



BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MEETING

Friday, October 17, 2025 ~ 8:30 AM
GHAPS Education Service Center

AGENDA

Mission Statement: Committed to creating a learning environment where students are challenged to think critically, act responsibly, and lead with purpose.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Agenda

II. CONSENT GROUPING

- A. Approval of Minutes - October 7, 2025
- B. Payment of Bills - September

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Grand Partner of the Month: Chill Foundation

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Education invites members of the audience to share feedback or input during this portion of the meeting. Comments may be related to an agenda item or to other areas of interest. The Board does not take action on comments or questions made during the public comment. The comments may be referred to the Superintendent for response, research, and/or recommendation. The Board asks that all speakers identify themselves, and limit remarks to three minutes. We welcome your input.

V. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

- A. Benchmark Assessment Scores - iReady, K-8
- B. Reading Now Network Data, K-12

VI. BUSINESS SERVICES

- A. Signing Contracts Delegation Approval
- B. Equipment Purchase for Public Announcement System Approval
- C. 2024-25 Audit Presentation & Approval

VII. SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Introduction of Student Representatives Serving on the Board of Education
- B. Strategic Plan Update / Transparency Reporting
- C. New Website & App Update

- D. Public Presentations & Survey Results
- E. Considerations Overview
- F. Recommendations / Timelines of Future School Bond Vote

VIII. **BOARD PRESIDENT**

- A. Board Goals Update
- B. Leadership Development: StrengthsFinder

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 17, 2025

Agenda Topic: Benchmark Assessment Scores - iReady, K-8

Presented by: Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services

Summary of Issue:

Grand Haven Area Public Schools are required to establish benchmark goals for reading and math in grades K-8 and also academic goals for grades 9-12. These goals are to be announced to the Board of Education and progress toward the goals must be reported in February and June. Consistent with last year, the goal is to show growth in reading and math for 100% of our students as measured by the iReady assessment. It is also a goal to have 100% of our students on track for graduation in grade 9-12. Baseline Benchmark Scores will be presented for reading and math in grades K-8.

Administrative Recommendation:

No Action Required.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 17, 2025

Agenda Topic: Reading Now Network Data, K-12

Presented by: Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services

Summary of Issue:

State assessment scores were plotted against the at risk factors of free and reduced lunch and chronic absenteeism. The line through the graph represents the predicted outcome. Schools and districts plotted above the line show an entity outperforming what is predicted. Schools and districts plotted below the line show schools underperforming based on the risk factors. Grand Haven Area Public Schools is one of the few districts to be above the line. All K-8 schools are above the line.

Administrative Recommendation:

No Action Required.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 17, 2025

Agenda Topic: Signing Contracts Delegation Approval

Presented by: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Approval of a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Executive Director of Business Services to sign and execute District agreements from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, consistent with Board policy, law, and approved budgets. Delegation does not override competitive bidding or other legal requirements and expires June 30, 2026, unless renewed.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to adopt the resolution authorizing employees in the administrative positions named above to sign and execute District agreements from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Agenda Item For Board Meeting

DATE: October 17, 2025

Agenda Topic: Unified District Public Address System

Presented by: Trent Carithers, Director of Safety & Security and Matthew Leigh, Assistant Director of Technology

Summary of Issue:

The district currently maintains many bespoke Public Address systems, making each building a unique setup that provides varying levels of coverage. PA systems are utilized both for daily operations, such as announcements and class time bells, and for emergency notification and direction. Both of these utilities are vital to the regular and safe operation of a school building, but the implementation is not consistent across the district.

A unified Public Address system would allow the district to operate and maintain a robust communication tool, while still allowing for customization on a per-building basis. With individually network-attached speakers, each device can be modified and managed depending on the specific needs of each area within a building. New PA endpoints would also provide additional benefits to address needs within the district; in addition to PA audio, the endpoints also provide date and time displays, visual indicators and messaging, and can be used as an intercom device.

The proposed system includes infrastructure installation, where each endpoint will have a new network connection line run to its location. This service agnostic connection allows installation of the proposed hardware, and provides full flexibility for any future system changes. Informacast is currently used, and would be expanded to continue with the proposed system to operate the notifications provided to the endpoints. Backup power generators would be installed where needed to keep the system functional during power outages.

We are recommending the purchase and installation of AtlasIED endpoint devices, in order to establish a unified public address system.

The funding source for this unified system would be the Sinking Fund, split into two phases between 2025/26 and 2026/27. Phase 1 would cover urgent needs at White Pines Intermediate, Central High, Ferry Elementary, Duneside Discovery Center, Robinson Elementary, Lake Hills Elementary, Rosy Mound Elementary, and Peach Plains Elementary.

OMNIA Partners would be the contract pricing vehicle used to purchase the new AtlasIED hardware from MOSS Telecom.

Administrative Recommendation:

The Board is asked to approve the purchase of Phase 1 Materials of the Unified District Public Address System for a total cost not to exceed \$690,060.58

Unified District Public Address System

Phase 1 (2025-2026)

Building	OMNIA Clock Materials Total	OMNIA Cable Materials Total	Est. Cable Labor
Duneside	\$65,059.76	\$11,971.27	\$22,710.76
Ferry	\$77,456.05	\$5,987.04	\$17,805.11
Central High	\$40,979.73	\$3,820.80	\$10,096.24
White Pines	\$183,142.42	\$14,134.16	\$45,238.52
Robinson	\$76,077.25	\$6,465.14	\$19,312.62
Lake Hills	\$56,538.57	\$4,699.49	\$13,398.02
Rosy Mound	\$59,568.06	\$4,835.00	\$14,236.47
Peach Plains	\$73,300.86	\$6,024.98	\$17,903.51
<i>Phase 1 OMNIA Materials</i>	<i>\$690,060.58</i>		
<i>Phase 1 Labor</i>		<i>\$160,701.25</i>	
<i>Phase 1 Infrastructure Hardware</i>	<i>\$150,000.00</i>		
<i>Phase 1 Total</i>	<i>\$850,761.83</i>		

Phase 2 (2026-2027)

Building	OMNIA Clock Materials Total	OMNIA Cable Materials Total	Est. Cable Labor
High School	\$352,822.13	\$28,404.43	\$99,823.42
Griffin	\$72,717.43	\$6,378.89	\$16,864.80
Lakeshore	\$92,606.15	\$8,104.75	\$24,710.76
ESC	\$50,021.92	\$4,735.82	\$13,997.32
ESC Fiber	\$16,778.58	\$3,249.14	\$4,814.25
<i>Phase 2 OMNIA Materials</i>	<i>\$635,819.24</i>		
<i>Phase 2 Labor</i>		<i>\$160,210.55</i>	
<i>Phase 2 Total</i>	<i>\$796,029.79</i>		

Total OMNIA Materials	\$1,325,879.82
Total Labor	\$320,911.80
Total Generators	\$150,000.00
Total Infrastructure Hardware	\$150,000.00
Project Total	\$1,946,791.62

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: 2024-25 Audit Presentation & Approval

Presented by: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Representative(s) from Maner Costerisan will be presenting the 2024-25 audit reports to the Board of Education.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to accept the 2024-25 audit into District records.