **A. Present**
     Mini Paulose-Murphy, Carole Mendez, Eddie Keene, John McCann, Desiree LaDuke, Krystal Scott-Rhodes
   - **B. Absent**
     Laura Zervic
   - **C. Staff Members**
     Superintendent Drew Bordner, Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Bobbi Jo Stoner and Recording Secretary Danelle Wheeler
   - **D. Guests Present**
     Richard Gibbs, Dan Tryles, Kristie Poulson, Tim Britain, Amanda McElroy, Patrick English, Sophie Mattioli, Jamie Ricca, Brad Waddell, Lynnette Walker, Dan Coffman, Veronica Pero, Nick Monaweck, Kori Monaweck, Ben Healy, Michelle Gonzalez, Ann Winfrey, Josh Crawford, Angie McKenzie, Alanna Bradley, Camille Archie, Emily Manuszak, Sarah Gibbs, Joseph Martin, Christy Nilsen, Robert Howard II, Melissa Gensic, Zack Morerod, Scott Schorer, Cathy Schorer, Rick Lindau, Sara Stafford Lange, Sarah Alvarez, Susan Bauman, Nichole Clayton, Jack Alspach, Maddie Alspach, Noah Keller, Nick Rowe
4. **Communications/Public Comments**
   - **A. Public Comments**
     Ann Winfrey – Parent: Addressed the Board regarding implementing an anti-bullying campaign in the District.

     The following parents addressed the Board to share their thoughts on the GLHS Football Program: Nick Monoweck, Josh Crawford, Angie McKenzie, Jamie Ricca, Michelle Gonzalez, Kori Monoweck, Alanna Bradley, Cathie Schorer, Ben Healy
   - **B. Superintendent Comments**
     Superintendent Bordner thanked everyone for attending and shared his appreciation for beginning this next chapter as the Superintendent.

     Superintendent Bordner noted that football parents received an update regarding the GLHS football program. No additional comments will be made regarding the Title IX matter while the investigation is ongoing.

     In August, Deputy Copeland will begin serving as our School Resource Office (SRO). We welcome him into his new role.

Thank you to our maintenance, custodial, and transportation staff for their hard work through the summer.

C. **Deputy Superintendent Comments**
Deputy Superintendent Anderson congratulated Amanda McElroy, Director of Business Services for completing the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Business Manager Academy. Please join us in celebrating Amanda's hard work, dedication, and amazing accomplishment.

D. **Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments**
Assistant Superintendent Stoner stated she is excited to step into this role supporting teachers, staff and students. Our summer school program has 334 participants with 19 teachers supporting.

GLHS will transition from three lunch periods to two, creating a more student-centered daily schedule. This change provides greater flexibility for students participating in off-campus opportunities while maximizing instructional time and better meeting the diverse needs of our students.

E. **Board President Comments**
President Mendez welcomed Drew and Bobbi Jo to their new positions and wished them success in their new roles. She thanked the community members who participated in public comment and for taking the time to share their perspectives with the Board.

5. **Consent Agenda**
   A. **Board Minutes:** June 4, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
   B. **Accounts Payable:** June 2026 Accounts Payable Report
   C. **Resignation:** Abigail Schepers – GSRP Preschool Teacher

   It was moved by Vice President LaDuke and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Presentations & Reports**
   A. **Facilities/Bond Planning**
   Deputy Superintendent Anderson introduced Dan Tryles of Kingscott, Tim Britain of Viridis Design Group, and Dan Coffman of Miller Davis to the Board. Dan Tryles presented an overview of enrollment projections, the district's bond funding capacity, current bond building and site concepts, preliminary cost estimates, the proposed timeline, and next steps for the bond planning process.

   B. **Bond Update**
   Trustee McCann reported on the Sinking Fund projects currently in progress. Ongoing work includes carpet replacement at Ryan Intermediate, gym lighting improvements at Kellogg Elementary, and air conditioning work at Richland Elementary. The skylight replacement at Ryan Intermediate has been completed.

   C. **Board of Education Community Relations Committee**
   The Committee will meet on Thursday.

   D. **Board of Education Curriculum Committee**
   The Committee met and reviewed a presentation from Kingscott and Miller Davis on Facilities/Bond Planning and received an update on the GLHS lunch schedule change.

E. Board of Education Facilities Committee
The Committee met and discussed 1) Facilities Planning with Kingscott, Miller Davis, and Viridis Design Group; 2) Pathway of Pride; 3) Project Lists – Sinking Fund and Bond

F. Board of Education Finance Committee
The Committee did not meet.

G. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee
The Committee did not meet.

H. Board of Education Policy Committee
The Committee met and discussed the 2026 Thrun Annual Policy Update that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business.

7. Old Business – none

8. New Business

A. Bus Purchase Authorizing Resolution
Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Bus Purchase Authorizing Resolution to the Board for an amount not to exceed $1,303,176 to Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of eight (8) school buses with an interest rate of 4.54% for a five (5) year period.

It was moved by Trustee Scott-Rhodes and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Bus Purchase Authorizing Resolution as presented.

AYES:	LaDuke, Paulose-Murphy, McCann, Keene, Mendez, Scott-Rhodes
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Zervic

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Credit Card Program Resolution
Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Credit Card Program Resolution to the Board to change our district purchasing/credit cards to Huntington Bank. A brief overview was provided.

It was moved by Trustee Scott-Rhodes and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Credit Card Program Resolution as presented.

AYES:	Paulose-Murphy, McCann, Keene, Mendez, Scott-Rhodes, LaDuke
NAYS:	None
Absent:	Zervic

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Thrun Annual Policy Update
Vice President LaDuke presented the 2026 Thrun Annual Policy Update to the Board; a brief overview was provided.

It was moved by Vice President LaDuke, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to adopt the 2026 Thrun Annual Policy Update as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Closed Session Under Section 8(1) of the Open Meetings Act to Consider Attorney-Client Privileged Matter

At 8:10 p.m. it was moved by Vice President LaDuke and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy that the Board of Education of the Gull Lake Community Schools convene in a closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings

Act, MCL 15.268(h) to consider Attorney-Client Privileged Matter.

At 9:27 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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President Carole Mendez

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Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: ____________________