

**Meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE  
The Board of Trustees  
Gull Lake Community Schools**

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A Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gull Lake Community Schools was held on Monday, February 9, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Christopher L. Rundle Administration Building.

**Roll Call:** Superintendent Christopher Rundle, Deputy Superintendent Lisa Anderson, Director of Business Services Amanda McElroy, Laura Zervic, Carole Mendez, John McCann

**Guests:** Mike Stephayn, Josh Reames

**1. Public Comments:** None

**2. Approve Draft Minutes:** The December 15, 2025 minutes were approved.

**3. Technology Bid Recommendation**

Technology Director Mike Stephayn presented the Technology Bid Recommendation to the Committee. The proposal includes a network refresh – core switches and wireless access points at GLHS, GLMS, Ryan Intermediate, Bedford and the Administration Building.

The recommended bid from Vector Tech Group totals \$448,788.00. After the E-Rate discount of \$269,272.80, the district's cost would be \$179,515.20. The project will be funded through Technology Bond Series 2 and aligns with the 5-year technology plan.

The bid recommendation was also reviewed by the Facilities Committee and will be presented to the Board for formal approval.

**4. Food Service Budget**

Deputy Superintendent Anderson presented the Food Service budget to the Committee, including a review of financial data from 2021 through 2026. The Committee discussed recent federal food pyramid changes, including the reduction of highly processed foods, allotted mealtimes for students, and expanding food choices.

Members engaged in a broader discussion regarding the District's goals for food service, including what an ideal program would look like if financial constraints were not a factor. Considerations included capital improvements in collaboration with the Facilities Committee, equipment needs, staffing levels, and food supply costs.

The budget was reviewed in detail. The Committee discussed involving the Health & Wellness Committee in future planning and requested that Administration develop a comprehensive vision for the program. Emphasis was placed on identifying what is best for students, understanding existing constraints, and strengthening collaboration between Chartwells and the District.

**5. Budget Report**

Director McElroy presented the January 2026 Budget Report to the Committee for their review.

**ADDED ITEM:** The Committee discussed the ongoing negotiations with the Gull Lake Education Association (GLEA). The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026.

**6. Next Meeting:** March 2, 2026 @ 7:30 a.m.