

Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education

MARCH 10, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

**SAWDON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BOARD ROOM
6:00 P.M.**

Grand Ledge Public Schools
**Regular Meeting
of the
Board of Education**

Please take notice that the Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on:

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025

Place: Sawdon Administration Building
Board Room
220 Lamson Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

***Once the meeting begins, it will be Live Streamed
at: [youtube.com/@GLPS21](https://www.youtube.com/@GLPS21) (click on Live)***

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Purpose: General Business

Phone: (517) 925-5400

Board minutes are located at the Board of Education office, 220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837



William A. Barnes, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

cc: Buildings
Board Members
Lansing State Journal
Melissa Mazzola, President, GLEA
Ashleigh Lore, Vice-President, GLEA
Sarah Hopper, President, MEA/NEA Unit I, Secretarial /Clerical
Denise Truman, President, MEA/NEA Unit III, Food Service
Allyson McCann, President, MEA/NEA Unit IV, Paraeducators, TA & Health Care Paraeducators
Danis Peck, President, IUOE Local 547, A, B, C, E & H AFL-CIO, Bus Drivers
Sarra Ruiz, President, Custodial Association

Date of Posting: March 5, 2025

NOTE: *Individuals may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes in the Public Comment segment of the meeting. Any person with a disability needing accommodations to attend a Board of Education meeting should contact Kim Manning at 925-5401 at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting he/she plans to attend*

**Grand Ledge Public Schools
Board of Education
MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 10, 2025
6:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.....Denise DuFort, President
- II. Roll Call.....Dr. Bill Barnes, Superintendent
- III. Approval of Agenda Items
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
 - A. February 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- V. Reports
 - A. Capitol Connections
 - B. Eaton RESA
 - C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation
 - D. Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee
 - E. Governance Committee
 - F. Bond Update
 - G. Superintendent
 - a. Adventure Club & Little Comets Preschool Presentation
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. New Business
 - A. Board Members Discussion – Policy #0143.1
 - B. Bid Award – Willow Ridge & Hayes Intermediate Furnishings
 - C. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices
 - D. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices
 - E. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoices
- VIII. Comments from Staff and Board
- IX. Future Topics
 - A. Work Session – Monday, April 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Board Room
- X. Adjournment

NOTE: This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda



**CALL TO ORDER &
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Denise DuFort

"I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all."



ROLL CALL

Superintendent Dr. William Barnes



APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the March 10, 2025 Agenda Items, as presented.



APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. February 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the March 10, 2025 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

**GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – February 24, 2025
MINUTES**

Vice President Kuykendoll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Bill Barnes indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Coban Holmes, Matt Oppenheim, Kali Stevens, Toni Glasscoe, Nicole Shannon, Ashley Kuykendoll. **Board Members Absent:** Denise DuFort. **Central Office Administrators:** Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Adrienne Barna, Wendy Seida, Bill Albrecht, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** John Piper, Dave Paz, John VanHoesen, Julie Noel Yeakey, Ashlee Paz, Jenny David, Tim Totten, Sally Jo Nelton, Ashleigh Lore, Allyson S. McCann and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 24, 2025 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 24, 2025 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. CAPITOL CONNECTIONS

Dr. Glasscoe shared information regarding the early release of the Governor's 304 page budget. She encouraged everyone to listen to the Governor's State of the State address on Wednesday but reminded everyone this process is just starting and in no way reflects the final budget that will be adopted.

Ms. Stevens shared that on Thursday MASB will provide a recap of the Governor's speech.

Mr. Holmes shared the "hard cap" bill and eight others did not go to the Governor and there are legal proceedings trying to get those bills to her. He noted he understands the minimum wage and sick time bills were signed.

Superintendent Barnes noted the sick time bill does impact the district but Adrienne Barna and Kelly Jones are working to ensure we are in compliance through updates from Neola and district legal counsel.

B. EATON RESA

Mr. Holmes shared that at the County Wide School Board Meeting at Eaton RESA they received information from the MASB's Director of Government Relations noting most importantly that the MIPSER reimbursement funds should be coming soon, the school aid fund ended with a higher than estimated fund balance and while enrollment at the state level continues to drop that is not the case for Grand Ledge Public Schools as our enrollment continues to grow.

Dr. Glasscoe mentioned the 50 year celebration that LCC is a sponsoring.

C. GRAND LEDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Ms. Shannon shared registration has opened for Foundation's 5K Comet Chase. The race is scheduled for June 21st which coincides with Yankee Doodle Day. She shared that every board member has signed up to participate or pledged support and thanked them for leading by example. To sign up, visit GLEF.net.

D. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Ms. Stevens noted during their meeting they spent time recapping last year's roles and establishing a direction for the committee for this year.

E. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Holmes noted during their meeting they also spent time recapping the committee's work from last year and the establishment and adoption of the new policies through Neola. This year the committee will continue the review process of changes and updates from Neola as well as working to establish the administrative guidelines.

F. BOND UPDATE

Bond Supervisor John Piper provided updates on construction work at Neff, High School, Hayes, Operations, Willow Ridge. He noted that all projects are on schedule and on budget.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Barnes welcomed Hayes Principal Eric Leopold and Assistant Principal Scott Millbrook to present to the board.

a. Hayes Intermediate School

Hayes Intermediate School Principal Eric Leopold and Assistant Principal Scott Millbrook along with several Hayes students provided the board with an overview of their recent Future City program and Salmon in the Classroom Program. Mr. Leopold shared the five MICIP Goals at Hayes this year. And

shared growth and achievement data in Math and Reading through NWEA scores and how they are tracking their Social Studies and Science goals without a given test to track. Mr. Millbrook shared information on their goal of having 95% of their students who have a positive connection here at school and shared how they are working to achieve this goal. In closing, Mr. Leopold shared how the building is working to increase fun building-wide events to bring families into the school including Trunk or Treat, Family Game Night, Dane Party, Trivia at Lunch, more frequent Field trips, all the school read. Each of the board members and COLT members were provided a copy of the all school read book: Booked by Kwame Alexander.

b. Superintendent's Performance Update – Governance & Board Relations

Superintendent Barnes provided the board with an update regarding Policy Involvement, Goal Development, Information, Materials and Background, Board Questions and Board Development reviewing the goal for each of the areas and providing current initiatives and data sets that support the progress for each goal area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Probationary to Tenure Status

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Oppenheim for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to award Tenure Status to Chad Little, Annette Trudeau, Gillian Eisenbraun, Jamie Pung, Allison Shumate and Lindsey Fender, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD

Deputy Superintendent Steve Gabriel shared events from Friday's Basketball Game noting that Grand Ledge Public Schools Alum, Al Horford, who plays for the Boston Celtics, was in town for the retirement of his jersey. He also noted that the [Comet Athletic Hall of Fame](#), Class of 2025 was announced as well, noting you can visit the website to review the bios of this year's inductees.

Executive Director of Technology Mark reminded everyone to get their tickets for the upcoming musical, Descendents.

Superintendent Barnes thanked Hayes for their presentation and his COLT team for all they do. He remarked you can never celebrate all the good things happening throughout the district too often and expressed his appreciation to the board.

Mr. Holmes also encouraged everyone to get their tickets for Descendents and encouraged everyone to show up and support all the hard work that goes into the production. He remarked he was aware of the Salmon in the Classroom Program noting it is incredible to see that level

of conservation work. In closing he shared that he was in attendance to support all those who took the Polar Plunge and stating he will join the event next year and take the plunge.

Mr. Oppenheim remarked he will not be participating in the Polar Plunge. He went on to noted that Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up and expressing his appreciation to the teachers for having those kinds of honest conversations with parents.

Ms. Stevens noted she has her tickets for Descendents and that she has signed her entire family up for the 5K Comet Chase.

Dr. Glasscoe noted she signed up for the 5K Comet Chase following Ms. Shannon's challenge to the board and extended the challenge to the board members encouraging them to invite 25 people, each, to join the race. She thanked the administration for their work with the Phi-Beta Sigma event noting Mr. Castillo did a wonderful job. In closing she noted that as board members, when we hear something or see something, it is the member's responsibility to share that to ensure matters are addressed. She expressed her appreciation for the leadership team's follow-through.

Ms. Shannon noted she too has her tickets for Descendents. She thanked the board for their support of the Comet Chase. She remarked the district is always striving to do better and be better and when something happens, it is addressed and she expressed her appreciation for the response she has seen. In closing she commented the Standards Based Achievement has made it so much easier for a parent to understand and expressed her appreciation for the implementation.

Vice President Kuykendoll seconded all the comments of her colleagues and gave shout outs to recent community recreation achievements. She thanked everyone for the work they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Nicole Shannon, Secretary

Denise DuFort, President



REPORTS

- A. Capitol Connections Report**
- B. Eaton RESA Report**
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PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Persons may address the board for up to three (3) minutes in the Public Comment segment of the meeting by providing your name and jurisdiction (City, Township / County) on one of the Public Comment forms provided at the sign in table and turning it in to the Superintendent's Assistant.

The meeting chair will use the Public Comment forms submitted to invite persons to come forward to make their public comment at the appropriate time.

Board Meetings are constructed to conduct necessary business of the board, while allowing time for the public to express concerns and opinions.

Out of respect for board members, students and staff, you will be interrupted if you:

- Personally attack a board member or district employee on issues unrelated to their job performance.
- Mention a student's name when discussing behavior or other incidents.
- Engage in discussion with other members of the audience.

You will be reminded when you are approaching the end of your three-minute limit so you can conclude with your strongest points.

The board will not respond to questions or comments during public comment but the Superintendent will do his best to answer questions at the end of the meeting. If immediate answers are not available, arrangements will be made to provide you with the information requested.



NEW BUSINESS A

A. Board Members Discussion - Policy #0143.1

Book	Policy Manual
Section	0000 Bylaws
Title	PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF BOARD MEMBERS
Code	po0143.1
Status	Active
Adopted	February 5, 2024

0143.1 - **PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board President functions as the official spokesperson for the Board.

From time-to-time, however, individual Board members will make public statements on school matters.

If the statements imply, or if the readers (listeners) could infer that the opinions expressed or statements made are the official positions of the Board, the Board members shall, when writing or speaking on school matters, make it clear that their views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Board or of their colleagues on the Board.

- A. This bylaw shall apply to all statements and/or writings by individual Board members not explicitly sanctioned by a majority of its members, except as follows:
1. correspondence, such as legislative proposals, when the Board member has received official guidance from the Board on the matters discussed in the letter
 2. routine, not for publication, correspondence of the Superintendent and other Board employees
 3. routine "thank you" letters of the Board
 4. statements by Board members on nonschool matters (providing the statements do not identify the author as a member of the Board)
 5. personal statements not intended for publication
- B. Copies of this bylaw may be sent annually to local media by the Board President.

A Board member's personal or private use of social media may have unintended, negative consequences to the Board member and/or the District, including possible violations of the Open Meetings Act and issues relating to creation of a public record. Postings to social media should be done in a manner sensitive to the Board member's responsibilities, applicable District policies, and legal obligations.



NEW BUSINESS B

B. Bid Award - Willow Ridge & Hayes Furnishings

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the bid award for Willow Ridge Elementary School furnishings in the amount not to exceed \$105,802.08 and Hayes Intermediate furnishings in the amount not to exceed \$103,632.50 for a total bid award not to exceed \$209,434.58 using bond funds, as presented.



March 5, 2025

John Piper
Grand Ledge Public Schools
220 Lamson Street
Grand Ledge, MI 4883

RE: Grand Ledge Public Schools – Furniture for purchase off Cooperative Bidding Contracts at Willow Ridge Elementary School and Hayes Intermediate School.

Dear John Piper and The Board of Education,

Willow Ridge Elementary and Hayes Intermediate will receive new furnishings to be installed in Summer of 2025. The intent is to have these spaces ready for use prior to the first day of school for Fall 2025.

It is the recommendation of GMB that the furniture for these buildings be purchased off cooperative bidding contracts which contain pre-negotiated pricing for public institutions. This allows school districts to legally purchase furniture without preparing a formal bid. The recommended not-to-exceed award totals for each school are as follows:

Willow Ridge Elementary

<i>Dew-EI</i>	\$39,028.52
<i>NBS</i>	\$6,577.24
<i>Great Lakes</i>	\$1,522.80
<i>DBI</i>	\$58,673.72

Total Willow Ridge Not-to-Exceed Amount: \$105,802.08

Hayes Intermediate

<i>Dew-EI</i>	\$31,331.94
<i>NBS</i>	\$13,669.19
<i>Great Lakes</i>	\$2,895.80
<i>DBI</i>	\$55,735.57

Total Hayes Not-to-Exceed Amount: \$103,632.50

Sincerely,

Alex Genzink
Furniture Specialist
GMB Architecture + Engineering



NEW BUSINESS C

C. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$24,316.30, as presented.





NEW BUSINESS D

D. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$1,112,309.93, as presented.

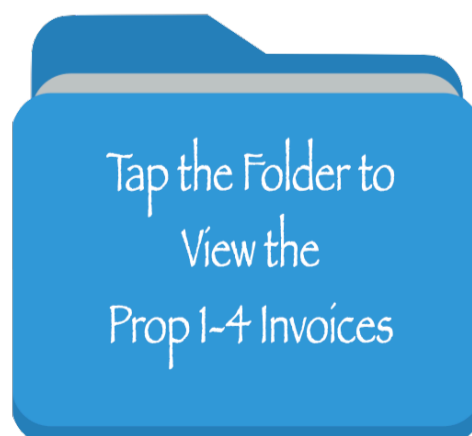




NEW BUSINESS E

E. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoices

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$937,976.93 , as presented.





COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD



FUTURE TOPICS

- Work Session - Monday, April 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Board Room



ADJOURNMENT

Time: _____