



**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Monday, January 12, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM  
Central High School

**AGENDA**

*Mission Statement: Committed to creating a learning environment where students are challenged to think critically, act responsibly, and lead with purpose.*

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**I. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Organization of the Board for 2026
  - 1. Election of Officers
  - 2. Designation of Dates, Times, and Locations of Meetings
- E. Approval of Agenda

**II. CONSENT GROUPING**

- A. Approval of Minutes - December 15, 2025
- B. Payment of Bills - December

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. December Grand Partner of the Month - Love in Action
- B. January Grand Partner of the Month - Kids Hope USA
- C. School Board Recognition

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board of Education invites members of the audience to share feedback or input during this portion of the meeting. Comments may be related to an agenda item or to other areas of interest. The Board does not take action on comments or questions made during the public comment. The comments may be referred to the Superintendent for response, research, and/or recommendation. The Board asks that all speakers identify themselves, and limit remarks to three minutes. We welcome your input.

**V. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

- A. Central High School Update

**VI. BUSINESS SERVICES**

- A. Operating Millage Resolution
- B. 2025-26 Budget Amendment

**VII. HUMAN SERVICES**

A. New Hire

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT**

A. Second Reading & Adoption of Board Policy Updates

B. Strategic Plan Update

C. Superintendent's 2026 Goals Approval

IX. **BOARD PRESIDENT**

A. Master Plan/Future Bond Timeline

B. Execution of Superintendent's Contract

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 12, 2026

Agenda Topic: Central High School Improvement Update

Presented by: Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services  
Kevin Berko, Principal

Summary of Issue:

Principal Kevin Berko, will present school improvement efforts at Central High School. This alternative high school is an intervention in our district and approaches the root causes of student challenges to bring student success. His presentation will include:

- Implementation of positive behaviors systems to support attendance and grade/credit recognition
- Use of homeroom to empower student learning using their transcript and graduation plan
- Integration of whole child supports, such as mentoring, Tri-cities College Access Network, Mosaic Counseling, and Momentum Center programs
- Creation of service projects to build relevance and efficacy

Administrative Recommendation:

No Action Required.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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Agenda Topic: Resolution for Operating Millage Renewal

Presented by: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

Summary of Issue:

Attached is a resolution proposing a one-year operating millage renewal for non-principal residence and non-qualified agricultural property tax. The annual renewal of our operating millage has typically occurred in May, and passage of the renewal is critical to opening our doors each fall.

Administrative Recommendation:

The Board is asked to approve the resolution for a one-year operating millage renewal to go before voters at the May 5, 2026 special election.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: 2025-26 Budget Amendment #1

Presented by: Michael MacDonald, Executive Director or Business Services

Summary of Issue

Enclosed is the resolution for the 2025-26 Budget Amendment #1. An overview of the changes are:

Change in Revenues from Adopted Budget	\$253,500
Change in Expenditures from Adopted Budget	<u>\$465,800</u>
Net Change	(\$212,300)
Approved Deficit (approved with proposed budget)	\$1,883,100
Deficit – Budget Revision #1	\$2,095,400
Beginning Fund Balance – July 1, 2025	\$ 9,403,906
Projected Fund Balance – June 30, 2026	\$ 7,308,506
Fund balance as a percent of total expenditures	8.09%

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the 2025-26 Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

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Agenda Topic: New Hire

Presented by: Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services

Summary of Issue:

Interview teams met with and interviewed candidates for these positions in the district. It is the recommendation of the interview teams to offer an employment contract for a position within the district to the following candidate:

<b>New Hires/Teachers</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Level</b>
Emily Peterson	Teacher - RR	Lake Hills	BA Step 2

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Administrative Recommendation:

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

*All personnel hires are recommended by Administration and are formally approved by the Board of Education for the public record.*

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AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Second Reading & Adoption of Board Policy Revisions

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski, Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

Thrun provided the District with policy updates for review by board members and cabinet as appropriate. Policies were reviewed by the policy committee and cabinet members. A first reading took place at the December 15, 2025 Board of Education meeting. We recommend the adoption of the Board policies as presented:

**Thrun Law Firm Recommended Updates**

3118 - Title IX Sexual Harassment - *Revised*

4113 - Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) - *Revised*

4221 - Employee Speech - *Revised*

5407 - Instructional Program and Curriculum Development - *Revised*

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to adopt the proposed revised Board policies as presented.

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AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Superintendent's 2026 Goals Approval

Presented by: Kristin Perkowski, Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

Superintendent Perkowski will present her proposed performance goals based on the Michigan Association of School Boards Superintendent Evaluation instrument. Performance goals should be S-M-A-R-T: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-focused, and Time-related. Goals should be limited in number, aligned to district goals and assist in clarifying accountability. The superintendent's 2026 goals include:

1. By April 30, 2026, strengthen districtwide execution of the Strategic Plan by implementing a coherent monitoring and reporting system that ensures transparency, accountability, and alignment to superintendent evaluation measures.
2. By December 30, 2026 conduct a comprehensive review and redesign of organizational structures to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and system coherence.

Administrative Recommendation:

Motion to approve the superintendent's 2026 goals as presented.