

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 16th day of December 2024, 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

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

B. Absent

None

C. Staff Members

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

D. Guests Present

Michelle Jaros, Jessica Leyrer, Amanda McElroy, Courtney Boyce, Rob Woodrow, Don Eastman, Suzy Barrett, Lynnette Walker, Carmen Maring

4. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments – None

B. Superintendent Comments

Not present.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

Deputy Superintendent Anderson wished everyone a happy holiday.

She informed the Board that Public Act 152 that governs public employer contributions to medical benefit plans is currently on the Governor's desk for signature. The bill would increase the hard cap percentage the District has to contribute. She will inform the Board of more information in the future.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Assistant Superintendent Bordner wished everyone a restful winter break and looking forward to 2025.

E. Board President Comments

The Closed Session to provide the mid-year progress report for the Superintendent at the end of tonight's agenda will be postponed to a future date. President Mendez wished everyone a happy holiday and a great couple of weeks off.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: October 21, 2024 Regular Minutes and November 18, 2024 Regular Minutes

B. Budget Report: November 2024 Budget Report

C. Accounts Payable: November 2024 Accounts Payable Report

D. New Hire: Amanda McElroy – Director of Business Services

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

6. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee McCann provided a bond update to the Board. Series II Bond work is wrapping up with punch list items being completed during winter break at GLMS and the GLCFA. There are two (2) bid packages that were put together for additional work; Bid 1 is due on December 19th and Bid 2 goes out at the end of January.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee met and invited Sam Snow and Emily McKee from the GLCFA to discuss a committee goal/objective that is to provide support and sustainability at the GLCFA. Discussion took place regarding fundraising, seat sponsorships, partnering with the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation (GLCSF) and the Fine Arts Foundation.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed two course proposals that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business.

The Committee reviewed agricultural courses that are available throughout the District, and reviewed committee goals. Secretary Paulose-Murphy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Update

The Subcommittee did not meet.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee did not meet.

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Bus Purchase Recommendation; 2) Plante Moran Services Proposal; 3) GLVP Budget Update; 4) Bond Payoff Schedules; 5) AACC/Community Education Update; 6) Budget Update and Projected Amendments; 7) Budget Report

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and discussed a market analysis as it relates to our Universe Group with discussion on administrative roles and salary bands for those roles as well as teacher salary bands.

The Committee went into Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining for the Secretaries Association that will be addressed under New Business. The Committee also discussed Business Office staffing, AACC Update, an Administrator Wage Recommendation and Transportation Update.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee did not meet. Vice President LaDuke wished everyone a restful winter break.

7. Old Business – none

8. New Business

A. Overnight Trip Request for GLVP

Principal Jaros requested permission on behalf of GLVP, for an overnight trip request to Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat Center, Pentwater, Michigan, May 27 – 30, 2025.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Overnight Trip Request for GLVP as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Bus Purchase Recommendation

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Bus Purchase Recommendation to the Board in the amount of \$168,840 per bus for a total purchase price of \$337,680 to Midwest Transit. A brief overview and discussion took place.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to accept the Bus Purchase Recommendation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Gull Lake Educational Secretaries Association Contract Ratification

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Gull Lake Educational Secretaries Association Contract Ratification to the Board. Details of the 3-year contract were given to the Board.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, to approve the Gull Lake Educational Secretaries Contract Ratification as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

D. GLHS Video Game Development Curriculum Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the GLHS Video Game Development Curriculum Proposal to the Board with course overview.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the GLHS Video Game Development Curriculum Proposal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

E. GLHS Performing Arts as Therapy Curriculum Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the GLHS Performing Arts as Therapy Curriculum Proposal to the Board with course overview. Discussion took place.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the GLHS Performing Arts as Therapy Curriculum Proposal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Board & Committee Goals

President Mendez asked each committee to report out on the accomplishments of their established goals. Each committee gave a report and highlighted the completed goals as well as the work they will continue to achieve their goals.

G. Closed Session Under Section 8(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act to Evaluate the Superintendent (Mid-Year Progress Report)

Postponed to a later date.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____