

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes - Board Retreat
April 18, 2025

The Board of Education met on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 8:30 am at GHAPS Education Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Nichol Stack. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Kristal Boyd, Cyndi Casemier, Marc Eickholt, Heather Herrygers, Seth Holt, Nichol Stack, and Carl Treutler

ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Perkowski, Jason Reinecke, Michael MacDonald, Mary Jane Evink, Cassady Krumm, Sean West, Nate Hunt, Sara VanderZee and approximately 4 audience members.

17-721 Trustee Eickholt moved that the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

Trustee Herrygers seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0**

17-722 Trustee Treutler moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the March 10, 2025 special workshop and regular board meetings
- Payment of Bills for March

Accounts Payable-	\$2,011,136.09
Expenditures Previously	
Approved by Board Treasurer	

Payroll	\$3,999,461.23
2020 Building & Site Bond	\$ 140,760.00
Ref Pay March, 2025	\$ 19,300.50
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	\$ 173,186.44
PNC credit card (credit on account)	\$29,194.19

Trustee Casemier seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following audience members spoke during Public Comment:

Anna Harms
Kate Hoffmeyer
Jess Hamlet
Robyn Cook

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following announcements were shared by Superintendent Perkowski:

- Due to schedule conflicts, the girls wrestling team will be recognized at the May Board meeting.
- Historic Board minutes from 1873 to the early 1900s are displayed for those in attendance to view.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:

Loutit Library Representative - Mary Jane Evink presented options to the Board for consideration in selecting the GHAPS representative for the Loutit Library Board. The Teaching & Learning Committee was asked to review the options, look at what other municipalities' processes look like, prepare a recommendation, and seek feedback from the Loutit Library Director before bringing it to the Board for approval in May.

Jason Reinecke explained that with the transition to Thrun as our policy holder, the District will need a new policy platform. The Policy Committee recommends purchasing Board Book Premier.

17-725 Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the purchase of Board Book Premier in the amount of \$3,000 per year.

Trustee Boyd seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0**

Board members will be provided training on the software at a workshop meeting on Monday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m., at Rosy Mound Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES:

Superintendent Perkowski reviewed the strategic planning process and provided the Board with these emerging themes: Student Pathways, Financial Sustainability, and Communication, Trust & Transparency. Community and stakeholder engagements will continue with listening sessions, surveys, school building visits, student advisory council, and other meetings. Feedback results from a recent parent survey were provided to the Board for their review.

Superintendent Perkowski reviewed Mary A. White transition work that's been completed. Mary A. White school of choice requests were given priority and all of those requesting Rosy Mound Elementary have been approved. Decisions on where staff will be going have been made and communicated.

The Board went into recess at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:08 p.m.

Nate Hunt reported on plans to improve the District's website and connecting it with the app. He is actively engaging a wider range of news media to reach a broader audience, and updating our LinkedIn account to attract more staff.

Superintendent Perkowski reviewed her goals, provided an update on progress that's been made, and shared plans on how the goals will be met.

PRESIDENT:

President Stack reported that she recently attended the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) Women in Leadership Conference, and presented with the Superintendent which was well received by attendees.

The Board reviewed and updated their goals chart for this calendar year.

President Stack reported that the Policy Committee will be working on the transition to Thrun policies and reminded the Board of the work session meeting on May 19th at 6:00 p.m. to become familiar with Board Book Premier.

There being no further agenda items, President Stack adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristal Boyd, Secretary
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