

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 15th day of December 2025, beginning at 7:00 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

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

B. Absent

None

C. Staff Members

Superintendent Christopher Rundle, Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, and Recording Secretary Danelle Wheeler

D. Guests Present

Danielle Buckmaster, Suzy Barrett, Caryn Parker, Rob Woodrow, Michelle Jaros, Audra Misner, Lynnette Walker, Bobbi Jo Stoner

4. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments – none

B. Superintendent Comments

Deferred comments until later in the agenda.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

Deputy Superintendent Anderson wished everyone happy holidays.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Not present

E. Board President Comments

President Mendez thanked everyone for all their hard work throughout the first trimester. She wished everyone a wonderful two weeks off.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: November 17, 2025 Regular Minutes

B. Budget Report: November 2025 Budget Report

C. Accounts Payable: November 2025 Accounts Payable Report

D. Retirement: Kimberly Ditto – GLMS Counselor

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the Consent Agenda, including acknowledgement of the retirement with regret. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee McCann provided an update to the Board on the projects. At Kellogg Elementary they will be installing radiant heat over winter break. The storage buildings at the Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts (GLCFA) and Maintenance will receive occupancy permits by the end of the month. The Sinking Fund Projects are complete except for the Ryan Intermediate skylight replacement, which is scheduled for next summer.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee met in November and discussed the PFM Financial Advisors, LLC Financial Presentation as it relates to community engagement.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee did not meet.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee met and discussed the hiring of Mike Yale as the Buildings & Grounds Director. Deputy Superintendent Anderson met with Miller Davis to review available funding for wish list items. The Committee received an update on the Tennis Building project, including that Tower Pinkster has provided plans and renderings to AVB Construction for budgeting purposes, with a cost report expected in January. Additionally, Superintendent Rundle and Deputy Superintendent Anderson met with Kingscott and Viridis Design Group and provided the Committee with an update on facility planning.

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Food Service Budget and the Excess Spend Down Plan; 2) Bus Purchase Recommendation that will be brought to the next meeting for finalization; 3) GLVP Program Review/Budget; 4) Enrollment Update; 5) Budget Update

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and entered a Closed Session for Collective Bargaining discussions with the next negotiations session scheduled for December 16th. The Committee also received a transportation update, reviewed salary/wage information for all staff, and open staffing positions.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee did not meet.

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business

A. GLHS Student Senate Overnight Trip Request

Principal Stoner requested permission on behalf of the GLHS Student Senate, for an overnight trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 21-23, 2026.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to approve the Overnight Trip Request for GLHS Student Senate as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Section 125 Plan Amendment

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Section 125 Plan Amendment to the Board with a brief overview.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Section 125 Plan Amendment as presented (see attached).

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 7:17 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____