

**GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
***Board of Education***

**Work Session – June 9, 2025**

**MINUTES**

President DuFort 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, Toni Glasscoe, Nicole Shannon, Ashley Kuykendoll and Denise DuFort. **Board Members Absent:** Kali Stevens. **Central Office Administrators:** Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Adrienne Barna, Wendy Seida, Bill Albrecht, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Zach Everly, Lily Hafner, Kat Farr, Melissa Mazzola, Darrin Gyurich, Mandy Arnott, James Schafer, Rebecca Oetting, Megan Barnes, Allyson McCann and Kim Manning

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. MAY 12, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded Dr. Glasscoe by for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the May 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. TEACHER HIRINGS**

**Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the teacher hirings, as presented.**

| Name                 | Bldg     | Position              | Name            | Bldg     | Position              |
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| Mandy Arnott         | DC       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Nicole Haney    | Holbrook | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade |
| Rose Babicz          | Wacousta | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Rachelle Jagger | Hayes    | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
| Megan Barnes         | WR       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | Isabel Lee      | Beagle   | Science               |
| Madeline Braley      | DC       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | Britni Morgan   | Wacousta | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
| Stephanie Brokstad   | GLHS     | Counselor             | Rebecca Oetting | WR       | Kindergarten          |
| Stacy Bussis         | Wacousta | 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | James Schafer   | GLHS     | Science               |
| Katherine Cornelison | Holbrook | 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | Todd Simon      | GLHS     | Social Studies        |
| Zachary Everly       | GLHS     | Choir Director        | Erica Sollid    | DC       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
| Kylie Foster         | Wacousta | STEAM                 | Courtney Stoel  | Hayes    | Counselor             |
| Lily Hafner          | Wacousta | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Chelsea Walker  | WR       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade |
| Melissa Hall         | Beagle   | ELA                   | Anna Wetzel     | Beagle   | ASD                   |

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Holmes for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells, as presented.**

Superintendent Barnes commended Food Service Supervisor Darrin Gyurich noting he builds great relationships with staff and students alike. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Gyurich and the long-time partnership between the district and Chartwells.

Chief Financial Officer Adrienne Barna noted she is please to recommend Chartwells. She explained the bid process requirements noting that Chartwells received the most points on the bid specs. She advised part of the bid process requires bid documentation to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for approval prior to being brought to the board for approval. This reflects a one-year contract with up to four years of renewal.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. DISTRICT FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN RESOLUTION**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Grand Ledge Public Schools Flexible Spending Plan Resolution, as presented.**

Superintendent Barnes noted this is part of the Flexible Spending Account option offered to district employees.

Executive Director of Human Resources, Kelly Jones advised our representative from SetSeg advised we should include a resolution of support for board consideration.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Mr. Holmes    | <u>YES</u> |
| Mr. Oppenheim | <u>YES</u> |
| Dr. Glasscoe  | <u>YES</u> |

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| Ms. Shannon      | <u>YES</u> |
| Ms. Kuykendoll   | <u>YES</u> |
| President DuFort | <u>YES</u> |

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**E. BOND TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE – DISTRICT-WIDE AV**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of Multi-Function Printers/Copiers from Applied Innovation in the amount of \$358,654.34 and Uninterruptible Power Supply from MOSS in the amount of \$140,373.69 for a total purchase of \$499,028.03 for Hayes (District-Wide) Audio Visual Improvements using Bond Technology Funds, as presented.**

Superintendent Barnes pointed out this is actually for district-wide AV upgrades not just Hayes.

**Mr. Holmes offered a friendly amendment to Ms. Shannon's motion replacing Hayes Audio Visual Improvements to district-wide Audio Visual Improvements. Ms. Shannon and Dr. Glasscoe accepted the friendly amendment.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. UPDATED POLICY 5111 – ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS**

**Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to waive the first reading of Board Policy 5111 and move for immediate approval, as presented.**

Superintendent Barnes advised this was reviewed by the Board Governance Committee and approved to be brought forward to the full board for consideration. He shared after receiving clarification from district legal counsel, the edits bring the policy in line with the pupil accounting requirements.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**G. SINKING FUND BID AWARD – NEFF SECURE ENTRY - MASONRY**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Holmes for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the bid award to Complete Enclosures, Inc. in the amount of \$5,600.00 for masonry work as part of the Neff Secure Entry Project, using Sinking Fund Dollars, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this was reviewed by the Board Bond and Sinking Fund Committee and approved to be brought forward to the full board. Dr. Barnes noted his completes the bid for the Neff Secure Entry project.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**H. SINKING FUND BID AWARD – GLHS BASEBALL NETTING**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Oppenheim for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the bid award to Nationwide Construction in the amount of \$132,680.00 using Sinking Fund Dollars for the Grand Ledge High School baseball netting, as presented.**

President DuFort noted this was reviewed by the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee and approved to be brought forward to the full board for consideration.

Dr. Barnes noted this has been in process for quite some time and he is pleased to bring it for a vote tonight. He did clarify that this project will probably not be completed until

the Fall due to the company's work load, but confirmed it will be completed and ready for the next baseball season. This will extend netting down the baseline to protect fans.  
**The motion carried unanimously.**

**I. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 3 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$299,379.92, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this was reviewed by the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee and approved to be brought forward to the full board for consideration. She noted there was an addition error in the information included in the board packet and the amount in the motion is the correct amount. These invoices represent progress billing, AV for Hayes, and trades work at the high school.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**J. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 4 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$1,353,829.67, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this was reviewed by the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee and approved to be brought forward to the full board for consideration. These invoices represent progress billing from Clark and GMB, includes other Hayes AV and the trades for WR, Hayes and Operations building.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD**

Deputy Superintendent Steve Gabriel congratulated all the new hires and remarked he is looking forward to meeting them and working closely with them. He congratulated the Class of 2025 and recognized the work that goes into making commencement a special event. He reminded everyone the Grand Ledge Education Foundation's Comet Chase is taking place June 21<sup>st</sup>. There is currently 229 people registered and encouraged everyone to come out and join in on the fun. In closing he recognized the boys track team, boys lacross team and girls softball team for their regional wins.

Executive Director of Instruction, Assessment & Curriculum Bill Albrecht seconded Dr. Gabriel's comments. He also congratulated all of our students and families on a successful school year.

Superintendent Barnes congratulated our senior and thanked the entire GLPS staff, all 700 of them, for all the work put in to making the 2024-2025 school year a success. He noted the district's recently adopted ELA literacy curriculum for elementary and middle school, CKLA, was ranked number one. He recognized the board for attending the commencement ceremony and remarked it was nice to see all the high school staff there to honor the graduates. In closing

he shared the 2024-2025 school year was strong and he looks forward to continue the work into a strong 2025-2026.

Mr. Homes remarked commencement was so much fun and he was happy to be a part of it. He recognized the student speakers remarking they were excellent. With regard to CKLA he noted he is looking forward to seeing in the classrooms next year. In closing he expressed his appreciation to everyone who will not be taking a summer break.

Mr. Oppenheim noted he enjoyed graduation as well, with special appreciation for how staff was invited to participate. He shared he was able to get into three Delta Center classrooms prior to the end of the year and did see CKLA in action as well as a masterful kindergarten class. He noted he will share more about his building visit at the next meeting.

Dr. Glasscoe noted she was able to personally thank people the night of graduation sharing that her grandson came to this district in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. She commended how many people poured into him, and took the time and effort to help him move through high school with love, encouragement and reasonable expectations. She remarked as a comet family she is so proud and so thankful for this district did to support him.

Ms. Shannon shared she was not able to attend the graduation ceremony due to a family commitment, but she was able to attend the Humanitarian Symposium and remarking it was amazing. She likened the event similar to Ted Talks. She noted she was so impressed by how composed the student presenters were. She remarked there is a lot to be proud of. In closing she commented it is hard to believe it is the end of the year, noting this is like the first day of summer break and she hope everyone gets a chance to unplug.

Ms. Kuykendoll acknowledge the ASL interpreters present at graduation and referenced a Facebook post commending Grand Ledge. She recognized this as another way GLPS stepped in and stepped up to fill the gaps when we see them. She congratulated the graduates and their family. In closing, she thanked our current staff and welcomed all of the new staff.

President DuFort noted she attending Ms. Browning's Beginndergarten graduation before the Class of 2025 Commencement noting it was interesting to see. She expressed it was amazing to see what the young students were doing and then going to the high school graduation. She noted she is very proud of this district and seeing what we do at all levels. She commended the district for always looking for ways to do better and be better, but again noted how proud she is of the district. In closing she thanked everyone for their efforts.

Dr. Gabriel added that the GLPS baseball team won their 30<sup>th</sup> Diamond Classic this past weekend.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Nicole Shannon, Secretary

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Denise DuFort, President

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