

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 15th day of June 2026, beginning at 7:00 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

Mini Paulose-Murphy, Carole Mendez, Eddie Keene, Laura Zervic, John McCann, Desiree LaDuke, 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

Mike Stephayn, Rob Woodrow, Courtney Boyce, Michelle Jaros, Matt Streitel, Patrick English, Kristie Poulson, Claire Haase, Bobbi Jo Stoner, Lynnette Walker, Danielle Buckmaster, Amanda McElroy, Carmen Maring

4. Budget Hearing on 2026-2027 Budget

The Budget Hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. regarding the 2026-2027 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) revenues over expenditures of (\$303,905). Thank you to the Finance Committee and Administrators for their collaboration.

Deputy Superintendent Anderson noted that on the revenue side the assumptions include a 3.5% increase in local taxes and \$250 Foundation Allowance increase. On the expenditure side, the assumptions include a retirement rate of 27.51%, a 3.3% increase in health insurance hard cap, a 20% increase in natural gas, and 15% increase in electric.

Public Comments on the Budget: None

The Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget was closed at 7:11 p.m.

5. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments – None

B. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Rundle addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation for their dedicated service and collaboration throughout the years. Board Members, in turn, thanked Superintendent Rundle for his leadership and service to the District.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

Deputy Superintendent Anderson expressed her gratitude to Superintendent Rundle for his great leadership, exceptional mentorship, and for always being himself. She also thanked him for his friendship, noting she will treasure it forever.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Assistant Superintendent Bordner referenced a photograph displayed in Superintendent Rundle's bearing the words: *Trust, Respect, Empower, Communicate, Mentor, and Invest*. He shared that Superintendent Rundle demonstrated these qualities in the way he treated people every day, leaving a true legacy that will continue to impact our district for years to come.

E. Board President Comments

No additional comments.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: May 1, 2026 Special and Closed Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Budget Report: May 2026 Budget Report

C. Accounts Payable: May 2026 Accounts Payable Report

D. New Hires: Cynthia Goss – GSRP Teacher – Early Learning Center; Claire Haase – GLHS Teacher Consultant; Christine Keefer – GLVP Spanish & ELA Teacher; Kristie Poulson – GLHS Principal; Skylar Trimble – GLMS/GLHS Special Education Teacher; Emma VanDenburg – GLHS Math Teacher

E. Resignations: John Byrket – GLHS Interventionist; Jon Tristan von Gunten – 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 all planned bond projects have been completed. Remaining funds will be allocated toward band furniture and improvements to the GLMS Courtyard. He also shared that the Ryan Intermediate skylight replacement project is now underway.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee did not meet.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed Course Catalogs, GLHS AP Stats Curriculum Proposal, GLMS Reading Lab Read 180 Curriculum Proposal, GLMS 6-8 ELA Into Literature Curriculum Materials Proposal, GLMS Health Curriculum Materials Proposal, and Curriculum Purchases 2026-27 that will be presented under New Business for approval.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Pathway of Pride; 2) Facilities Planning with Kingscott, Miller Davis, and Viridis Design who will present at the July Board Meeting; 3) Project List – Sinking Fund and Bond

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and received an overview from PFM Financial regarding the District's debt levy millage and financial outlook for a potential bond proposal. The Committee also reviewed the 2025-26 Budget Amendments, and 2026-27 Budget Projections, which will be addressed under New Business. In addition, a graph of the Universe Group financial data was reviewed, along with the monthly budget report.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Superintendent Contract 2026-27 that will be addressed under New Business. The Committee received a transportation update, salary/wage information for all staff with a 5-year projection, open staffing positions, and Universe Group financial data.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee did not meet.

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 \$7,838.49. MASB is a full-service membership that provides a variety of benefits to our District.

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

B. MHSAA 2026-27 Membership Resolution

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the MHSAA 2026-27 Membership Resolution to the Board. This yearly membership runs from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the MHSAA 2026-27 Membership Resolution as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Final Budget Amendments for 2025-2026 Resolution

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the final amended budget for the 2025-2026 school year. The District has excess (deficit) revenue over expenditures of \$8,152 with a 16.31% fund balance.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Budget Adoption for 2026-2027 Resolution

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the General Appropriations Resolution for the 2026-2027 school year as presented during the Budget Hearing.

AYES: McCann, Keene, Mendez, Zervic, Scott-Rhodes, LaDuke, Paulose-Murphy
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passed unanimously.

E. Course Catalogs 2026-2027

Assistant Superintendent Bordner recommended the Course Catalogs for 2026-2027 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 Course Catalogs 2026-2027 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

F. GLHS AP Stats Curriculum Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the GLHS AP Stats Curriculum Proposal to the Board for their review.

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

G. GLMS Reading Lab Read 180 Curriculum Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the GLMS Reading Lab Read 180 Curriculum Proposal to the Board for their review.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the GLMS Reading Lab Read 180 Curriculum Proposal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

H. GLMS 6-8 ELA Into Literature Curriculum Materials Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the GLMS 6-8 ELA Into Literature Curriculum Materials Proposal to the Board for their review.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the GLMS 6-8 ELA Into Literature Curriculum Materials Proposal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

I. GLMS Health Curriculum Materials Proposals

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the GLMS Health Curriculum Materials Proposal to the Board for their review.

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

J. 2026-2027 Curriculum Purchases

Assistant Superintendent Bordner presented the 2026-2027 Curriculum Purchases in the amount of \$389,118 to the Board.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the 2026-2027 Curriculum Purchases as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

K. Superintendent Contract 2026-27

President Mendez presented a two-year contract and recommended a salary placement of Grade 17, Interval 1 for the 2026-27 Superintendent Contract.

It was moved by President Mendez, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, to approve

the Superintendent Contract as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____