

**GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
***Board of Education***  
**Regular Meeting – July 14, 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, Kali Stevens, Toni Glasscoe, Nicole Shannon, Ashley Kuykendoll and Denise DuFort. ***Board Members Absent***: Matt Oppenheim. ***Central Office Administrators***: Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Adrienne Barna, Wendy Seida, Bill Albrecht, Kelly Jones and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Sally Jo Nelton, Jan M. Seeger, Melissa Mazzola, Tim Totten and Kim Manning

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 14, 2025 Agenda Items, as presented.**

Mr. Holmes asked to have the approval of the board policies removed under New Business Item A and just maintain the waiving of the first reading.

**Ms. Shannon and Dr. Glasscoe accepted this friendly amendment to the agenda.**

**The motion carried unanimously as revised.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Holmes for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 14, 2025 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting & Closed Session Minutes, the June 27, 2025 Special Meeting and Closed Session Minutes and the hiring of teachers Lauren Harvey, Elena Markley and Nicole Schmitt.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

**A. CAPITOL CONNECTIONS**

Dr. Glasscoe shared the latest word she has regarding the state budget is not to expect anything until well into August or early September. She is hopeful to have a budget before the State's required October 1 deadline.

**B. EATON RESA**

President DuFort did not have a report as the Eaton RESA Board has not met.

**C. GRAND LEDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Ms. Shannon took a moment to thank Dr. Gabriel for being an amazing race coordinator. She shared the Foundation board will be meeting in a few weeks to discuss next steps in getting the grant process going and establishing a DJ Trivia fundraiser in December.

Dr. Gabriel shared, after listening to participants and the community, next year's race will be one week earlier to eliminate competing with other large races and events.

**D. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

Vice President Kuykendoll shared the committee reviewed some of the leadership opportunities in the community in relations to our DEI work and our partnerships not just GL proper but across Delta Township and spent some time reviewing survey data and a grant partnership with Eaton RESA for work with the Black Male Educator Alliance.

**E. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Holmes noted the committee spent time at the last meeting reviewing all the proposed changes to the board policies that are on later in the agenda. He shared on policy was held out for further discussion by the committee prior to bringing it to the full board.

**F. BOND UPDATE**

In Bond Supervisor John Piper absence, Dr. Gabriel provided updates on construction work at the high school, Willow Ridge, Hayes and the Operations Building and the secure entrance at Neff. Wacousta Classrooms bids have been posted and are due July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Design meetings for the Morris Property are still ongoing.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Barnes noted the district is in week two of the summer learning program at Holbrook sharing there are lots of kids and lots of staff and things are running smoothly. He reminded everyone this is a four-week program that runs from 9:00 am – noon and the district provides transportation for the students enrolled in the program. He commented he just wanted to highlight that while July is supposed to be relatively quiet, the district is not. With construction, work at Central office, dozens of staff at the summer learning, students on the softball fields there is still a lot going on in the district. Our custodial teams are in the buildings getting them ready for the upcoming school year, new paint job here at Sawdon and in the next week or two, everything will shift to the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. BOARD POLICY REVISIONS**

**Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to Waive the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the revisions to the board policies, as presented.**

The board reviewed proposed revisions to policies 0131.1, 1130, 2264, 2266, 3110, 3120.08, 4110, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5330.02, 5340, 5500, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550, 7310, 7440.03, 6450, 6540.09, 8320, 8321, 8500, and 8510 noting that all of the proposed revisions were discussed, in depth, with the Governance Committee and approved to be brought forward to the full board for consideration and discussion.

As a reminder, all policies of the Board of Education are available on the district's website at [glcomets.net/boardpolicies](http://glcomets.net/boardpolicies).

These policy revisions will be brought back for approval at the August 11, 2025 Board Meeting.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. 2025-2026 MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2025-2026 MHSAA Membership Resolution, as presented.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>
President DuFort	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Holmes	<u>YES</u>

Ms. Stevens	<u>YES</u>
Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. BUS PURCHASE**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the purchase of three (3) conventional, 77-passenger school buses from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$451,750.86 using General Fund dollars, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. MORRIS PROPERTY OPTION**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to exercise the option to receive the Morris property, as presented in the August 10, 2005 Option Agreement, and authorize Superintendent Bill Barnes to submit a letter, as presented, to Michigan State University in accordance with the agreement.**

Superintendent Barnes shared the backstory of this property option and advising the district has until August 31, 2025 to exercise the option on this property. The board's approval to exercise the option tonight, is the next step in the process that will result in closing on the property prior to the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**E. DAKTRONICS PURCHASE**

**Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the scoreboard purchase from Daktronics in the amount of \$264,310.00 using General Capital Projects, Fund 45, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this was reviewed at the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee prior to the meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES**

**Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Holmes for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$60,375.00, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this was reviewed at the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee prior to the meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration. This represents work for the Neff secure entrance and the HVAC system at Sawdon.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**G. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 3 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Holmes, 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 \$439,508.58, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this was reviewed at the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee prior to the meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration. This represents Clark and GMB progress billing and trades work at the high school.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**H. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 4 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Holmes for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Invoices in the amount of \$1,398,505.27, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this was reviewed at the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee prior to the meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration. This represents Clark progress billing and work at Willow Ridge, Hayes and the Operations building.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**I. H & R ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS PROPOSAL**

**Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the proposal from H & R Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$25,000.00 using Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Funds, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this was reviewed at the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee prior to the meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration. This represents an omission in the high school electrical work bid that was caught during a walk through late last week.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD**

Mr. Holmes remarked he is thrilled to see all the progress on construction projects and thanked everyone who is working so hard over the summer.

Ms. Stevens thanked the members of the Governance Committee for all their work on the board policies noting it is very thorough and packaged up nicely for the full board. She encouraged everyone to take a drive down Nixon Road remarking the progress, since the end of the school year is amazing.

Dr. Glasscoe thanked everyone for their work and shared she is in the midst of the College Connect Program at her day job wherein 50% of the participants are GLPS graduates. In closing she commented on the student parking lot noting she had not noticed it before the awards celebration. Dr. Barnes shared that Dr. Wright allowed the students to paint their own parking spots.

Ms. Shannon thanked everyone for working so hard. The district is very lucky because we are building, moving and increasing. She commended Dr. Gabriel for showing up in Mr. Piper's absence.

President DuFort commented it is so exciting to be in Grand Ledge right now and she is very proud and happy to be a part of what is happening within the district. She expressed her thanks to all the individuals involved in making this happen.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Nicole Shannon, Secretary

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Denise DuFort, President

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