

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 19th day of August 2024, beginning at 7:01 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, Eddie Keene, Desiree LaDuke, John McCann, Carole Mendez, Krystal Scott-Rhodes (via Google Meet due to Military Service), Laura Zervic

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

Kelly Wendzel, Michelle Jaros, Nathan Ferency, Suzy Barrett, Ellie Ferris, Danielle Buckmaster, Doug Nord, Patrick English, Carmen Maring, Courtney Boyce, Rob Woodrow

4. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments: None

B. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Rundle stated a tentative agreement with the Gull Lake Education Association (GLEA) has been reached. The members will vote next Monday.

The Board of Education is invited to tomorrow's Back to School Professional Development; details were given to the Board.

Superintendent Rundle welcomed two new administrators to the Board: Michelle Jaros – Principal of Early College & Innovative Programs and Nathan Ferency – Assistant Principal of Early College & Innovative Programs.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

Deputy Superintendent Anderson is excited for a new school year. She stated it was nice driving up to the school tonight and hearing the band playing and having a campus full of students.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Assistant Superintendent Bordner provided an update on our summer school programming: Sherman Lake YMCA Summer Scholars, Read & Ride, Summer Brain Busters, Robotics Camp, Camp Great Learning, GLMS In-Person, 9th-12th Online Acceleration & Credit Recovery. He thanked all the staff throughout the District for

making these programs possible.

E. Board President Comments

Kudos to Superintendent Rundle and the Administration team on reaching a Tentative Agreement with GLEA. Excited for the new school year!

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: July 15, 2024 Regular Minutes and July 30, 2024 Special Minutes

B. Accounts Payable: July 2024 Accounts Payable Report

C. New Hires: Kelly Bagley – GLVP Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Teacher; Bailey Brichacek – GLHS Science Teacher; Stephanie Dunham – GLMS Intervention Specialist; Nathan Ferency – Assistant Principal of Early College & Innovative Programs; Ellie Ferris – Ryan Intermediate Fourth Grade Teacher; Claire Grobbel – Kellogg Elementary Kindergarten Teacher; Michelle Jaros - Principal of Early College & Innovative Programs; Michelle Krob – GLMS English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher; Caryn Parker – GLVP Grant-Funded Intervention Specialist; Abigail Schepers – Kellogg Elementary Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Teacher; Daniel Tennant – GLHS Grant-Funded Intervention Specialist; Rachel Vert – GLHS Special Education Teacher

D. Resignations: Ashley Castellanos – Richland Elementary Kindergarten Teacher; Gina Dawe-Weaver – Ryan Intermediate Spanish Teacher; Kevin Hamman – Kellogg Elementary Art Teacher; Sarah Overholt – GLMS Math Teacher; Nathalie Shultz – GLVP Special Services Case Manager; Grace Williams – Kellogg Elementary Kindergarten Teacher

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee Keene gave an overview of all the bond projects that are happening throughout the District including work at GLMS, Bedford, Transportation, GLHS, and the GLCFA. The Wish List items have been divided into two groups for continued planning.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee met and discussed ID badges for Board Members, reinstatement of the GLMS and GLHS Student Cabinet, inviting public safety, township, and village officials to greet students on the first day of school, Community Connection Ideas, and inviting Board Members to Adopt a School for the year.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee did not meet.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Update

The Subcommittee did not meet. Trustee Scott-Rhodes met with Superintendent Rundle to discuss restructuring of the Subcommittee.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee did not meet. The September meeting will be rescheduled due to travel.

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed an Audit Update, Budget Update, and GLVP Financials Timeline.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Universe Group; 2) Closed Session under Section 8(1)(c) to Discuss Collective Bargaining; 3) Healthcare Consortium; 4) Transportation Update; 5) Open Positions

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee met and discussed the 2024 Thrun Policy Update that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business.

7. Old Business – none

8. New Business

A. MASB Call for Delegates

President Mendez presented the 2024 Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Call for Delegates. The Delegate Assembly will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024. A brief history was given to the Board. President Mendez is requesting the Board to consider whether they would like to attend. The District is required to assign three delegates, and two alternates based on our pupil count.

President Mendez requested this be addressed at next month's meeting.

B. Healthcare Consortium

Superintendent Rundle presented the Healthcare Consortium to the Board; a brief overview was given. Thurn Law Firm has provided an Acknowledgment and Waiver to be completed by the six (6) participating school districts.

The districts are interested in the collective purchase of public employee health benefits pursuant to a Healthcare Consortium and Thrun will be assisting with the development. Discussion took place.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, to approve the Healthcare Consortium Acknowledgment and Waiver as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. 2024 Thrun Policy Update

Vice President LaDuke presented the 2024 Thrun Policy Update to the Board; a brief overview was given.

It was moved by Vice President LaDuke, on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt the 2024 Thrun Policy Update as presented (See Attached). Motion passed unanimously.

D. Board Resolution Appointing Reinstatement Committee

President Mendez presented the Board Resolution Appointing Reinstatement Committee to the Board. The reinstatement committee requires two (2) board

members, a school administrator, a teacher, and a parent guardian. The following were appointed:

Board Member 1: Laura Zervic
Board Member 2: Desiree LaDuke
School Administrator: Drew Bordner
Teacher: Reggie Walters
Parent: Sarah Avink

The Committee's chairperson will be Drew Bordner.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy and supported by Trustees Keene and McCann to approve the Board Resolution Appointing Reinstatement Committee as presented.

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____