



REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM
Grand Haven High School/Performing Arts 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 - June 15, 2026 Budget Hearing
- B. Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2026 Closed Session
- D. Payment of Bills - June

III. 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.

IV. TEACHING & LEARNING

- A. Approval of Earth Science Digital Textbook Renewal

V. FINANCE & OPERATIONS

- A. Approval of Tech Shared Services Contract
- B. Approval of Per Diem Meal Reimbursements

VI. LABOR & POLICY

- A. Approval of New Hires
- B. Approval of Employee Association Bargaining Agreement

VII. SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Strategic Plan Quarterly Update
- B. Superintendent Mid-Year Progress Update
- C. 1st Reading of Policy Updates

D. Bond Proposal

1. Approval of Phase 1 Support
2. Approval of November 2026 Bond Proposal Resolution

VIII. **BOARD PRESIDENT**

- A. Board Goals Update
- B. Trustee Activity Reports

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Agenda Topic: Earth Science Digital Textbook Renewal

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

Summary of Issue:

Instructional Services is seeking approval from the Board of Education for a six year renewal of the digital textbook resource for the earth science class at Grand Haven High School.

- Title: Earth Science: Geography, Environment and Universe, copyright 2013
- **Renewal** of 2013 copyright for six years
- It **saves money and time** to stay with a copyright when there are not significant changes in the resource.
- The cost is **\$42,714.78** (six years) from the general fund.

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Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the renewal of the Earth Science Digital Textbook, as presented, at a total cost of \$42,714.78.

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Agenda Topic: Tri-Cities Historical Museum Technology Collaboration Contract

Presented By: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

The Tri-Cities Historical Museum would like to enter into a collaboration agreement with the GHAPS technology department. In this agreement, GHAPS would provide the Museum with shared technology services. The agreement will begin July 1, 2026 and end on June 30, 2027. The Museum agrees to compensate GHAPS in the amounts specified in the contract.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the contract for shared technology services with Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

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Agenda Topic: 26-27 Per Diem Meal Reimbursement Rates

Presented by: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Current per diem meal reimbursement rates and recommendations for the 2026-27 school year as outlined below. Increasing rates to be in line with the average meal cost for the Grand Rapids area.

	2025-26 Rates	2026-27 Proposed rates
Breakfast	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Lunch	\$ 16.00	\$ 25.00
Dinner	\$ 22.00	\$ 40.00
Daily	N/A	\$ 75.00

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the above recommended per diem meal reimbursement rates for the 2026-27 school year.

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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
Corey Baker	Teacher - IRR	Rosy Mound	BA Step 1
Madeline Biedenbender	Teacher - PE	Ferry & St. Johns	MA + 25 Step 6
Kristin Conkle	Teacher – ECSE (Rule 55)	Duneside	MA Step 10
Kendall Crebassa	Teacher - CI	Griffin	BA Step 1
Emmett Deur	Teacher - Music	Ferry & Peach	BA Step 1
Jeremy Kleine Deters	Teacher - Math	LMS	MA Step 1
Jessica Lazar	Teacher - Counselor	GHHS	MA Step 4
Izabel Porras	Teacher – Grade 1	Ferry	BA Step 2

New Hires/Administrator	Position	Building	Level
Jennifer Byxbe	Principal	Lake Hills	Step 7

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: Employee Association- Three (3) Year Bargaining Agreement

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent Human Services

Summary of Issue:

The Grand Haven Area Public Schools and the Local 517M Service Employees International Union agree on a three (3) year bargaining agreement that will run through June 30, 2029.

Local 517M Service Employees International Union - Highlights of Agreement

- 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 out of this during Open Enrollment.
- Standardized snow day pay
- 2nd/3rd Shift Premiums
- Increase in meal, shirt, winter wear, and footwear allowance specific to certain roles

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve a three (3) year agreement with the Local 517 Service Employees International Union, as presented, through June 30, 2029.

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Agenda Topic: Strategic Plan Quarterly Update

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski - Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

The Superintendent will provide a progress update on the District's Strategic Plan, which focuses on the following key themes:

		
<i>Rigorous, Relevant, & Engaging Learning</i>	<i>Financial Responsibility & Sustainability</i>	<i>Communication, Transparency, & Trust</i>
We empower every student to thrive in an ever-evolving world by providing relevant, rigorous, and engaging learning experiences that spark curiosity, foster critical thinking, and prepare them for a successful future.	We manage our resources responsibly to meet the needs of our students, staff, schools, and broader community today, while planning carefully to ensure long-term stability.	We are a beacon of pride in our community, fostering trust through transparency, open communication, and genuine collaboration.

Administrative Recommendation:

No action required.

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Agenda Topic: Superintendent Mid-Year Progress Update

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski - Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

The Revised School Code requires school boards to evaluate their superintendent's job performance annually as part of a comprehensive performance evaluation system that takes into account student growth and assessment data. The Superintendent will provide the Board of Education with a mid-year progress update on her current, Board-approved, performance goals, which include:

Goal #1:

By **April 30, 2026**, strengthen districtwide execution of the Strategic Plan by implementing a **coherent monitoring and reporting system** that ensures **transparency, accountability, and alignment** to superintendent evaluation measures.

Goal #2:

By **December 30, 2026** conduct a **comprehensive review and redesign** of **organizational structures** to improve **efficiency, effectiveness, and system coherence**.

Administrative Recommendation:

No action required.

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Agenda Topic: First Reading of Board Policy Updates

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski, Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

Thrun provided the District with 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 policy updates:

Policy Updates:

2202 Authority to Enter into Contracts
2406 Board Officers Duties
2501 Meetings
3102 Smoking Tobacco Products Drugs and Alcohol
3108 Service Animals
3115 Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment, and Non-Retaliation
3115A Definitions for 3115 Series
3115B Designation of Coordinators
3115C Supportive Measures
3115D Informal Resolution
3115E Grievance Procedure and Remedies
3115H Training Requirements and Policy Notice
3301A Purchasing and Procurement with Federal Funds
3303 Gifts and Donations
3304 Use of District Property
3306 Construction Bidding
3402 Drills Plans and Reports
3407 Asbestos Management
4101 Non-Discrimination
4104 Employment Complaint Procedure for Allegations Implicating Civil Rights
4113 Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA)
4201 Employee Ethics and Standards
4210 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Tobacco Product Restrictions
4216 Personal Communications Devices
4508 Administrator Non-Renewal
4602 Hiring
5209 Student Use of Wireless Communications Devices
5507 Extracurricular Activities
5710 Student Suicide Prevention
5710A Student Identification Cards
5714 Threat Assessment and Response

Administrative Recommendation (no action):

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

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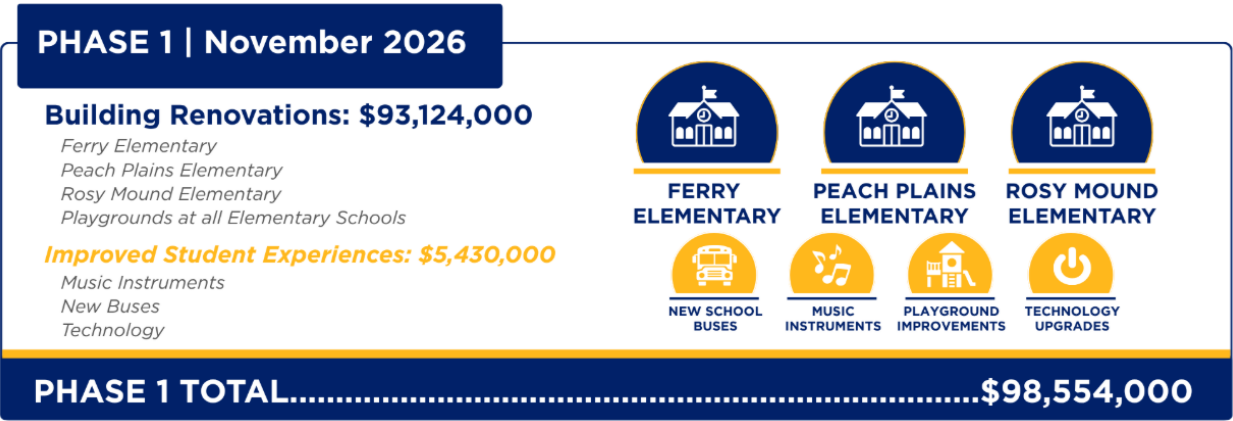
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Agenda Topic: Phase 1 Support
Presented by: Kristin Perkowski - Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

The Board is asked to consider placing a bond proposal on the November ballot to support completion of Phase One of the district’s Master Plan. If approved by voters, a thorough design process would begin immediately with key stakeholders, including administrators, staff, students, and parents. Architectural and engineering drawings would be developed, and construction would likely begin in 2028.

Phase 1 of the Master Plan primarily includes:



Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the proposed Phase 1 projects identified in the District's Master Plan for submission to the voters through a November 2026 bond proposal.

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Agenda Topic: November 2026 Bond Proposal Resolution

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski - Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

Attached is a resolution for the November 2026 Bond Proposal. This proposal is for the District to borrow the sum of \$98,550,000 and issue the bonds for the purpose of ***erecting, completing and remodeling school buildings, facilities and additions to school buildings and facilities; equipping, re-equipping, furnishing and refurbishing school buildings and facilities; purchasing school buses; acquiring and installing instructional technology; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping play fields, playgrounds, structures, facilities and sites?***

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2027 is 1.95 mills (\$1.95 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.15 mills(\$1.15 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the resolution, as presented, for a bond proposal to go before voters at the November 3, 2026 general election.