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 21st day of September 2026, beginning at 7:01 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**
     Desiree LaDuke, Mini Paulose-Murphy, Carole Mendez, Eddie Keene, John McCann
   - **B. Absent**
     Krystal Scott-Rhodes, Laura Zervic
   - **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**
     Jessica Leyrer, Michelle Jaros, Betsy Springer, Kristie Poulson, Tracie Sexton, Jessica Bornhorst, Courtney Boyce, Danielle Buckmaster, Suzy Barrett, Carmen Maring, Reggie Walters, Luke Walker, Lynnette Walker, Audra Misner, Bruce Krogel, Rob Woodrow, Patti Janik, Dave Hutson, Ken Dickens
4. **Communications/Public Comments**
   - **A. Public Comments**
     Tracie Sexton – Parent: Addressed the Board regarding the GLHS Football Title IX Investigation
   - **B. Superintendent Comments**
     Superintendent Bordner thanked the students, staff, and community for a positive start to the school year.
   - **C. Deputy Superintendent Comments**
     No comments.
   - **D. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments**
     Assistant Superintendent Stoner shared that it has been an exciting start to the new school year and that the district is well underway with the implementation of Skyward as the new Student Information System (SIS). She expressed appreciation for the time and effort of staff involved in the implementation and launch.

     GLHS staff initially explored moving from three lunch periods to two; however, the schedule has since returned to three lunch periods. She also provided an update on Michigan's new literacy and dyslexia requirements, including staff training and the district's comprehensive review of its literacy curriculum.

E. Board President Comments

President Mendez thanked the administration and staff for their hard work in preparing for and beginning the new school year. She noted two items added to the agenda: the Stafford-Smith Change Order and the Gateway Course Catalog Update for 2026-27. The Board will discuss Board goals at the next meeting. Current goals will be circulated to Board members for review, along with any proposed updates.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Board Minutes: August 17, 2026 Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

B. Budget Report: August 2026 Budget Report

C. Accounts Payable: August 2026 Accounts Payable Report

D. New Hires: Karlee Junkins – Richland Elementary Intervention Specialist; Aaron Maybee – GLMS ELA Teacher; Lesli Miller – GSRP Preschool Teacher; Elizabeth (Betsy) Springer – Assistant Director of Homeschool Partnership; Matthew VanStreain – GLMS Intervention Specialist; Connor Velasco – GLHS Intervention Specialist

E. Resignation: Abigail Washburn – Richland Elementary Special Education Teacher

F. Retirement: Deborah Louden – Ryan Intermediate 4th Grade Teacher

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

6. Presentations & Reports

A. Bond Update

Trustee McCann provided an update on the bond projects. The Core Team did not meet this month. The projects are nearing completion, with only punch list items remaining. Potential future projects will be discussed at the next Facilities Committee meeting. The Committee is also awaiting the results of the community survey.

B. Board of Education Community Relations Committee

The Committee did not meet.

C. Board of Education Curriculum Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Gateway Course Catalog Update 2026-27 that will be presented under New Business. The Committee also discussed the 164K Literacy Curriculum Notification.

D. Board of Education Facilities Committee

The Committee met and discussed 1) Facilities Planning; 2) Sinking Fund Project Updates; 3) Pathway of Pride; 4) Project List; 5) Safety & Security Subcommittee Meeting

E. Board of Education Finance Committee

The Committee met and discussed projected staffing costs for a new 3-5 intermediate building, GSRP Associate Teachers financials, PreK Financials, Audit Update, Richland Township tax collection, and Budget Report.

F. Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Food Service Association Tentative agreement that will be presented under New Business. The Committee also discussed GSRP Associate Teachers and the Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation.

G. Board of Education Policy Committee

The Committee met and discussed the Overnight Trip Administrative Guidelines.

7. **Old Business**
   A. **MASB Call for Delegates**
      President Mendez presented the 2026 Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for Call for Delegates. The Delegate Assembly will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2026. The Board will appoint Trustee Scott-Rhodes as a delegate and Secretary Paulose-Murphy as an alternate.

      It was moved by Trustee Keene and supported by Vice President LaDuke to adopt the 2026 MASB Call for Delegates as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **New Business**
   A. **Overnight Trip Request for GLHS Varsity Tennis**
      Principal Poulson requested permission on behalf of GLHS Varsity Tennis, for an overnight trip request to Midland, Michigan, October 22-24, 2026.

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

   B. **Overnight Trip Request for GLHS Varsity Baseball**
      Principal Poulson requested permission on behalf of GLHS Varsity Baseball, for an overnight trip request to Cocoa Beach, Florida, March 26 – April 3, 2027.

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

   C. **Gateway Course Catalog Update 2026-27**
      Assistant Superintendent Stoner presented the Gateway Course Catalog Update 2026-27 to the Board for approval.

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

   D. **Food Service Association Tentative Agreement**
      Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Food Service Association Tentative Agreement to the Board. Details were given to the Board.

      It was moved by Trustee Keene, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, to approve the Food Service Association Tentative Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

   E. **Stafford-Smith Change Order**
      Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Stafford-Smith Change Order related to the Food Service Spend-Down Plan and the walk-in cooler and freezer combination project approved in January 2026. The project was submitted to the State of Michigan for review which resulted in a change order in the amount of $69,936.

      It was moved by Vice President LaDuke and supported by Trustee Keene to approve the Stafford-Smith Change Order as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

   F. **Board Resolution Appointing Reinstatement Committee**
      Superintendent Bordner presented the Board Resolution Appointing Reinstatement Committee to the Board. The reinstatement committee requires two (2) board

members, a school administrator, a teacher, and a parent/guardian. The following were appointed:

Board Member 1: Laura Zervic
Board Member 2: Desiree LaDuke
School Administrator: Courtney Boyce
Teacher: Reggie Walters
Parent: Emily Wilke

The Committee's Chairperson will be Courtney Boyce.

It was moved by Trustee Keene and supported by Trustee McCann to approve the Board Resolution Appointing Reinstatement Committee as presented.

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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President Carole Mendez Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____