

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Special Meeting – October 19, 2026
MINUTES

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:** Matt Oppenheim, Kali Stevens, Denise DuFort, Coban Holmes and Ashley Kuykendoll. **Board Members Absent:** Nicole Shannon and Toni Glasscoe. **Central Office Administrators:** Bill Barnes. **Others in Attendance:** Kim Manning.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Superintendent's Evaluation Update – Student Growth & Data

Superintendent Barnes presented the board with current initiative and data information surrounding Student Growth, Progress Toward District-Wide Goals, Progress Toward his own Goals, and shared the results from a District Wide Staff Survey on Central Office and the BMEA Relational Climate Survey.

Dr. Barnes answered questions from the board on the data presented regarding the scores on the Central Office survey and what may have / be contributing to those results, if there is a need for more help, the percentage of responses while noting it would be nice to have more participation but what is presented is standard, the many ways staff, students and families have to communicate with us, the drive to continue to build trust, the possibility of using a staff meeting or PD day to get more participation, and continuing to find ways to meet everyone's communication needs.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD

Trustee Oppenheim congratulated the football team on securing the conference championship.

Trustee DuFort shared that she was asked by a staff member about staff providing direct input for the Superintendent's Evaluation noting there are many ways in which staff can provide input including reaching out to board members directly, speaking during public comment or emailing the board through the website noting all members' email address are on the website.

Secretary Holmes commented the board relies on a lot of information provided by the Superintendent remarking the board welcomes any feedback and staff, students and community are welcome to talk with any member of the board directly.

President Kuykendoll noted the board is present in a lot of significant spaces for individuals who would like to have communication with the members.

Superintendent Barnes noted he would welcome that input whether it be positive or negative as this input helps him be a better superintendent.

President Kuykendoll congratulated the football team and noted a lot of our younger comets were able to attend the game. She also reminded everyone that it is getting colder and the mornings are quite chilly so coats and possibly even gloves are good for our little ones. In closing she reminded everyone to get their tickets for Cinderella. GLMusicals.net.

CLOSED SESSION – Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation

Motion by Mr. Oppenheim, seconded by Mr. Holmes for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation, as per Section 8(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The motion carried unanimously at 6:47 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 8:44 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S COMPLETED EVALUATION

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools to adopt the completed year-end evaluation of Superintendent William A. Barnes with a rating of effective. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNUAL EVALUATION STATEMENT

President Kuykendoll commented, “We have a consensus that Dr. Barnes has received an effective rating on his evaluation.”

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Coban J. Holmes, Secretary

Ashley A. Kuykendoll, President