

**Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**The Board of Trustees**  
**Gull Lake Community Schools**

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A Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Gull Lake Community Schools was held on the 19th day of May 2025, 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**

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

**B. Absent**

Laura Zervic

**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**

Suzy Barrett, Christine Fadden, Rob Woodrow, Lynnette Walker, Victoria Bower, Pamela Gernaat, Hannah Lord, Amanda McElroy, Mike Stephayn, Elizabeth Pashby, Mike Pashby, Samantha Forintos, Sarah Holmes, Kaitlynn Baylerian, Carmen Maring, Michelle Jaros, Danielle Buckmaster

**4. Communications/Public Comments**

**A. Public Comments – None**

**B. Superintendent Comments**

The district and community experienced a power outage, hopefully everyone's power is restored by tomorrow evening.

**C. Deputy Superintendent Comments**

Deputy Superintendent Anderson shared a brief update on the State budget, noting that the Consensus Estimating Conference was held on May 16, 2025. Significant uncertainty remains at the state level, which poses challenges as we approach our June budget adoption. It appears likely that there will be an increase in the Foundation Allowance which is a positive development.

**D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments**

Defer comments until later in the agenda.

**E. Board President Comments**

President Mendez reported that a Special Board Meeting was held to evaluate Superintendent Rundle. He received a 99% rating, received merit pay, and a contract renewal. Thank you to Chris for all his hard work.

## 5. Consent Agenda

- A. **Board Minutes:** April 25, 2025 Special and Closed Minutes, April 30, 2025 Special and Closed Minutes
- B. **Budget Report:** April 2025 Budget Report
- C. **Accounts Payable:** April Accounts Payable Report
- D. **New Hires:** Samantha Fortinos – Ryan Intermediate 3rd Grade Teacher; Hannah Lord – Richland Elementary 1st Grade Teacher; Elizabeth Pashby - Ryan Intermediate 3rd Grade Teacher
- E. **Retirements:** Floy Latham – Ryan Intermediate Music Teacher; Sheila Wood – GLHS ELA Teacher

It was moved by Vice President LaDuke and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and accept the retirements with deep regret. Superintendent Rundle thanked the retirees for their service. Motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Presentations & Reports

### A. KRESA Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Awards

Suzy Barret, Special Education Supervisor presented the KRESA PAC Award to Christine Fadden, Teacher Consultant – Gull Lake Middle School. Additional nominees were Sarah Holmes, Hannah Lord, and Kaitlynn Baylerian.

### B. Bond Update

Trustee McCann reported work will begin once school is out for the summer. This work includes Bid Pack #1 and #2, Black Box Theatre Controls, and Sinking Fund Projects. The Ryan Intermediate Skylights project has a lead time for materials that will take us into next year.

### C. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee did not meet but held the Community Organizations Breakfast at the Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts (GLCFA). Thank you to Josh Reames for the delicious food, Anna Peters for coordinating the band and choir performances, and Sam Snow for the use of the GLCFA Gallery.

### D. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed the 2025-26 Technology Purchases that will be addressed under New Business. The Committee also reviewed the summer school offerings which include Sherman Lake YMCA Summer Scholars, Read & Ride, Summer Brain Busters, Camp Great Learning, GLMS In-Person, 9th-12th Online Acceleration, Credit Recovery and Robotics.

### E. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Tennis Facility Proposal; 2) Kellogg Elementary Traffic Flow Study; 3) Facility Master Planning; 4) Flock Camera System; 5) Excess Food Service Fund Balance Spend Down Plan; 6) GLHS Bathroom Improvements

### F. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed the KRESA Budget Resolution, and the Administrator Merit Pay that will be addressed under New Business. The Committee also discussed the 2024-25 Preliminary Budget Amendments, 2025-26 Budget Projections, Transportation Comparison – Buses vs Vans, and the Budget Report.

**G. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee**

The Committee did not meet.

**H. Board of Education Policy Committee**

The Committee did not meet.

**7. Old Business – none**

**8. New Business**

**A. KRESA Budget Resolution**

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the KRESA Budget Resolution; a brief overview was given to the Board.

It was moved by Trustee McCann, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the KRESA Budget Resolution as presented.

AYES: LaDuke, Paulose-Murphy, McCann, Keene, Mendez, Scott-Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Zervic

Motion passed unanimously.

**B. KRESA Biennial Election Resolution**

President Mendez presented the KRESA Biennial Election Resolution. This is a resolution to designate an Electoral Representative for the June 2nd Biennial Election. The Board will appoint Trustee Scott-Rhodes as the designated representative and Vice President LaDuke as the alternate.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy and supported by Trustee McCann to adopt the KRESA Biennial Election Resolution to Appoint an Electoral Representative as presented (see attached).

AYES: Paulose-Murphy, McCann, Keene, Mendez, Scott-Rhodes, LaDuke

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Zervic

Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Vice President LaDuke and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to adopt the KRESA Biennial Election Resolution to Cast Votes for Two Incumbents as presented (see attached).

AYES: McCann, Keene, Mendez, Scott-Rhodes, LaDuke, Paulose-Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Zervic

Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Technology Purchases 2025-26**

Mike Stephayn, Supervisor of Technology Services presented the Technology Purchases for 2025-26 to the Board. The bond purchases will take place after July 1, 2025 as part of the 2018 Technology Bond Series 2 in the amount of \$355,536.50.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the technology purchases of \$355,536.50 for 2025-26 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Administrator Contract Extensions**

Superintendent Rundle recommended contract extensions for the list of Administrators as presented.

It was moved by Trustee Scott-Rhodes and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Administrator Contract Extensions as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Administrator Merit Pay**

Superintendent Rundle recommended Administrator Merit Pay for the list of Administrators as presented.

It was moved by Trustee Scott-Rhodes and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Administrator Merit Pay as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**F. Professional Staff Probation & Tenure**

Superintendent Rundle recommended the Professional Staff Probation & Tenure for the list of teachers be approved as presented.

It was moved by Trustee Scott-Rhodes and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Professional Staff Probation & Tenure as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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President Carole Mendez

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Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_