

# Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education

**FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**SAWDON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
BOARD ROOM**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**



# ***Grand Ledge Public Schools***

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

Please take notice that the Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on:

**Date:** Monday, February 24, 2025

**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  
Board Members  
Lansing State Journal  
Melissa Mazzola, President, GLEA  
Ashleigh Lore, Vice-President, GLEA  
Sarah Hopper, President, MEA/NEA Unit I, Secretarial /Clerical  
Denise Truman, President, MEA/NEA Unit III, Food Service  
Allyson McCann, President, MEA/NEA Unit IV, Paraeducators, TA & Health Care Paraeducators  
Danis Peck, President, IUOE Local 547, A, B, C, E & H AFL-CIO, Bus Drivers  
Sarra Ruiz, President, Custodial Association

*Date of Posting: February 20, 2025*

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**Grand Ledge Public Schools  
Board of Education  
MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, February 24, 2024  
6:00 pm**

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- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.....Ashley Kuykendoll, Vice President
- II. Roll Call.....Dr. Bill Barnes, Superintendent
- III. Approval of Agenda Items
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
  - A. February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- V. Reports
  - A. Capitol Connections
  - B. Eaton RESA
  - C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation
  - D. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
  - E. Governance Committee
  - F. Bond Update
  - G. Superintendent
    - a. Hayes Intermediate School Presentation
    - b. Superintendent Performance Update – Governance & Board Relations
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. New Business
  - A. Approval of Probationary to Tenure Status
- VIII. Comments from Staff and Board
- IX. Future Topics
  - A. Regular Meeting – Monday, March 10, 2025\*, 6:00 p.m., Board Room
- X. Adjournment

*\*NOTE: Only one Meeting in March due to Spring Break.*

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**CALL TO ORDER &  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice 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 Dr. William Barnes



## APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the February 24, 2025 Agenda Items, as presented.



## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

### A. February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the February 24, 2025 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

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

**Work Session – February 10, 2025**

**MINUTES**

Vice President Kuykendoll called the meeting to order at 6:01p.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 and Ashley Kuykendoll. **Board Members Absent**: Denise DuFort and Toni Glasscoe. **Central Office Administrators**: Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Wendy Seida, Bill Albrecht, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance**: Ryan Johnson, April Johnson, Xeon Johnson, Jessica Ream, Emmalyn Ream, Shyla Woodman, Camille Baiv, Tim Totten, Dave Logel, Shelby Logel, Katie Logel, Chase Kimmey, April Welton, Dave Kushman, Kelly Shumway and Kim Manning

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Beagle Middle School Presentation**

Principal Dave Kushman and Assistant Principal Kelly Shumway highlighted Beagle Middle School's MiCIP Goals, winter ELA and Math achievement data and the instructional focus for 2024-2025. They reminded everyone of the upcoming STEAM Showcase on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Teacher Tish Janes shared information on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Washington, D.C. with former students sharing their experiences from last year's trip. Students of the Beagle Middle School Comet Council shared events and activities for their respective committees: School Culture, Fundraising, Student Events and Awareness. Students of the Beagle Theater Classes shared their experiences from the class and teachers Mrs. Welton and Mr. Arnet shared information on the upcoming Polar Plunge and plans for implementing activities as a Unified Champion School that will affect system-wide changes in their school and highlighted a Unified School Gym Class that was implemented by a student recipient of the Everson Guild Award. In closing Mr. Kushman shared they will begin planning for educational programming for the 2025-2026 school year shortly.

**B. Student Inclusion, Mental Health & Wellness Supervisor Presentation**

Student Inclusion, Mental Health & Wellness Supervisor Juan Castillo provided the board with an overview his position and the alignment with the district's vision, mission and belief statements.



**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes**  
Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Holmes for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of Teacher Hiring**  
Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Stevens for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the hiring of Jennifer Fedewa, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. MASB Board of Directors Election**  
Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Stevens for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education authorize and instruct Superintendent Barnes, or his designee, to complete the Michigan Association of School Boards, Region 7, Board of Directors ballot on behalf of the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education casting its vote for Guillermo Lopez. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Schools of Choices for 2025-2026**  
Motion by Mr. Oppenheim, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve Participation in Section 105 and 105(c) Schools of Choice on an unlimited basis for Kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades for the 2025-2026 School Year, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices**  
Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$72,732.23, as presented.

Ms. Shannon noted that all invoices were reviewed by the Bond and Sinking Fund Committee and shared this represents work at Hayes, Marsh Field and Delta Center.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- F. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices**  
Motion by Mr. Oppenheim, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$1,330,758.77, as presented.

Ms. Shannon noted this represents work at the High School.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**G. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoices  
Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Oppenheim for the Grand Ledge Public  
Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond  
Invoices in the amount of \$472,966.77, as presented.**

Ms. Shannon noted this represents work at Willow Ridge, Hayes and Operations.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD**

Ms. Seida reminded everyone that the Polar Plunge will take place tomorrow at Grand Ledge High School.

Superintendent Barnes thanked the Beagle administration, staff and students and Mr. Castillo for their presentations tonight.

Mr. Holmes expressed his excitement for the polar plunge noting he will be there to support our staff. He encouraged everyone to make plans to stop by the Beagle STEAM night and commended the trip to DC.

Mr. Oppenheim commended instructional rounds noting they are invigorating and provide a great opportunity for revitalization. He commended Mr. Castillo commenting that the older students get the world around us tends to creep in and innocence can get lost. He encouraged looking at the systemic structure of the MI Student Voice survey to encourage more student participation to help move us forward.

Ms. Stevens commended Mr. Castillo noting she believes his work is a great fit with the instructional framework and our Strategic Plan noting at times the focus can be on achievement but if you start at the outside of the framework students can feel more engaged. She recognized that Grand Ledge is a great place and its only getting better. In closing she recognized the Beagle students acknowledging she is amazed by their depth of understanding.

Ms. Shannon thanked Mr. Castillo and his family for joining the meeting tonight commenting that sometimes you have to get outside your own perspective to see the broader picture. She commended the Beagle presentation, specifically the students commenting they were so poised in their presentations.

Vice President Kuykendoll echoed her colleagues and encouraged everyone to make their way to the STEAM Showcase on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

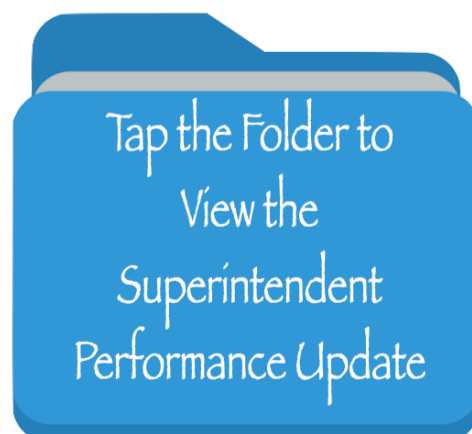
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Nicole Shannon, Secretary

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Denise DuFort, President



## REPORTS

- A. Capitol Connections Report**
- B. Eaton RESA Report**
- C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report**
- D. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**
- E. Governance Committee**
- F. Bond Update**
- G. Superintendent's Report**
  - a. Hayes Intermediate School Presentation
  - b. Superintendent Performance Update - Governance & Board Relations





## PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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.





## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Approval of Probationary to Tenure Status

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education award Tenure Status to Chad Little, Annette Trudeau, Gillian Eisenbraun, Jamie Pung, Allison Shumate and Lindsey Fender, as presented.



William A. Barnes, Ed.D. / Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education  
**FROM:** Superintendent Dr. William A. Barnes  
**RE:** Granting of Tenure Status  
**DATE:** February 21, 2025

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend the Grand Ledge Public School Board of Education approve Tenure Status, effective July 1, 2024, to the following teachers:

| <b>Teacher</b>     | <b>Position</b>       | <b>Building</b>            |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Chad Little        | Business              | Grand Ledge High School    |
| Annette Trudeau    | Counselor             | Grand Ledge High School    |
| Gillian Eisenbraun | English               | Beagle Middle School       |
| Jamie Pung         | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Hayes Intermediate School  |
| Allison Shumate    | Special Education     | Hayes Intermediate School  |
| Lindsey Fender     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | Holbrook Elementary School |

**BACKGROUND:**

These teachers have successfully completed the District's requirements for a probationary teacher including years of service, evaluations, and overall performance, as well as student growth. We have carefully reviewed all the supporting documents and based upon our review, as well as the recommendations of their building principals, these teachers have achieved tenure status with Grand Ledge Public Schools.



## COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD



## FUTURE TOPICS

- Regular Meeting - Monday, March 10, 2025\*, 6:00 p.m., Board Room

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## ADJOURNMENT

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