Grand Haven Area Public Schools

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, June 15, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM
GHAPS Education Service Center

DRAFT 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 - May 11, 2026

B. Payment of Bills - May

III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. State Champions

B. American Legion Teacher of the Year Award

C. Leadership Connect

D. MASB Awards

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. **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING**

A. Student Representatives Report

VI. **TEACHING & LEARNING**

A. Benchmark Assessment Goals and Data

B. Approval of Online Curriculum Adoption and Purchase: Subject

C. Approval of US History Book Renewal

D. Approval of Learner Readiness Purchase

E. Approval of MHSAA Membership Resolution

VII. **FINANCE & OPERATIONS**

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A. Approval of 2026 Tax Levy

B. Approval of 2025-26 Final Budget Amendment

C. Approval of 2026-27 Proposed Budget

D. Approval of Bank Depositories & Credit Card Holders

VIII. **LABOR & POLICY**

A. Approval of New Hires

B. Approval of Administrator Contract Extensions

C. Approval of Non-Association Employee Compensation

D. Bargaining Strategy (Closed Session, pending vote, pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act)

E. Approval of Employee Association Bargaining Agreements

IX. **SUPERINTENDENT**

A. 2nd Reading of Board Policy Updates

B. 1st Reading of Policy Updates

C. Master Plan Roadmap: Potential Bond Phasing and Next Steps

X. **BOARD PRESIDENT**

A. Superintendent's Contract

B. Board Goals Update

C. Trustee Activity Reports

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 15, 2026

Agenda Topic: Benchmark Assessment Data

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

Summary of Issue:

Every year, Grand Haven Area Public Schools reports to the Board of Education and the community on our progress to reach two goals. The goals are:

1. All K-8 students will show growth in math and reading as measured by the iReady diagnostic.
2. All 9-12 students will be on track for high school graduation.

The data will be provided prior to the Board of Education meeting and highlights will be given.

Administrative Recommendation:

No action required.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Online Curriculum Resource Adoption and Purchase

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

Summary of Issue:

Instructional Services is seeking support to adopt and purchase a new online curriculum for Grand Haven CyberSchool, credit recovery and summer school. The online resource is called Subject. It was piloted and recommended by GH CyberSchool teachers and principal for the following reasons:

- More robust and engaging
- Enhanced academic integrity safeguards
- Enhanced work generation tools (built-in spell check and editing capabilities)
- Tutor support capabilities
- Detailed pacing guides, customizable for individual student needs
- Teacher agency to adjust/accommodate courses to student needs (IEP, 504)
- Teacher agency to re-assign, re-grade as needed
- Enhanced teacher-to-student interactions, relationship-building, coaching
- Video content is superior
- Offers wide selection of classes with a growing course catalogue
- Optional CTE courses
- 3 year subscription will guarantee no price increase
- The cost is the same as the previous curriculum.
- Seeking support to bring the resource adoption and purchase to the Board of Education for 60 concurrent licenses at $650/license for a total of $39,000.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the adoption and purchase of Subject as presented at an annual cost of $39,000 for three years.

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Agenda Topic: US History Book Renewal

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

Summary of Issue:

Instructional Services is seeking support to purchase a renewal of the textbook resource for U.S. History class that serves primarily 10th grade students. This book has a new copyright. The book is National Geographic: U.S. History America Through the Lens 1877 to the Present.

- 6 year access
- 310 digital copies
- 40 physical textbooks
- Total cost: $49,792.10

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the renewal of the US History Book as presented, at a total cost of $49,792.10.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Agenda Topic: Learner Readiness Purchase

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

Summary of Issue:

Instructional Services is seeking support to adopt and purchase a resource that will support learner readiness. Students sometimes lack stamina, resilience, problem solving, self-regulation, or cooperation skills needed for learning. The Learner Readiness Team is recommending Wayfinder for students in grades K-12 for five years at a discounted rate of $39,284.80 for each year.

- Purpose driven and engaging
- From Stanford University; research informed
- Includes Tier 1, 2, and 3 supports which creates fluency across RTI
- Prioritizes movement which is essential for young students
- Includes family letters for more family involvement
- Low preparation for teachers
- Student-led lessons to increase student engagement and student learning
- Deeper dive lessons/activities for students with 504 plans and IEPs
- Content is updated every year
- This resource has an appropriate scaffolding process
- Strong data and accountability measures
- Works nicely with the Board approved six learner traits

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the adoption and purchase of Wayfinder as presented, at an annual cost of $39,284.80 for five years.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Agenda Topic: MHSAA Membership Resolution

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

Summary of Issue:

Each year, the Board of Education is required to renew the District's membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association by way of a formal resolution prepared by the MHSAA.

Administrative Recommendation: (ROLL CALL)

Motion to adopt the resolution for membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2026-27 school year.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: 2026 Tax Levies

Presented by: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Attached is Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029 establishing the tax levies of 18 mills for non-principal residence and 0.6885 sinking fund mills. The millage will be levied 100 percent in the summer as previously adopted by the Board.

Administrative Recommendation (ROLL CALL):

Motion to adopt Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029 for the 2026 tax levies.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: 2025-26 Final Budget Amendment

Presented by: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue

Below is an overview of the changes in the 2025-26 budget revision resolution:

Total Revenues	$ 90,357,100
Total Expense	$ 92,921,200
Beginning Fund Balance – July 1, 2025	$ 9,403,906
Projected Fund Balance – June 30, 2026	$ 6,839,807
Fund balance as a percent of total expenditures (Amendment 1 was 8.09%)	7.36%

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the 2025-26 Final Budget Amendment.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEMS FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: 2026-27 Proposed Budget

Presented By: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

The 2026-27 proposed budget is presented for approval.

Total Revenues	$ 89,167,800
Total Expenditures	$ 89,456,900

Projected Fund Balance – June 30, 2027 $ 6,550,707

Fund balance as a percent of total expenditures 7.32%

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the proposed 2026-27 budget as presented.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Agenda Topic: Designation of 2026-27 Bank Depositories/Financial Institutions and authorized district credit cards users

Presented by: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Listed below are the banking institutions at which we currently have accounts:

MBIA-CLASS:
- Debt Fund Investment
- Capital Projects Fund Investment
- General Fund Investment

Huntington National Bank
- 2020 School Building & Site
- General Fund Investment

West Michigan Community Bank
- 2020 School Building & Site Checking
- Common Debt Retirement Account
- Capital Projects Fund 42
- Sinking Fund

Lake Michigan Credit Union
- General Checking
- General Savings
- Payroll Checking
- Health Insurance Account
- AFLAC Account

Listed below are the financial institutions where we bid investments:

- The Huntington National Bank/Huntington Capital Corp.
- MBIA-MISC/CLASS Pool
- Community Shores Bank
- Flagstar Bank
- Macatawa Bank
- PFM Asset Management, LLC
- Meeder Investments
- Citizens Bank
- West Michigan Community Bank
- Lake Michigan Credit Union
- Argent Institutional Trust Company (AITC)
- UMB
- US Bank
- Commerce Bank

Positions authorized to use district credit cards:
- Superintendent
- Superintendent Administrative Assistant
- Assistant Superintendent

Executive Director Instructional Services
Executive Director of Business Services
Executive Director of Special Education
Technology Director
Director of Operations
Director of Early Childhood
Principal
Athletic Director
Director of Safety & Security
Assistant Director

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the above bank depositories/financial institutions and authorized district credit card users for school district funds for the 2026-27 school year.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Agenda Topic: New Hires

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services

Summary of Issue:

Interview teams met with and interviewed candidates for these positions in the district. It is the recommendation of the interview teams to offer an employment contract for a position within the district to the following candidate:

New Hires/Teachers	**Position**	**Building**	**Level**
Hannah Forest	Teacher – Grade 2	Lake Hills	BA Step 1
Timothy Kleyla	Teacher – Grade 2	Ferry	BA Step 1

New Hires/Administrator	**Position**	**Building**	**Level**
Michael Barnett	Assistant Principal	White Pines	Step 1

Administrative Recommendation**:**

Motion to offer employment contract to the above-named candidates for the 2026-27 school year, with placement on the salary schedule as presented.

All personnel hires are recommended by Administration and are formally approved by the Board of Education for the public record.

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Agenda Topic: Administrator Contract Extensions

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Summary of Issue:

The Board Labor & Policy Committee met and recommended approval of contract extensions, through June 2027, with compensation for the 2026-27 year in accordance with the GHAPSAA bargaining agreement.

Grand Haven Area Public Schools Administrators Association (3% wage increase defined in bargaining agreement):

Michael Barnett, Assistant Principal, White Pines Intermediate School
Kevin Berko, Principal, Central High School
Trent (Douglas) Carithers, Director of Security & Safety
Brandon (Brad) Cusumano, Principal, Lakeshore Middle School
Aaron Dean, Assistant Principal, Grand Haven High School
Keegan Ferris, Assistant Principal, Grand Haven High School
Megan Goffnett, Principal, Robinson Elementary School
Cecil Hammond, Director Technology
Shelly Hammond, Principal, Ferry Elementary
Ally Harder, Assistant Special Education Director
Nate Hunt, Director of Communication
Erica Kelly, Principal, Duneside Discovery Center
Jason Lawson, Principal, Peach Plains Elementary School
Matthew Leigh, Assistant Director of Technology
Jason MacKay, Director of Operations and Transportation
Cortney Naber, Assistant Principal, Lakeshore Middle School
Jennifer Byxbe, Principal, Lake Hills Elementary School
Rachel Poel, Principal, Rosy Mound Elementary
Gina Schmitt, Assistant Principal, Grand Haven High School
Taylor Schriber, Director of Athletics
Jennifer Shaughnessy, Principal, White Pines Intermediate School
Brooke Stolarz, Principal, Griffin Elementary School
Tracy Wilson, Principal, Grand Haven High School

Non-GHAPS Administrators Association (3% wage increase)

Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services
Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services
Cassady Krumm, Executive Director of Special Education
Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve contract extensions and revisions for the listed administrative staff as presented.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Non-Association Employee Compensation

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent Human Services

Summary of Issue:

The administration recommends the following for all non-association employees for the 2026-27school year:

- Step increases where applicable
- 3% increase to all wage scales

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the increase for all Non-Association employees for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Agenda Topic: Bargaining Strategy

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent Human Services

Summary of Issue:

Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act allows for a school board to meet in closed session for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

Administrative Recommendation (ROLL CALL)**:**

Motion to move into closed session for collective bargaining agreement strategy and negotiations, at the request of GHAPS Administration, pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Employee Associations- Three (3) Year Bargaining Agreements

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent Human Services

Summary of Issue:

The Grand Haven Area Public Schools and the Grand Haven Secretaries' Association, the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Education Association (GHEA), and the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Administrators Association (GHAPSAA), agree on individual, three (3) year bargaining agreements that will run through June 30, 2029.

SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION

- Each year of the bargaining agreement, employees will receive a 3%, + step wage increase.
- In the second year of the agreement, effective January 1, 2028, the District's contribution toward medical insurance premiums shall be limited to the applicable statutory hard cap amount.
- Effective with the 2027-28 contract year, the District shall eliminate the employer-paid HSA contribution. Beginning with the 2028 plan year, the District will advance HSA amounts that the employee shall repay. Employees may opt of this during Open Enrollment
- Effective July 1, 2026, all leave time will be transitioned to Paid Time Off (PTO)
- Other items:
    - Increase retirement payments
    - Clerk reclassification
    - Updated ESTA language
    - Minor language updates

EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (GHEA)

- Each year of the bargaining agreement, employees will receive a 3%, + step wage increase.
- In the second year of the agreement, effective January 1, 2028, the District's contribution toward medical insurance premiums shall be limited to the applicable statutory hard cap amount.
- Effective with the 2027-28 contract year, the District shall eliminate the employer-paid HSA contribution. Beginning with the 2028 plan year, the District will advance HSA amounts that the employee shall repay. Employees may opt of this during Open Enrollment.
- Other items:
    - Increase 403(b) contributions
    - Schedule B stipend adjustments
    - Daily overage payment for teachers based on class size calculations.
    - Minor language updates

ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION (GHAPSAA

- Each year of the bargaining agreement, employees will receive a 3%, + step wage increase.
- In the second year of the agreement, effective January 1, 2028, the District's contribution toward medical insurance premiums shall be limited to the applicable statutory hard cap amount.
- Effective with the 2027-28 contract year, the District shall eliminate the employer-paid HSA contribution. Beginning with the 2028 plan year, the District will advance HSA amounts that the employee shall repay. Employees may opt of this during Open Enrollment
- Other items:
    - Cell Phone Stipend
    - Increase 403(b) contributions and 403(b) matches
    - Certification reimbursement
    - Minor language updates

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the three (3) year agreements with the Secretaries' Association, the Grand Haven Education Association (GHEA), and the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Administrators Association (GHAPSAA), as presented, through June 30, 2029.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Second Reading & Adoption of Board Policy Updates

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski, Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

The administration provided policy updates for review by Board members and cabinet as appropriate. Policies were reviewed by the Labor & Policy committee. A first reading took place at the May 11, 2026 Board of Education meeting. We recommend the adoption of the Board policy updates as presented:

Policy Updates:

Revision - Policy 4203 Corporal Punishment and Limited Use of Reasonable Force

New - Policy 3303.01 Memorials & Retirement Commemorations

New - Policy 3116.01 District Social Media Accounts and Moderation

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to adopt the proposed Board policy updates as presented.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 15, 2026

Agenda Topic: First Reading of Board Policy Updates

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski, Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

The administration provided policy updates for review by Board members and cabinet as appropriate. Proposed policy revisions and new policies were reviewed by the Board Labor & Policy committee. The Board is asked to support a first reading of the following revised, new policy:

Policy Updates:

New - Policy 3302.01 Naming of Facilities

Administrative Recommendation (no action):

The Board is asked to hear a first reading and review policies in preparation for action at the July Regular Board of Education meeting.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Agenda Topic: Master Plan Roadmap: Potential Bond Phasing and Next Steps

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski, Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

The GHAPS Cabinet Team, along with partners from Owen Ames Kimball (OAK) and GMB, will review the development and approval of the District's Master Plan and work completed on potential bond phasing, for guidance on next steps.

A partnership with an architect and construction firm is a collaborative relationship in which the teams work together to assess facility needs, develop design solutions, manage costs, engage stakeholders, and successfully complete projects that enhance learning environments while being responsible stewards of public resources.

Administrative Recommendation (no action):

No action required.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Superintendent's Contract

Presented by: Nichol Stack, Board President

Summary of Issue:

The Superintendent's contract has been negotiated and reviewed by legal counsel, and a revised copy has been provided to the Board of Education trustees for approval.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the revised contract for Superintendent Kristin Perkowski as presented.