

Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education



OCTOBER 12, 2026

WORK SESSION

SAWDON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

BOARD ROOM

6:00 PM

Grand Ledge Public Schools

Work Session of the Board of Education

Please take notice that the Board of Education will hold a Work Session on:

Date: Monday, October 12, 2026

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
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Sue Surateaux, President, IUOE Local 547, A, B, C, E & H AFL-CIO, Bus Drivers
Evan Sabin, Co-President, Building & Grounds Maintenance Association
Ron Bohnet, Co-President, Building & Grounds Maintenance Association
Keri Weir, President, IUOE Local 324, Custodial Association

Date of Posting: October 7, 2026

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, October 12, 2026
6:00 pm

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.....Ashley Kuykendoll, President
- II. Roll Call.....Dr. Bill Barnes, Superintendent
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Presentations
 - A. Welcome – Staff & Students from Lohne, Germany
 - B. Superintendent’s Evaluation Update – Staff Relations
 - C. Portrait of a Learner
- V. Action Items
 - A. Approval of September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of TMP Proposal for Morris & Wacousta Commons
 - C. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices
 - D. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoices
- VI. Comments from Staff and Board
- VII. Future Topics
 - A. Special Meeting – Monday, October 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Board Room (Sup’t Annual Evaluation)
 - B. Board Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Board Room
- VIII. Adjournment

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ashley Kuykendoll

"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 Bill Barnes



PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

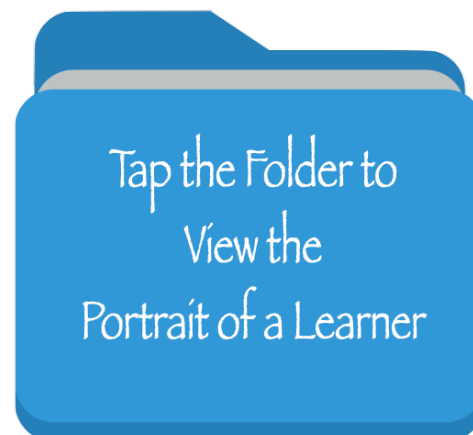
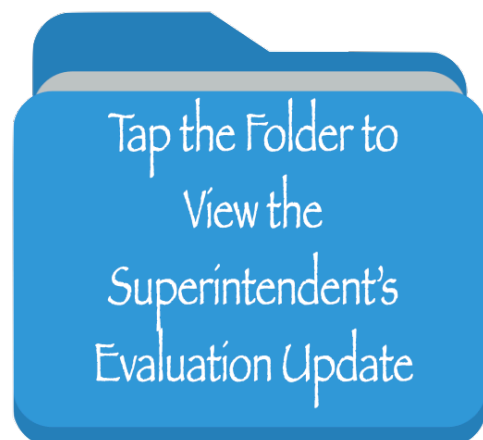
You will be reminded when you are approaching the end of your three-minute limit so you can conclude with your strongest points.

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.



PRESENTATIONS

- A. Welcome - Staff & Students from Lohne, Germany
- B. Superintendent's Evaluation Update - Stakeholder Relations
- C. Portrait of a Learner





ACTION ITEM A

A. Approval of September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes, as presented.

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – September 28, 2026

MINUTES

President Kuykendoll called the meeting to order at 6:01 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***: Matt Oppenheim, Kali Stevens, Nicole Shannon, Denise DuFort, Coban Holmes, Toni Glasscoe and Ashley Kuykendoll. ***Board Members Absent***: None. ***Central Office Administrators***: Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Adrienne Barna, Bill Albrecht, Wendy Seida, Kelly Jones and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Jan M. Seeger, Melissa Mazzola, Jon Ringlein, John Piper and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the September 28, 2026 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the September 28, 2026 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the August 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes and the teacher hiring of Lacy Jewell, Taryn McCarthy and Karen Marshall.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. 2025-2026 AUDIT

Jon Ringlein, Senior Manager from Maner Costerisan presented the 2025-2026 Audit findings with an unmodified opinion, noting no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies in internal controls, that the district was in compliance for major programs with no findings related to federal awards, no identified issues in the governance letter or the management letter.

Mr. Ringlein answered questions from the board.

The board reminded everyone they do not rubber stamp the audit as the board finance committee meets to review the audit in depth prior to it being brought forward to the full board. The board also pointed out that the initial budget every year is a guess until

we get the final budget from the State of Michigan which is usually after the July 1 requirement for schools to have an approved budget.

B. CAPITOL CONNECTIONS

Mr. Holmes noted there is legislation that references the size of a flag if it is displayed in a classroom, but remarking this still needs to go through the Senate so nothing to concern ourselves with at this time. He also shared that he has a registration link for the MASB legislative priority setting meeting that is scheduled for Thursday if any of his colleagues would like to participate.

C. EATON RESA

There was no report.

D. GRAND LEDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Ms. Shannon shared information regarding the Foundation's grant application for this year is open and explaining a new "Impact Grant" this year that is a larger grant for a project that will have broader impact with collaboration between the district and community. She further shared the Night of Stars will be held in the board room this year on December 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Gabriel noted there are several other fundraising activities coming up as well.

E. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Ms. Stevens shared the committee went over the Little Comets Handbooks, talked about the Veterans Recognition Process, reviewed the Student Advisory Committee and revisited the Athletic and Community Rec Handbooks.

Dr. Barnes reminded everyone the Veterans Recognition Link is live on the website and encouraged people to make their nominations. He further shared that he has shared information with our high school students and parents regarding the Board approved formation of a Student Advisory Committee and has two informational meetings set up to review things with the students. The Board will review applicants in November and name the members in December.

F. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Holmes noted the committee spent their time reviewing the handbooks at their last meeting.

G. BOND UPDATE

Bond and Capital Projects Supervisor John Piper provided the board with updates on construction at the high school, the Wacousta classroom addition, the Morris Ag Building, and the Delta Center Gym.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Barnes gave a shout out to Bree Cleeves and her team, commenting they really did the work in updating her handbook and the Governance and DEI Committees will follow a similar process for the Athletics and Community Rec handbooks.

a. Superintendent's Evaluation Update – Instructional Leadership

Dr. Barnes presented current initiative and evidence with regard to performance evaluation system, building level leadership, staff development, school improvement, curriculum, instruction, student voice, support for students, professional knowledge, and providing an in-depth look at the district's professional learning plan.

Consensus among the members commended Dr. Barnes for his progress and applauded him and the leadership team for the many changes and implementations that have occurred in the short time since Dr. Barnes became superintendent. They expressed their appreciation for providing a detailed overview of the Portrait of a Learner.

Dr. Barnes pointed out that the one very logistical thing that make all of this possible is the school calendar; imbedding scheduled PD days into the calendar. The work of our One Team on the calendar was really important to allowing us to do this work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025-2026 AUDIT

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2025-2026 Audit, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. REVISED CENTRAL OFFICE HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Revised Central Office Hourly Rate Schedule, as presented.

Dr. Barnes noted this is a necessary update to include the new substitute nurse and Auditorium Manager positions.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2026-2027 EATON COUNTY YOUTH FACILITY COURSE OFFERINGS

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2026-2027 Eaton County Youth Facility Course Offerings, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD

Dr. Grabriel shared at last Friday's football game, 11 individuals and three teams were inducted into the Grand Ledge Athletics Hall of Fame and shared that Audrey VanderPloeg set a new school and pool dive record.

Dr. Barnes shared this is homecoming week that will culminate with the parade on Friday before the game. He further shared tomorrow is the first of two bond information open houses that will be hosted here at Central office noting that flyers went out and encouraged people to reach out with their questions either at the open house or using the bond2026@glcomets.net email.

Mr. Oppenheim shared observations and kudos from his visit to Mrs. Arbour's and Mrs. Houdek's classrooms at Holbrook and thanked Principal Farr for her hospitality.

Ms. Shannon reminded everyone the Band Exhibition is set for Wednesday, October 7th starting at 4:00 p.m. at the community stadium.

Mrs. DuFort expressed her appreciation for the bond information that was sent out. She also shared that Delta Township is considering a 384-unit apartment complex that will lead to continued growth within comet country. In closing she congratulated GLHS graduate Cooper Kim for his gold medal at the International Meet in Paris.

Dr. Glasscoe remarked the bond flyer was exactly what she needed and commented the website is very helpful. She noted that she currently has four email accounts she is monitoring and encouraged anyone who reaches out to her, if they haven't heard back from her, to "bump her". She thanked Dr. Barnes for attending her retirement celebration last week and expressed her appreciation for all the messages noting she is looking forward to being more involved.

President Kuykendoll congratulated our student athletes. She went on to share that Wacousta will be hosting a curriculum night at the school and encouraged families to attend to learn more about the curriculum that is being used with our young people. She expressed her appreciation for being able to receive the Childcare Champion award, alongside Rachael Therrian of the Wacousta Cooperative Preschool, for our innovation in repurposing Wacousta Commons. She gave kudos to Adrienne, Cassie and their team for another incredible audit. In closing she encouraged everyone to look over the bond information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Coban J. Holmes, Secretary

Ashley A. Kuykendoll, President

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ACTION ITEM B

B. Approval of TMP Proposal for Morris & Wacousta Commons

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Proposal from TMP Architecture, Inc., as presented and authorize Superintendent Bill Barnes to execute the proposal on behalf of Grand Ledge Public Schools.



October 1, 2026

Mr. John Piper
Bond Director
220 Lamson St.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Re: Grand Ledge Public Schools – Miscellaneous Additional District Projects

Dear John,

Thank you for considering TMP Architecture for additional projects outside of the 2026 Bond scope. We are excited to partner with Grand Ledge Public Schools!

We are pleased to provide you with this proposal on how TMP can assist with the following potential projects:

1. Agricultural & Natural Science Buildings (9911 Grand River GLPS Property):

- a. Greenhouse – New 2,000/2,500 SF prefabricated greenhouse, including concrete structural slab and MEP services.
- b. Barn – New 5,000 SF prefabricated metal barn type facility, including concrete structural slab, masonry base, and MEP services.
- c. Sugar Shack Facility – New prefabricated metal facility, including concrete structural slab.
- d. Outdoor Pavillion – New outdoor facility for educational purposes, sized for approximately 30 students, including concrete slab and structure.
- e. Site Updates – Modify existing driveways and parking lots to provide access to the above facilities.

2. Wacousta Commons Building

- a. Culinary Program – Remodel existing building kitchen area for GLPS Culinary Program, including MEP services.
- b. Kitchen, Storage Rooms, and Classroom Remodeling – Remodel existing building Classroom 103 for GLPS Culinary Program instruction, including MEP services.

For the potential projects described above, TMP Architecture and its consultants shall provide the following:

Architectural & Engineering Services

- Programming with Owner and User Groups
- Field survey and documentation of existing conditions
- Demolition Plans and Specifications
- Floor Plans & Schedules
- Reflected Ceiling Plans
- Enlarged Plans (as necessary)
- Interior Elevations (as required to document design intent and requirements)
- Interior Design & Specification
- Structural Engineering (as necessary)

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- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Coordination with Owner provided consultants (ie. Technology, as necessary)

Bidding & Permitting

- It is our understanding that the Owner or Owner's Construction Manager will conduct the bidding process
- Respond to bidding RFIs and issue bidding addenda as required
- Participate in post-bid interviews and provide a letter of recommendation

Construction Administration

- Observe the work for compliance with the construction documents
- Respond to construction RFIs
- Issue construction bulletins and ASIs as required
- Participate in construction punch-list process and closeout
- Review and approve monthly applications for payment

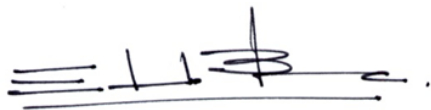
TMP Architecture proposes to perform:

1. The Agricultural & Natural Science Buildings scope of work for a Not-To-Exceed dollar amount of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$129,000.00).
2. The Wacousta Commons Building scope of work for a Not-To-Exceed dollar amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$ 39,000.00).

If you are in agreement with this proposal, please sign a copy of this letter and return it to us at your earliest convenience. On behalf of TMP Architecture, we appreciate this opportunity to work with you!

Best regards,

TMP ARCHITECTURE, INC.



Eduardo Blanc, Intl. Assoc. AIA
Managing Partner/ Director of Kalamazoo Office

EB/MT

Proposal Approved:

Name

Title

Date



ACTION ITEM 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 \$24,695.44, as presented.

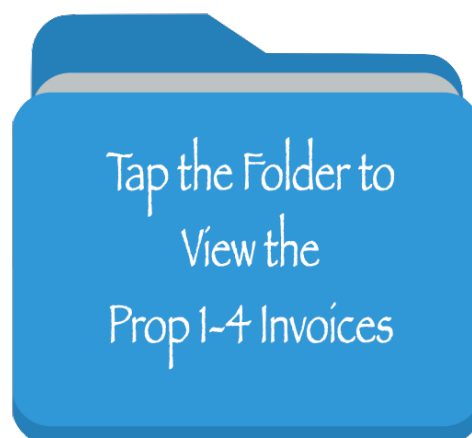




ACTION ITEM D

D. 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 \$623,000.95, as presented.





COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD



FUTURE TOPICS

- Special Meeting - Monday, October 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Board Room (Sup't Evaluation)
- Board Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Board Room



ADJOURNMENT

Time: _____