

# Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education



**OCTOBER 13, 2025**

**WORK SESSION**

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



# ***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 13, 2025

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

***Once the meeting begins, it will be Live Streamed  
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**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

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*Date of Posting: October 8, 2025*

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**Grand Ledge Public Schools  
Board of Education  
MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, October 13, 2025  
6:00 pm**

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- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.....Denise DuFort, President
- II. Roll Call.....Dr. Bill Barnes, Superintendent
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Discussion & Presentation Items
  - A. 2024-2025 Audit Presentation – Jon Ringlein, CPA – Maner Costerisan
  - B. Superintendent Evaluation Presentation – C. Staff Relations
  - C. Facilities Update – Next Steps
- V. Action Items
  - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - a. September 22, 2025 Meeting
    - b. September 29, 2025 Retreat
  - B. Approval of 2024-2025 Audit
  - C. Approval of Resolution to Join West Michigan Health Pool
  - D. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices
  - E. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices
  - F. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices
  - G. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoices
- VI. Comments from Staff and Board
- VII. Future Topics
  - A. Board Meeting - Monday, October 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Board Room
- VIII. Adjournment

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## CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President 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 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.

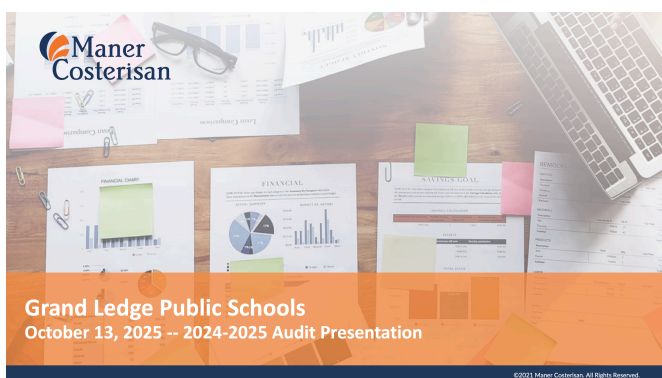
The board will not respond to questions or comments during public comment but the Superintendent will do his best to answer questions at the end of the meeting. If immediate answers are not available, arrangements will be made to provide you with the information requested.





## DISCUSSION ITEM A

### A. 2024-2025 Audit Presentation - Jon Ringlein, CPA, Maner Costerisan

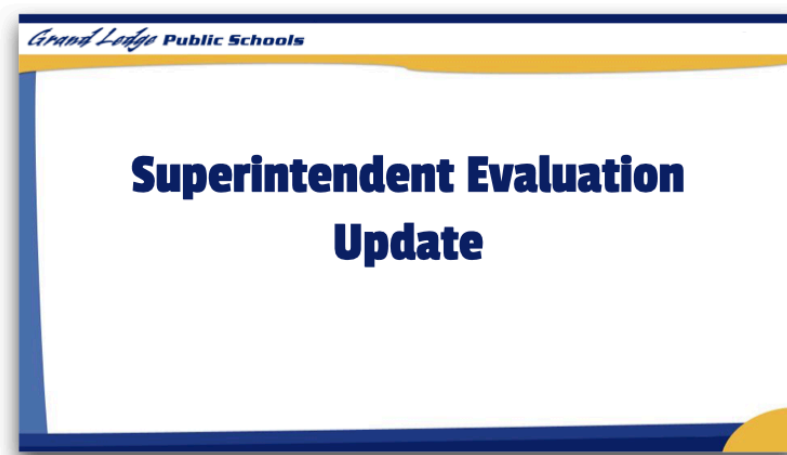






## DISCUSSION ITEM B

B. Superintendent's Evaluation Update - C. Staff Relations







## DISCUSSION ITEM C

### C. Facilities Update - Next Steps





## ACTION ITEM A

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - a. September 22, 2025 Meeting
  - b. September 29, 2025 Retreat

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the meeting minutes, as presented.



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

**Regular Meeting – September 22, 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, Kali Stevens, Nicole Shannon, Ashley Kuykendoll and Denise DuFort. **Board Members Absent**: Toni Glasscoe. **Central Office Administrators**: Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Adrienne Barna, Wendy Seida, Bill Albrecht, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance**: Robert C. Cox, Chastity Cox, Brenton Bell, Asher McFadden, Greysen Howard, John Piper, Susan Nye, Maddox Cook, Sandy Hubbard, Jan M. Seeger, Tim Totten, Bella Mlay, Indya Fitzpatrick, Asher Travis, Aleya Travis, Prya Snow, Jaya Fitzpatrick, Shawn Bronson, Crystal Hewitt, Samentha Hewitt, Sally Jo Nelton, Dale Cole, Jenny David, Bob David, Erin McGinnis, Narasha Redman, Doug Waldrop, Ave Gomez, Sabrina Harvey, Crandall, Mark Freeman, Paula Dunn, Susan Sowle, Katie Grass, Rick Schneider, Jon Wise, Pauline Quagliata, Melissa Charbonneau, Melissa Mazzola, Chris Klaver, Karlee Ruedisale, Ashley Allison, Aaron Almy, Leanna Agheneza, Cindy Stoneham, Isabell Castle, Kevin Garthe, Anne Marie Dionise, Linda Thelen, Caitlynn McKelvey, Rachel Lehman, Lily Zuber, Christina Traiter, Zac Gomez, Journey Loveall, David Bernier, Jill Fillingham, Rylee Hanna-Rendon, Mary Kelly, Jashua Harkins, Rickie Kuykendoll, Mark Sanchez, Henry Schmitz, Zoey Schmitz, Melody Parson, Shannon Bauer, Joe Peth, and Kim Manning

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Holmes for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the September 22, 2025 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the September 22, 2025 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the September 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **REPORTS**

### **A. CAPITOL CONNECTIONS**

In Dr. Glasscoe's absence, Mr. Holmes commented we are still patiently waiting a budget from the State.

### **B. EATON RESA**

President DuFort advised she does not have a report as the Eaton RESA Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday.

### **C. GRAND LEDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Ms. Shannon shared the Foundation is working on new fundraising opportunities involving apparel and a trivia night. She noted more information will be shared soon.

### **D. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

Ms. Kuykendoll noted the committee met and discussed restructuring the committee to ensure we are meeting the needs of the district and the best way to report out.

### **E. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Holmes noted the committee did not meet in September, but will be meeting in October.

### **F. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Kuykendoll commented as Mr. Holmes noted, we still don't have a budget. It is important to bring this to the attention of the public and the full board to ensure an understanding of the impact this could have on students specifically with regard to free lunches. The current budget has monies to continue the free breakfast and lunch program through September 30<sup>th</sup>, which is a Wednesday. However, if we don't have a budget before September 30<sup>th</sup>, the funds go away on October 1<sup>st</sup>. However, the district has worked within its budget and has in place monies that will provide the continuation of this service for October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be recognized in the next budget update. She stressed the Finance Committee wants to ensure the public is acutely aware the district may need to make some hard decisions and October 13<sup>th</sup> is the target date for those hard decisions if we still don't have a budget up to and including can the school district stay operational or do we have to find another way. She encouraged everyone to reach out to their legislators and tell them we need a budget.

Superintendent Barnes reminded everyone, by law, the legislature is supposed to have a budget passed by July 1<sup>st</sup> and the fiscal year ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This means if there is no budget passed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, there is no money coming in after that date. He noted he will continue to communicate with families as we get closer to that September 30<sup>th</sup> date as things will get trickier as we move along. In response to board member questions, Dr. Barnes noted the information he shares will include where families can seek meals and food subsidies.



Mr. Ellsworth noted we currently share information on community meals throughout the district at [GLComets.net/upcoming](https://GLComets.net/upcoming).

#### **G. BOND UPDATE**

Bond and Capital Projects Director John Piper provided updates on construction work at the high school, Neff, Willow Ridge, Operations and Hayes, and noted that we are awaiting state approval for the classroom additions at Wacousta. In closing he shared that we should have architectural drawings for the Morris property soon.

#### **H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Barnes part of the process for his evaluation is updates every month, noting tonight's presentation is the last one prior to his evaluation which will take place in October.

##### **a. Superintendent's Evaluation Update – G. Student Growth & District Goals**

Dr. Barnes provided the board with an update regarding Student Growth and District Goals. He reviewed the goal for Student Growth and Progress Toward District Wide Goals. He provided current evaluation data for each school and reviewed current progress of the 42 Strategic Plan SMART goals for 2024-2025 and 2023-2024.

A detailed discussion among the members discussed the new CKLA curriculum and what we are doing with regard to increasing Math knowledge including standards-based learning, how we create experience for kids to plug in to what makes the most sense for them and how we create systems of support noting our professional development has been targeted around this and the district seeks outside professional development opportunities and provide evidence-based practices and a multi-level approach to addressing universal needs. In addition, the board recognized the data we are using and the programs we offer to families to allow them to better support their students with what they are learning. Information was shared regarding the [Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators \(MAISA\)](#) and their [Early Math & Literacy Practices](#) as recourses families can access. Appreciation was expressed for the data being presented by cohort.

In wrapping up, Dr. Barnes commented that while he is presenting the data, he is presented it as a district and the data doesn't belong to him but to the many real humans that are here tonight; the students, the staff, the families who are doing the work that is getting the results. It's the people who greet our students, that feed them lunch, that make sure they get to school safely, that make sure they have clean buildings and that provide the instruction. It's the 700 district employees that make the impact along with the parents and family members. Together we are engaging in the learning and growth of our students as a district. He remarked while it is he who is presenting the data as part of his evaluation,

it is the 5500 students, the 700 staff members and all the families that the data belongs to.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Secretary Shannon read the rules for addressing the board.

Steven Castle addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Robert Cox addressed the board opposing Mr. Logel.

Benton Bell addressed the board opposing Mr. Logel.

Jan Seeger addressed the board regarding her belief children are being indoctrinated, the restoration of biblical values and coming together with common sense.

Sandy Hubbard addressed the board saying we are strong in our connections and commenting we have the right to say what we want as long as we are not hurting other people. She encouraged peace, acceptance in our community and in our school district.

Prya Snow addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Tim Totten addressed the board opposing Mr. Logel.

Dale Cole addressed the board opposing Mr. Logel.

Joe Pettit addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel commenting the Federal government is trying to control our right to free speech and stating at a local level we can be better.

Christina Traister addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Jeff McNeilly addressed the board remarking the Lansing State Journal is coming in and acting like they are a part of our community, stating school shooters are kids that need help, mental help. He commented the district is supposed to be teaching our kids no indoctrinating them and that he wants the district to educate them to think for themselves not to follow anyone's ideologies.

Rachel Lehman addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

David Bernier addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Rylee Hanna-Redman addressed the board commenting Grand Ledge has always been a very diverse community with many clubs to show everyone is accepted. She condoned adults for arguing about a person's job regarding a private Facebook post. She stated she can post what she wants because it is her first amendment right. She encouraged the

continuation of our diversity programs and having teachers who respect students first amendment rights in our schools.

Melissa Charbonneau addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Mark Sanchez addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Brian Szcapanek addressed the board in opposition of Mr. Logel and citing policies he believes were violated.

Mary Kelly addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Lily Zuber addressed the board commenting on the leadership of this board and the superintendent is amazing remarking on funding meals for our students. She shared she was on campus at MSU during the shooting that occurred there. She noted as a history teacher the Constitution is one of her most sacred things and she holds her own religious beliefs. She remarked sharing opinions is a valuable thing. She stated she loves it here.

Asher McFadden addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Bella Mlay addressed the board sharing her experience of meeting Mr. Logel and noting she felt a sense of belonging upon the meeting. Not through any spoken words, but by the titles on his bookshelf. She remarked she doesn't believe we are able to get to point where we all agree politically but she believes Mr. Logel was drawing attention to the biggest issue – student safety.

Aleya Travis addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel and his character.

Ava Gomez addressed the board commenting someone should not be fired for voicing their opinion and remarking everyone has a right to do so.

Zoe Gomez addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Sabrina Harvey-Cronk addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel and the first amendment.

Henry Schmitz addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.

Shawn Bronson addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel and expressing how proud she is of her students for the confidence given to them by their parents and their teachers.

Connor Stewart addressed the board in support of Mr. Logel.



**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2025-2026 STAFF HANDBOOKS**

**Motion by Mr. Oppenheim, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2025-2026 Dean of Students and Interventionist Staff Handbooks, as presented.**

Dr. Barnes explained these two specific handbooks, speaks specifically to the rolls of Dean of Students and Interventionist.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. 2025-2026 EATON COUNTY YOUTH FACILITY COURSE GUIDE**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2025-2026 Eaton County Youth Facility Course Guide, as presented.**

Dr. Barnes advised there were no changes from the previous year, but the handbook was updated to reflect the current school year.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD**

Communications Director John Ellsworth advised that Grand Ledge High School Principal Dr. Ken Wright shared we have two National Merit semifinalists and advising he will be sharing more information in his Tuesday Tales tomorrow.

Superintendent Barnes noted he started this meeting with a data set around student voice and he expressed his appreciation and thanks for the student voice in this meeting. He remarked that he believes what happened here tonight is a good lesson for our students. He shared 28 people spoke tonight sharing feedback around Mr. Logel's social media post. He noted there were a couple of people who mentioned this was on the agenda tonight to talk about clarifying this was not an item on tonight agenda. He went on to clarify the manner in which a school district operates. He thanked the families and community members who share concerns in a kind and productive way remarking this is how we should always operate with one another; in a kind and productive manner, no matter what side you are on. He shared we are supposed to be able to have disagreements and be able to discuss those disagreements in a kind and productive way. He went on to state that, unfortunately, this situation has not always been an example of that as office staff, Mr. Logel, and a number of people, him, his office staff, received many phone calls and emails from people that were passionate about this on both sides. He remarked that being passionate does not excuse being threatening, being mean, being unkind, or being uncaring. Fortunately, the vast majority of these types of phone calls and emails came from outside our district which gives him hope for the Grand Ledge Public Schools community. He went on to note that these types of communications create stress, angst and distractions from the work we are supposed to be doing. He further pointed out that of all the messages he received, or that his team received, none of them from students wanted him fired, and that was heard tonight from the students who spoke, who know Mr. Logel, which demonstrates the

positive impact he has had on students. He noted it is important to recognize the systems and structures that create our rules and laws; our board policies, staff handbooks, collective bargaining agreements, and our Strategic Plan and all of these are discussed and adopted in a transparent manner at an open meeting. He noted that he responded to everyone within the district that reached out to him and that he did not cut, copy and paste any of those responses but recognizing there are only so many ways you can say that we follow our rules and laws. That is the truth, those are means we use to operate as a school district. He shared his job, the job the board hired him to do, is to operate the district, to interpret those rules and laws, and ensure they are applied fairly and systemically. My noted his interpretation of our board policies do not prevent teachers from exercising their First Amendment right. He went on noting this is a good lesson for our students; When we choose to exercise those rights, when you talk about things on Facebook, which you have the right to speak your mind, but in exercising that right, things you say might not sit well with people and we can't control how they may react. As a community, discourse needs to be handled how it was handled tonight. He expressed his appreciation to those who spoke tonight who were kind and productive but stated he does not appreciate the discourse online or in his offices. In closing he stated that his interpretation of our board policies does not prevent Mr. Logel from continuing in his role and he is not going to fire Mr. Logel. As a district we will continue to operate within our rules, our law, and create our future citizens to lead us forward. He noted that he understands not everyone is going to agree with his decision but the reality is, we are going to interact with one another; at Meijer, the parade or a football game and we must move forward as a community and keep the focus on student growth and achievement.

Mr. Holmes expressed his appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting. He remarked the homecoming festivities were great and acknowledge the work put in by student council.

Mr. Oppenheim thanked Mr. Piper for his work on the many construction projects going on throughout the district. He commended him and his team for their organization and causing as little disruption to teaching and learning as possible.

Ms. Stevens thanked everyone for coming out tonight noting she is Proud to be a Comet and remarking she ran for this board to hear from our community and to learn and grow together. She thanked everyone for sharing their perspective.

Ms. Shannon thanked everyone who spoke tonight, especially the students. She commented that things have not been easy in this district over the last several years and she thanked everyone for the conversation tonight, thanked Superintendent Barnes for leading, especially when it has been so hard on our staff. She remarked their job is to be educating our students, not fielding threatening calls because people get whipped up. She remarked she is Proud to Be a Comet and is proud to have Dr. Barnes as our Superintendent. She remarked there is not much to say when you have the processes and transparency stating the internet is forever. The standards, the policies, they are all there. She expressed her appreciation for the matter being resolved and noting we have had hard times before and we came out stronger.

Ms. Kuykendoll gave kudos to our students. She thanked everyone for coming to this space and lending their voice; for the passion for their community. She reminded that everyone at the board table was elected to this space and remarked advocacy does not stop at the end of this

meeting. She encouraged our students to continue to be engaged, to show up and give back the same way you see your teachers and the Superintendent show up for you. Even on the days when it is hard. She continued to encourage the students to make the community what they want to see it become, to never lose their passion reminding them they are paving the way for the people who come behind you. To the community she remarked she appreciates we have good systems and policies in place. In closing she reminded everyone that we still don't have a budget and that matters.

President DuFort thanked everyone for attending tonight. She acknowledged there are going to be circumstances that arise and we have our policies, bargaining agreements, procedures and our Strategic Plan to fall back on. She commented the district continues to improve and we continue to work harder to be better. She quoted her grandmother, "Good, better, best. Never let it rest until your good is better and your better is best." In closing she remarked we strive to be Proud to Be a Comet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:24p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Nicole Shannon, Secretary

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Denise DuFort, President



**GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
***Board of Education***  
**Board Retreat – September 29, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

President DuFort called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.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, Nicole Shannon, Ashley Kuykendoll and Denise DuFort. ***Board Members Absent***: None. ***Central Office Administrators***: Bill Barnes. ***Others in Attendance***: Scott Morrell and Kim Manning

**OPENING & TEAM BUILDING A – District Trivia**

Dr. Barnes led the board in a district trivia game revolving around the history of Grand Ledge Public Schools.

**BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT**

Scott Morrell with MASB led the board in reviewing their self-assessment.

**TEAM BUILDING B – Share a story about a teacher who had an impact on you**

Each of the Board members shared a story about a teacher who had an impact on them.

**TEAM BUILDING C – Compass Activity**

Dr. Barnes led the board in a team building activity that provided input into board personalities.

**DISCUSSIONS**

**A. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER**

A detailed discussion on implementing a student board member showed support from the board to move forward with having the Governance Committee work to draft procedures for the full board's discussion and consideration.

**B. MINI SERVICE PROJECT (RELATED TO MISSION)**

Ms. Stevens brought the idea of Student for a Day for discussion. Other ideas brought to light included adopt-a-school, board members attending instructional rounds with the administrative team, and having board members make presentations to staff in their areas of expertise. Superintendent Barnes will look into these things further and bring it back to the board for further discussion and consideration.

**C. CONFERENCE & TRAININGS**

A detailed discussion around board members attending conferences and trainings noted there is not a process in place. With members now engaging in professional learning, consensus was that it is important to put a process in place that would have members reporting to the full board following their attendance to encourage board growth. This was assigned to the Governance Committee to create the structure and process for further discussion and consideration of the full board.

**D. WORK OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

A detailed discussion regarding the work of the board subcommittee brought to light the potential need to create a Curriculum and Instruction subcommittee. Superintendent Barnes noted he was to ensure board subcommittees are meeting the needs of the board. Further discussion and consideration of board subcommittees will be discussed and considered during the Organizational Meeting in January.

**SCENARIO PLANNING**

**A. OLD WACOUSTA**

Dr. Barnes noted with Watertown no longer having an interest in purchasing the old Wacousta Elementary School, it could open great opportunities for the district. He advised he would be meeting with legal counsel to discuss the matter further, but wanted to keep the board informed.

**B. ENROLLMENT GROWTH**

Dr. Barnes noted with the continued enrollment growth in the district, it is important for the board to keep this in mind as we move forward.

**C. FUNDING CONSTRAINTS**

Dr. Barnes shared we are still waiting on a final budget from the state and ensuring the board continues to monitor this along with the district.

**D. DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS**

A detailed discussion noted the demographic shifts in the district. Change is difficult for some people but this is not the same Grand Ledge of old. The board needs to remain aware of this. This is a large district that includes small town, suburban townships and urban populations.

**E. POLITICAL CLIMATE**

A detailed discussion regarding the political climate ensued noting that Grand Ledge Public Schools is not immune from things that happen outside the district or on a national level.

All of these items require discussion and were put on the agenda to keep them in the minds of all the members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Nicole Shannon, Secretary

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Denise DuFort, President





## ACTION ITEM B

### B. Approval of 2024-2025 Audit

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Audit, as presented.



## ACTION ITEM C

### **C. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Grand Ledge Public Schools Membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP) for a Minimum Three-Year Period**

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education authorize Grand Ledge Public Schools Membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool for a minimum three-year period, as presented.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF**  
**GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**(the “Public Entity”)**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC ENTITY MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE WEST MICHIGAN HEALTH INSURANCE POOL (“WMHIP”) FOR A MINIMUM  
THREE-YEAR PERIOD**

**PREMISES**

A. The Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool (“WMHIP”) is a Public Employer Pooled Plan (“PEPP”) that provides pooled self-funded health insurance coverage, as authorized by the Public Employees Health Benefit Act, Act 106 of 2007.

B. WMHIP has received from the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (“DIFS”) a certificate of registration authorizing establishment of the PEPP.

C. The Board has had opportunity to consider the obligations of the Public Entity to WMHIP and PEPP plans, and services available to the Public Entity by WMHIP, and has carefully reviewed the WMHIP Amended Trust Agreement and Bylaws.

D. The Board desires to authorize membership of the Public Entity in the WMHIP for a minimum period of three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Public Entity hereby resolves:

1. The Board approves the WMHIP Amended Trust Agreement and bylaws, and accepts WMHIP provision of Public Entity self-funded, pooled health insurance coverage under the PEPP plan.

2. The Superintendent, Manager, or CFO of the Public Entity or, with their approval, the person appointed by the Board as WMHIP Trustee or Alternate Trustee, is hereby authorized to



execute all documents necessary for the Public Entity to become a Member in the WMHIP PEPP plan.

3. The Board hereby confirms its appointment of the following persons as Trustee and Alternate Trustee to serve as Trustee when the initial Trustee is not available or in attendance to carry out the Trustee's duties:

**Adrienne Barna, CFO**

[Insert Trustee's Name]

**Kelly Jones, Executive Director of HR**

[Insert Alternate Trustee's Name]

As required by law, neither the Trustee nor the Alternate Trustee is an owner, officer, or employee of any third-party administrator or any other third party providing services to WMHIP. The Trustee and Alternate Trustee shall serve until replaced by action of the Board. Once appointments are made known to the WMHIP, the persons appointed shall remain in office until the WMHIP receives evidence of appointment of other persons. Evidence of proper appointment of the Trustee and Alternate Trustee shall be a certified copy of the resolution passed by the Board, indicating the names of the designated Trustee and/or Alternate Trustee. Failure of the Public Entity to designate a Trustee, or the failure of that Trustee/Alternate Trustee to participate on the Board of Trustees, shall not affect the responsibilities or duties of the Public Entity under the Amended Trust Agreement.

4. The Public Entity shall continue participation in the WMHIP for a minimum of three full years under its PEPP plan.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Grand Ledge Public Schools Public Entity, Clinton, Eaton & Ionia County(ies), State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on October 13, 2025, and that this meeting was conducted and public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of this meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by this Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at this meeting:

Denise DuFort, Ashley Kuykendoll, Nicole Shannon, Toni Glasscoe  
Kali Stevens, Matt Oppenheim, Coban Holmes and that the following

Members were absent None.

I further certify that the foregoing resolution was moved by Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of the foregoing resolution:  
\_\_\_\_\_ and that the following  
Members voted against adoption of this resolution:

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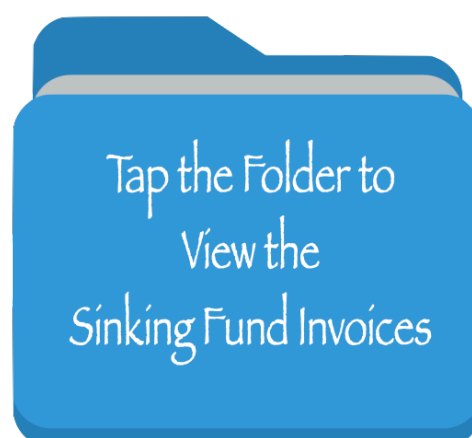
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## ACTION ITEM D

### D. 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 \$12,105.80, as presented.





## ACTION ITEM E

### E. Approval of the Payment o Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$69,174.93, as presented.







## ACTION ITEM F

### F. 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 \$732,694.51, as presented.





## ACTION ITEM F

### F. 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 \$1,201,745.65, as presented.





## COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD



## FUTURE TOPICS

- Board Meeting - Monday, October 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Board Room





## ADJOURNMENT

Time: \_\_\_\_\_