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 19th day of October 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**
     Desiree LaDuke, Mini Paulose-Murphy, Carole Mendez, Eddie Keene, John McCann, Krystal Scott-Rhodes, Laura Zervic
   - **B. Absent**
     None
   - **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**
     Courtney Boyce, Charles Sportel, Danielle Buckmaster, Karlee Junkins, Amanda McElroy, Rob Woodrow, Nathan Ferency, Lynnette Walker, Nikki VanPelt, Suzy Barrett, Melissa Gensic, Dave Hutson, Jessica Bornhorst, Student A, Student A's Mother & Significant Other (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
4. **Plante Moran Presentation on Annual Financial Audit**
   Charles Sportel of Plante Moran presented the results of the financial audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The audit went well, and we were given an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level, in accordance with accounting principles. The Board commended the Business Office on their successful audit.
5. **Communications/Public Comments**
   - **A. Public Comments – None**
   - **B. Superintendent Comments**
     Superintendent Bordner thanked our students and families that saw something and said something over the weekend. He expressed his continued appreciation to Parchment School District for allowing Gull Lake to host its Homecoming festivities at home. Thank you to our 300 community members who provided feedback on our survey, which will help inform the bond planning process. He acknowledged Deputy Superintendent Anderson and Director of Business Services McElroy for their hard work in completing the district audit.
   - **C. Deputy Superintendent Comments**
     Deputy Superintendent Anderson thanked Director McElroy and the Business Office for all their hard work on the audit.

D. **Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology Comments**
Assistant Superintendent Stoner shared that Ryan Intermediate and GLMS recently hosted assemblies with Protect Young Eyes focused on healthy technology use. She also noted that GLHS and GLVP ranked among the top five in the county for SAT scores. Additionally, the review of the K-5 literacy program is underway.

E. **Board President Comments**
President Mendez recognized the administration and all staff on all the hard work they have done to start the school year.

6. **Consent Agenda**
   A. **Board Minutes:** September 21, 2026 Regular Minutes
   B. **Budget Report:** September 2026 Budget Report
   C. **Accounts Payable:** September 2026 Accounts Payable Report
   D. **New Hires:** Floy Latham – GLHS Band Teacher

   It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Trustee Scott-Rhodes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Presentations & Reports**
   A. **Bond Update**
   Trustee McCann stated the Core Team hasn't met since the bond work is done and the Sinking Fund projects are completed.

   B. **Board of Education Community Relations Committee**
   The Committee met and discussed the EPIC-MRA survey results, facility planning messaging, and recruiting candidates for the Yes Committee.

   C. **Board of Education Curriculum Committee**
   The Committee met and discussed the EPIC-MRA survey results, discussed the GLMS Course Catalog that will be addressed under New Business, received an update on Harbor Academy, and updated their committee goals.

   D. **Board of Education Facilities Committee**
   The Committee met and discussed the EPIC-MRA survey results and utilizing the remaining bond funds for Harbor Academy.

   E. **Board of Education Finance Committee**
   The Committee met and discussed the Plante Moran Financial Audit and 31aa Funding Resolution.

   F. **Board of Education Negotiations/Personnel Committee**
   The Committee did not meet.

   G. **Board of Education Policy Committee**
   The Committee met and discussed the Overnight Trip Administrative Guidelines.

8. **Old Business – none**

9. **New Business**
   A. **GLMS Course Catalog Update 2026-27**
   Assistant Superintendent Stoner presented the GLMS 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 GLMS Course Catalog Update 2026-27 as presented. Motion passed

unanimously.

B. Board Goals

President Mendez presented the existing Board Goals for review following the Superintendent's transition into his new role. Discussion focused on student growth, student safety, bond planning, and alignment with the Superintendent's performance expectations. Treasurer Zervic will draft a proposed addition, and the Superintendent will provide feedback. Trustee McCann will develop a proposed communication goal.

C. Closed Session Under Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to Consider Exempt Materials

At 7:30 p.m. it was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Secretary Paulose-Murphy to enter closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h) to consider Exempt Materials.

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

At 8:12 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session.

President Mendez read a proposed Board Resolution – Petition of an Expelled Student for Student A for the Board of Education to consider.

It was moved by Treasurer Zervic and supported by Vice President LaDuke that the Board of Education accept the Resolution as presented by President Mendez (see attached).

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

10. Adjournment

There being no further business President Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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President Carole Mendez Secretary Mini Paulose-Murphy

Minutes approved: _____