

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 17th day of August 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate Gymnasium, Richland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

A. Present

Mini Paulose-Murphy, Carole Mendez, Laura Zervic, John McCann, Desiree LaDuke, Krystal Scott-Rhodes

B. Absent

Eddie Keene

C. Staff Members

Superintendent Drew Bordner, Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Bobbi Jo Stoner, and Recording Secretary Danelle Wheeler

D. Guests Present

Jamie Ricca, Amy Schmeding, Derrick Ricca, Suzy Barrett, Rob Woodrow, Josh Hogmire, Justina Goodyke, Patrick English, Katarina Pilch, Jill LeBeau, Lindsey Luna, Nikki Pfennig, Haley Watchorn, Michelle Gonazlez, Angela McKenzie, Michelle Jaros, Amanda McElroy, Danielle Spannagel, Sarah Hoheneder, Courtney Boyce, Danielle Buckmaster, Kristie Poulson, Betsy Springer, Malcolm Reed, Janelle Reed, Tracie Sexton, Carmen Maring, Camille Archie, Brendan Crawford, Ashley Crawford, Alex Bohr, Serenity Scott, Lynnette Walker, Josh Cunningham, Connie Mollison, Kent Clayton

4. Communications/Public Comments

A. Public Comments

The following parents, community members, and staff addressed the Board to share their thoughts on the GLHS Football Program: Jamie Ricca, Derrick Ricca, Camille Archie, Tracie Sexton, Kent Clayton, Josh Cunningham

B. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Bordner provided a safety and well-being statement to the Board. Title IX investigations and an MSP criminal investigation are ongoing, with the District fully cooperating. The District has accepted the football coach's resignation.

C. Deputy Superintendent Comments

No comments.

D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments

Assistant Superintendent Stoner stated we are getting ready to welcome back staff and students for the year.

E. Board President Comments

President Mendez thanked those for providing public comment, reiterated previously shared information, and acknowledged the difficult circumstances. Noted the involvement of minor students and appropriate reporting of social media posts. Expressed appreciation for community feedback and states that updates will be provided as appropriate.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: July 20, 2026 Regular and Closed Minutes, July 27, 2026 Special and Closed Minutes

B. Budget Report: July 2026 Budget Report

C. Accounts Payable: July 2026 Accounts Payable Report

D. New Hires: Austin Boucher – Ryan Intermediate 3rd Grade Teacher; Agatha Cottrell – Ryan Intermediate 5th Grade Teacher; Kayla Genereau – Kellogg Elementary, Richland Elementary & GLMS Spanish Teacher; Justina Goodyke – GLHS Assistant Principal; Aeryn Hart – GLHS ELA Teacher; Joshua Hogmire – GLHS Assistant Principal; Sarah Hoheneder – GLMS Math Teacher; Savanna Lamb – GLMS ELA Teacher; Ethan Schau – GLHS Social Studies Teacher; Katelyn Segur – Kellogg Elementary Social Worker; Danielle Spannagel – Kellogg & Richland Elementary Speech Language Pathologist; Haley Watchorn – Ryan Intermediate 3rd Grade Teacher; Sage Winters – GLMS Math Teacher

E. Resignation: Anna Peters – GLHS Band & Choir Teacher

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. 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.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee met and reviewed the community survey questions by EPIC-MRA that will be presented to the Board for consideration under New Business.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed Early Childhood Offerings. The Committee also discussed the GLVP Course Catalog Update 2026-27 and the Early Middle College (EMC) Consortium Agreement that will be presented under New Business.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Facilities Planning; 2) Pathway of Pride Update; 3) Sinking Fund Projects; 4) Project List

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed GLVP Financials, AACC/GSRP/PreK Financials, Budget Report, and Committee Goals.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and entered a Closed Session for Collective Bargaining discussion. The Committee received a transportation update, salary/wage information for all staff,

and open staffing positions.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee did not meet.

7. Old Business – none

8. New Business

A. MASB Call for Delegates

President Mendez presented the 2026 Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Call for Delegates. The Delegate Assembly will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2026. A brief history was given to the Board. President Mendez is requesting the Board to consider whether they would like to attend.

President Mendez requested this be addressed at next month's meeting as we need to certify our delegates by Thursday, October 1, 2026.

B. Early Middle College (EMC) Consortium Agreement

Superintendent Bordner presented the Early Middle College (EMC) Consortium Agreement to the Board with a brief overview.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the Early Middle College (EMC) Consortium Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. GLVP Course Catalog Update 2026-27

Assistant Superintendent Stoner presented the GLVP Course Catalog Update 2026-27 with a brief overview.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy, on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, to approve the GLVP Course Catalog Update 2026-27 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Overnight Trip Request for GLHS Cross Country

Superintendent Bordner requested permission on behalf of GLHS Cross Country, for an overnight trip to Davisburg, MI, September 18-19, 2026. A brief overview was given of the enhanced guidelines. A brief discussion took place.

It was moved by Secretary Paulose-Murphy and supported by Vice President LaDuke to approve the Overnight Trip Request for GLHS Cross Country as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

E. EPIC-MRA Survey

Deputy Superintendent Anderson and Trustee McCann presented the EPIC-MRA Survey to the Board. The Board discussed proposed additions to the survey.

It was moved by Trustee McCann, on behalf of the Community Relations Committee, to approve the EPIC-MRA Survey with suggested edits. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Closed Session Under Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to Consider Attorney-Client Privileged Matter

At 7:57 p.m. it was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke that the Board of Education of the Gull Lake Community Schools convene in a closed session to consider Attorney-Client Privileged Matter.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keene

Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:44 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session.

G. Action Item Following Closed Session

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to enter into an emergency 1-year football coop with Parchment School District.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keene

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

President Carole Mendez

Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____