

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 March 2026, beginning at 7:02 p.m. in the Gull Lake High School Cafeteria, Richland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

A. Present

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

B. Absent

John McCann

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

Peggy Kendrick, Tia Vacha, Alex Bohr, Adrian Myers, Jessica Leyrer, Kyle Smith, Jessica Klobucher, Hannah Lord, Tonya McCullin, Katie Kemp, Laurie Klok, Carly Andersen, Mary Barringer, Michelle Jones, Ashley Copp, Kristen Holsomback, Sydney Harris, Amy Bower, Jeremy Badiner, Tracy Lynn, Becky Klein, Audra Misner, Jodi Klein, Amy Krueger, Abigail Kirinovic, Angie Mingerink, Samantha Forintos, Kristin Carl, Patrick English, Michelle King, Doug Hoover, Jenn Pickens, Kate Christian, Grace Eishen, Lisa Renne, Colleen Richardson, Eric Belz, Tina Orley, Kara Helgemo, Jaclyn Bartley, Jennifer Snead, Michele Chabitch, T.R. Walters, Kim Wisser, Jordon Beery, Deb Kuch, Kelly McWhinnie, Ray Antel, Amy Perry, Kayla O'Heran, Sarah Lyster, Brittani Zuidema, Charlie Jansen, Jenna Ellis, Jessica Wolfe, Abbie Schepers, Danielle Vert, Jim Minard, Catherine Robison, Misty Osborn, Cameron Hoover, Jacob Oaster, Tim Wester, Stacy Robbins, Betsy Muskovin, Pamela Gernaat, Kim Clancy, Justin Kirinovic, Sarah Holmes, Nikki VanPelt, Haylee Meadows, Dustin Sayers, Stephanie Dunham, Reggie Walters, Amy Kuiper, Hailey Cullen, Shelley Fulling, Jeremiah Walters, Sarah LeBoeuf-Brown, Ashley Bensinger, Alex Kahila, Rob Woodrow, Patti Janik, Tyler Gernaat, Molly Flora, Sean Flora, Liby Flora, Carmen Maring, Luke Walker, Alissa Walker, Alisha Woolley, Amanda McElroy, Courtney Boyce, Travis Law, Zach Lecceadone, Danielle Buckmaster, Kelsey Ward, Anastasia Bush, Jessica Walters, Alaina Neff, Nicholas Bennett, Amanda Neitzel, Callie Cwiakala, Kaitlynn Baylerian, Kristen Grimm, Jenna Kahila, Matt Streitl, Peter Santa Maria, Kathy Engel, Bobbi Jo Stoner, Casie Tyler, Paige Oudsema, Lynnette Walker, Breanna Cleasby, Heather Burns, Michelle Barton, Lisa Langs, Shannon Enden, Suzy Barrett, Katie Roseboom, Laura Donaldsen, Jon Vacha, Kasi Huver, Kara Wyman, Payton Steinke, Andrea Burke, Gail Goebel, Shelly Henderson, Seth Allred, Anna Bennett, Renee Scott, Nicole Hartman, Ellie Ferris, Jason Coats, Luke Myers, Jamie King, Dave Hutson, Victoria Bower, Hannah St. Clair

4. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments

The following teachers, students, and community members addressed the Board to share their perspectives on teacher salaries and contract negotiations: Tia Vacha, Patrick English, Jacob Oaster, Elliott Mingerink, Reggie Walters, Seth Allred, Anna Bennett, Hannah St. Clair, Michele Chabitch, Danielle Vert, Kristin Carl, Carly Andersen, Catherine Robison, Becky Klein, Jim Minard, Bethany Richardson, Ray Antel, Pam Gernaat, Dave Hutson, Travis Law, Alaina Neff, Alex Bohr

B. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Rundle invited Kelsey Ward, Child Care/Community Education Coordinator, to introduce her newest employee, Hailey Cullen, who will serve as the Child Care Assistant Director.

Superintendent Rundle read his retirement letter, effective June 30, 2026.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

Deputy Superintendent Anderson expressed her sincere gratitude for Superintendent Rundle's service to the District, noting that it is difficult to fully capture the depth of that appreciation in words.

D. Assistant Superintendent Comments

Assistant Superintendent Bordner expressed appreciation to Superintendent Rundle for his exemplary work and leadership in modeling best practices for the District.

E. Board President Comments

President Mendez conveyed appreciation to Superintendent Rundle for his service and noted we have three more months to celebrate his contributions.

President Mendez thanked Tia Vacha, GLEA President, for her opening remarks on the state of negotiations and provided a brief update on the status of negotiations, noting that the next session is scheduled March 23, 2026.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: February 5, 2026 Special and Closed Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2026 Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

B. Accounts Payable: February 2026 Accounts Payable Report

C. New Hire: Amanda Neitzel – GSRP Preschool Teacher

D. Retirement: Christopher L. Rundle – GLCS Superintendent

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and to accept the retirement with extreme gratitude and regret. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

President Mendez reported on behalf of Trustee McCann. Bid Pack #1 wish list is complete; Bid Pack #2 storage facilities are largely complete with a few items remaining. Sinking Fund projects have been finalized, except for the Ryan Intermediate skylight replacement, which is scheduled for June. Remaining bond funds are available; the Facilities Committee will revisit the middle school courtyard project and band furniture.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee will meet on Thursday.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee did not meet.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee did not meet.

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee did not meet.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee did not meet.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee did not meet.

7. Old Business - none

8. New Business

A. GLMS Overnight Trip Request

Principal Maring requested permission on behalf of the GLMS Travel Club, for an overnight trip request to London and Paris, August 10-17, 2027.

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

B. School of Choice

Deputy Superintendent Anderson announced that School of Choice will be open from April 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and will close on May 26, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. with a minimum of one student per grade level.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the School of Choice 2026-2027 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Superintendent Search

President Mendez presented the Superintendent Search resolution to the Board. Superintendent Rundle announced his intent to retire, June 30, 2026. The Board will invite internal applicants to apply by March 23, 2026 (see resolution).

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to approve the Resolution as presented.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: McCann

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____