Grand Haven Area Public Schools

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, March 9, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM
Robinson Elementary

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
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. District Support Organizations

III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. March Grand Partner of the Month - Velo Kids

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. Robinson Elementary School Update
- B. Student Representatives Update

VI. **TEACHING & LEARNING**

- A. Approval of Strategic Plan Vision of Learning: Student Traits

VII. **FINANCE & OPERATIONS**

- A. Approval of Walden Green - Alternative Agreement for Meals

VIII. **LABOR & POLICY**

- A. Approval of New Hire
- B. Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management Law Update

IX. **SUPERINTENDENT**

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A. 2nd Reading & Adoption of Board Policy Updates

X. **BOARD PRESIDENT**

A. April Retreat Meeting Time

B. October Retreat Meeting Date

C. Trustee Reports

D. Emergency Operations Procedures - Closed Session, pending vote, pursuant to Section 8(1)(k) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Strategic Plan Vision of Learning: Student Traits

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

Summary of Issue:

The GHAPS Strategic Plan, under the Theme 1 of Rigorous, Relevant, and Engaging Learning, calls for a Vision of Learning that specifies student traits for learning. The Board of Education will hear the path of work to develop the student traits, why they are important, and the process of how they will be integrated into instruction.

The key traits we would like to develop in all students are:

1. Collaboration / Teamwork
2. Critical Thinking
3. Empathy
4. Resilience
5. Communication
6. Curiosity

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the student traits as presented, as part of the Grand Haven Area Public Schools' Strategic Plan.

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Agenda Topic: Walden Green Alternative Agreement for Meals

Presented By: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Walden Green reached out to us for assistance with providing meals for their students. We have completed the attached alternative agreement so Walden Green will become a site for our food service program. We anticipate revenue to be approximately $129k per year.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the alternative agreement to provide meals for Walden Green Montessori through the end of the Fiscal Year.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Agenda Topic: New Hire

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
Tyler Hubbard	Teacher – Industrial Tech	GHHS	MA Step 18

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to offer employment contract to the above-named candidate 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: Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management Law Update

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services

Summary of Issue:

The GHAPS Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management (BTAM) Guidelines offer school staff a systematic, team-based approach to assess the risk of violence and address dangerous behavior through an integrated intervention plan. This tool provides documentation of the incident, an assessment of the present threat to the school, and an intervention plan template. The intent of this tool is not to determine whether a threat was made, but rather if the student poses a threat at this moment in time and to reduce the risk that a violent act will be carried out. The primary objective of a threat assessment is to provide help for the student and to ensure positive outcomes for the student and community.

Trent Carithers, Director of Safety & Security, will present the Board with an overview of the assessment tool and information on upcoming changes to the related state law.

Administrative Recommendation:

No action required

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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 February 9, 2026 Board of Education meeting. We recommend the adoption of the Board policy updates as presented:

Policy Updates:

Revised - Policy 5506 Field Trips

New - Policy 3310.02 Naming of Facilities

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to adopt the proposed Board policy updates as presented.

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Agenda Topic: Emergency Operations Procedures

Presented by: Nichol Stack, Board President

Summary of Issue:

Section 8(1)(k) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act allows for a school board to consider security planning to address existing threats or prevent potential threats to the safety of the students and staff.

Administrative Recommendation (ROLL CALL)**:**

Motion to move into closed session to consider security planning for the District, pursuant to Section 8(1)(k) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.