

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 June 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, Eddie Keene, John McCann, Carole Mendez, Mini Paulose-Murphy, Laura Zervic, Krystal Scott-Rhodes (via Google Meet due to Military Duty)

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

Amanda McElroy, Connie Mollison, Rob Woodrow, Jenna Ellis, Jordon Beery, Lynnette Walker, Carmen Maring

4. Budget Hearing on 2025-2026 Budget

The Budget Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m. regarding the 2025-2026 proposed Preliminary Budget. Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented an overview of the proposed Preliminary Budget with the actual adoption to take place later in the meeting. She reviewed with the Board the revenue projection and expenditures will leave excess (deficit) over expenditures of \$315,047. Thank you to the Finance Committee and Administrators for their collaboration.

Deputy Superintendent Anderson noted that on the revenue side the assumptions include a 3.0% increase in local taxes and \$144 Foundation Allowance increase. On the expenditure side, the assumptions include a retirement rate of 29.91%, a 2.9% increase in health insurance hard cap, a 30% increase in natural gas, and 15% increase in electric.

Public Comments on the Budget: None

The Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget was closed at 7:19 p.m.

5. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments – None

B. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Rundle expressed his appreciation to the Business Office and the Board for their work on the budget.

He also reported that he has communicated twice in the past month with Representative Matt Hall about removing the cap for virtual enrollment and House Bill

4577, which pertains to the K-12 School Aid Fund budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Additionally, he noted how much he enjoyed attending and participating in this year's graduation ceremonies.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

No additional comments.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Assistant Superintendent Bordner thanked the students, staff, administration, and parents for another successful school year. Summer School started today.

E. Board President Comments

President Mendez expressed her agreement with Superintendent Rundle on the importance of the K-12 School Aid Fund budget and emphasized the need for its passage to ensure school operations continue smoothly. She also echoed Assistant Superintendent Bordner's remarks and thanked the staff for another successful school year.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2025 Special and Closed Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Budget Report: May 2025 Budget Report

C. Accounts Payable Report: May 2025 Accounts Payable Report

D. New Hires: Jordon Beery – GLMS Math Teacher; Kandyce Coffelt – GLHS Health & Physical Education Teacher; Brenna Crawford – GLHS Resource Room Teacher; Jenna Ellis – GLHS English Language Arts Teacher; Jessica Gordy – GLHS Science Teacher; Connie Mollison – Ryan Intermediate Special Education Teacher; Great Rose – Richland Elementary 1st Grade Teacher; Allison Rousseau – GLMS Choir Teacher; Bobbi Jo Stoner – GLHS Principal

E. Resignation: Tim Petroelje – GLHS Social Studies Teacher

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

7. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee McCann reported that the Series II Bond projects are nearing completion, with ongoing work at the Transportation Department and GLMS. With the start of summer break, work started on Bid Pack #1 and Bid Pack #2. Additionally, Sinking Fund Projects include work at Richland Elementary, GLMS, and Ryan Intermediate.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee did not meet.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Course Catalogs, K-5 Math Curriculum Proposal, and 2025-2026 Curriculum Purchases that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) GRP/WEGMAN Solar Panels; 2) GLCSF Endowment Wall; 3) Tennis Building Update; 4) Facility Improvement Plan Spreadsheet; 5) Follow-Up Questions

The Board discussed the GLCSF Endowment Wall installation at length. The Facilities Committee expressed general support for the Foundation's initiative but noted final approval of the location is still required.

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Food Service Management Company Renewal, the State Aid Borrowing Resolution, the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments, and the 2025-2026 Budget Adoption that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and discussed an Employee Wellness Program from Ulliance, Inc., as well as salary and wage information for all staff. They also reviewed wage recommendations for both the Transportation and Custodial departments, requesting additional details before moving forward. Additionally, the committee reviewed the monthly Transportation Update and current open staffing positions.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee met and discussed the current and proposed cell phone guidelines for both Gateway Academy and Gull Lake High School. These guidelines will be included in the Student Handbooks. The Committee also reviewed Senate Bill 234 and House Bill 4141.

8. Old Business – none

9. New Business

A. MASB Membership Renewal

President Mendez presented the MASB Membership Renewal to the Board in the amount of \$7,534.35. MASB is a full-service membership that provides a variety of benefits to our District.

It was moved by Vice President LaDuke and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to approve the MASB Membership Renewal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B. MHSAA 2025-26 Membership Resolution

Superintendent Rundle presented the MHSAA 2025-26 Membership Resolution to the Board. This yearly membership runs from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the MHSAA 2025-26 Membership Resolution as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Food Service Management Company Renewal

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the Food Service Management Company Renewal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Course Catalogs 2025-2026

Assistant Superintendent Bordner recommended the Course Catalogs for 2025-2026 for the Middle School, High School, Gateway Academy, and Virtual Partnership be approved as presented.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the 2025-2026 Course Catalogs as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Bordner recommended the GLVP New Courses for 2025-2026 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the GLVP New Courses for 2025-2026 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

E. State Aid Borrowing Resolution

Deputy Superintendent Anderson gave a brief history of the State Aid Borrowing Resolution to the Board. For 2025-2026 the District will need to borrow and is requesting to authorize up to \$2.2 million with a projected interest rate of not more than 3.5%.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Issues of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid in the amount of borrowing not to exceed \$2.2 million (see attached).

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Final Budget Amendments for 2024-2025 Resolution

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the final amended budget for the 2024-2025 school year. The District has excess (deficit) revenue over expenditures of \$721,133 with a 17.22% fund balance.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the General Appropriations Resolution for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Budget Adoption for 2025-2026 Resolution

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Budget Adoption for the 2025-2026 school year. The proposed preliminary budget shows an excess (deficit) revenue over expenditures of \$315,047.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the General Appropriations Resolution for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed unanimously.

H. K-5 Math Curriculum Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the K-5 Math Curriculum Proposal in the amount of \$299,999 to the Board for their review. A brief overview of the selection process was provided.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the K-5 Math Curriculum Proposal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

I. 2025-2026 Curriculum Purchases

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the 2025-2026 Curriculum Purchases in the amount of \$473,959 to the Board.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the 2025-2026 Curriculum Purchases as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____