



SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM

GHAPS Education Service Center

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

II. CONSENT GROUPING

- A. Approval of Minutes - January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

IV. BOARD TRUSTEE CANDIDATE INTERVIEW PROCESS

V. BOARD TRUSTEE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

***Interview times are approximate and subject to change.**

- A. 6:15 PM - Zach Winterhalter
- B. 6:45 PM - Robyn Cook
- C. 7:30 PM - Emily Nail
- D. 8:00 PM - Brook Bisonet

VI. BOARD TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

VII. ADJOURNMENT

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 27, 2026

Agenda Topic: Board Trustee Candidate Interview Process

Presented by: Nichol Stack, Board President

Summary of Issue:

There were eighteen (18) applications submitted to fill the trustee seat vacated by the resignation of Carl Treutler, effective January 1, 2026.

Under Michigan law, the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education is required to fill a board vacancy by appointment within 30 days of the resignation. If the Board does not make an appointment within that timeframe, the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District would be required to fill the vacancy.

Following individual review of all application materials, the Board's Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, to review applications and make recommendations regarding which candidates should advance to interviews before the full Board. Based on that review, the committee recommended four (4) applicants for interviews:

- Zach Winterhalter
- Emily Nail
- Robyn Cook
- Brook Bisonet

All candidates selected for interview will be asked the same set of questions and evaluated using a standardized scoring rubric. Following the interviews, the two candidates receiving the highest total scores will advance for further Board consideration.

Each trustee will then cast a ranking ballot indicating a first and second choice. First-choice selections will receive two (2) points, and second-choice selections will receive one (1) point. The candidate receiving the highest total ballot point value will be brought forward for appointment by the Board and considered for approval by roll-call vote in open session.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the interview and advancement process for the vacant Trustee position of the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education, as outlined.

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AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 27, 2026

Agenda Topic: Board Trustee Candidate Interviews

Presented by: Nichol Stack, Board President

Summary of Issue:

The following candidates will be interviewed by the Board of Education to fill the vacant trustee seat. Interview times are approximate and subject to change.

6:15 PM - Zach Winterhalter

6:45 PM - Robyn Cook

7:30 PM - Emily Nail

8:00 PM - Brook Bisonet

Recommendation:

None. This agenda item is for interviews only.

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 27, 2026

Agenda Topic: Board Trustee Appointment

Presented by: Nichol Stack, Board President

Summary of Issue:

Pursuant to Michigan law, the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education is required to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education by appointment.

Following the interview and advancement process approved by the Board, a candidate will be brought forward for appointment to fill the trustee seat vacated by the resignation of Carl Treutler, effective January 1, 2026.

The individual appointed will serve until the November 3, 2026 election has been held and certified, and the elected successor has qualified and assumed office. The elected successor will serve the remainder of the term through December 31, 2028.

Recommendation (ROLL CALL):

Motion to appoint _____ as a Trustee of Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education until the November 3, 2026 elections have been held and certified, and a newly elected successor has accepted the office.