



REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2025 ~ 7:00 PM
Duneside Discovery Center at Mary A. White

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
- E. Consent Grouping
 - 1. Approval of Minutes - July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting and Closed Session
 - 2. Payment of Bills

II. **Public Comment**

III. **Instructional Services**

- A. Duneside Discovery Center at Mary A. White Update

IV. **Business Services**

- A. Financial Institution Approval
- B. 2025-26 Meal Price Recommendation
- C. Board Member Internet Reimbursement Approval
- D. White Pines Kitchen Contingency Increase Approval

V. **Human Services**

- A. New Hires

VI. **Superintendent**

- A. Anti-Bullying Policy Resolution
- B. Master Plan Initial Concepts & Feedback Opportunities

VII. **Board Vice President**

VIII. **Adjournment**

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Duneside Discovery Center at Mary A. White Update

Presented by: Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services
Erica Kelly, Director of Early Learning

Summary of Issue:

Erica Kelly, Director of Early Learning, will provide an update on the opening of the Duneside Discovery Center at Mary A. White.

Administrative Recommendation:

No Action Required.

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Agenda Topic: Financial Institution Approval

Presented By: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Huntington sold their institutional trust business to Argent recently and we need to update our approved financial institutions with the potential banks that we will move that business to.

Listed below are the financial institutions where we bid investments:

The Huntington National Bank/Huntington Capital Corp.
MBIA-MISC/CLASS Pool
Community Shores Bank
Flagstar Bank
Macatawa Bank
PFM Asset Management, LLC
Meeder Investments
Citizens Bank
West Michigan Community Bank
Lake Michigan Credit Union
Argent Institutional Trust Company (AITC)
UMB
US Bank
Commerce Bank

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve Argent Institutional Trust Company, UMB, US Bank, and Commerce Bank.

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Agenda Topic: 2025-26 Proposed Food Service Pricing

Presented By: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Current prices and price recommendations for the 2025-26 school year are outlined below.

Meal Price Recommendation 2025-2026

	Approved 24-25 Price	Recommended 25-26 Price
Type A Elementary	\$3.25	\$3.25
Type A Secondary	\$3.75	\$3.75
Student Breakfast	\$2.50	\$2.50
Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50
Adult Lunch	\$5.15	\$5.40
Adult Breakfast	\$3.00	\$3.12

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the proposed Food Service pricing for the 2025-26 school year.

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Agenda Topic: Board Member Internet Reimbursement

Presented By: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Expenses of a Board member shall be reimbursed when incurred in the performance of his/her duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board and duly vouchered. Monthly internet service will be reimbursed to board members upon receipt of a reimbursement form detailing the amount of the expense along with appropriate detailed receipt.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the reimbursement of monthly board member internet service upon receipt of a reimbursement form and detailed receipt.

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Agenda Topic: White Pines Kitchen Contingency Increase

Presented By: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

During construction, it was determined that an additional circuit breaker was needed in the building's main electrical panel to support the kitchen's new equipment. Upon opening the panel, the contractor identified a significant code violation that must be corrected in order to pass inspection and receive occupancy approval.

It is recommended to increase our project contingency by \$30,000 to cover the electrical work as well as any additional unforeseen items.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the increase to the project contingency by \$30,000. This brings the total contingency budget to \$103,000 (from \$73,000).

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Agenda Topic: Recommendations to Hire

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services

Summary of Issue:

An interview team met with and interviewed candidates for this position in the district. It is the recommendation of the interview team to offer an employment contract for a position within the district to the following candidates:

New Hires/Teachers	Position	Building	Level
Kelly Baykowski	Teacher - SSW	LMS	MA + 25 Step 1
Melissa Bittenbender	Teacher – 2 nd G	Lake Hills	MA Step 2
Natalie Bower	Teacher – SLP	Ferry & Robinson	MA + 25 Step 3
Barbara Cannizzo	Teacher – School Psychologist	Duneside & Griffin	MA + 25 Step 11
Lauren English	Teacher - Math	LMS	BA Step 6
Sheree Goers	Teacher – Counselor	WPIS	MA + 25 Step 8
Haley Scott	Teacher – SLP	Duneside	MA + 25 Step 1

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to offer employment contract to the above-named candidates for the 2025-26 school year, with placement on the salary schedule as presented.

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Agenda Topic: Anti-Bullying Policy 5207 Resolution

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski, Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

After a public hearing, the Board is asked to adopt Thrun 5207: Anti-Bullying Policy and rescind Neola policy 5517.01 Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students.

The policy was reviewed by the Policy Committee, cabinet members, a first reading was held at the June 16, 2025 Board meeting, a second reading was held at the July 21, 2025 Board meeting, and a public hearing was held on August 18, 2025 at 6:30p.m.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to adopt Thrun Policy 5207: Anti-Bullying Policy, and to rescind Neola policy 5517.01 Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students.