

# GAYLORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

12:00 PM

## MINUTES

Rachel Davis: Absent  
Katie Drzewiecki: Present  
Sara Gapinski: Present  
Doug Hempenstall: Present  
Lori Hewitt: Present  
Kari Visser-Robel: Present  
Jeff Wieber: Present  
Rachel Davis: Present  
Katie Drzewiecki: Absent  
Kari Visser-Robel: Absent

**APPROVED**

Rachel arrived 12:01 p.m.

Katie and Kari left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. BOARD MINUTES

- July 14, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes were not attached to agenda to review and approve.
- Motion for the August 11, 2025, Regular Board meeting

### III. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

#### A. Hockey Co-op with Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools

- Merge with Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools to help maintain our hockey numbers.
- The program will be a Gaylord team and will follow all rules set forth by GCS.
- Signed an agreement with MHSAA and Johannesburg-Schools.

### IV. GCS COMMITTEES

#### A. Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee

##### 1. Building and Grounds

##### a. United Way Garage Proposal

- United Way is proposing to build a garage next door to the food pantry.
- This will house the food van and cancer van.
- Will also house pallets of supplies if an emergency occurs.
- Must follow building codes.
- United Way is working on getting funds
- If current lease is ended, the new building would be property of Gaylord Community Schools.
- Current lease language would allow the building without a board vote.

- Discussed the length of the current lease.
  2. Transportation - No current items to report
- One retirement but all routes are covered and working on more drivers.

## **B. Personnel and Finance Committee**

### **1. Personnel**

- Discussed the current openings and the interview process for filling these positions.
- A varsity volleyball coach was added after a staffing update was sent.
- Discussion on GIS Assistant Principal position and the route we are taking based on candidate skill set.

#### **a. New Hire(s)**

Certified Staff - Pending Board Approval:

GIS Assistant Principal: Sarah Skowronski

SME Literacy Specialist: Susan Galacz

GHS Science Teacher: Adrienne Dodd

Special Education Teacher: Hallie Mooney

Preschool Teacher(s): Taylor Foust and Brooke Donker

Non Certified:

Food Service Helper: Mary Shopshear

7th Grade Football Coach(s): Brandon Suchey and Mark Warren

GHS Varsity Volleyball Coach: Lisa Walega

GHS JV Volleyball Coach: Kennedy Hogan

GHS Freshman Volleyball Coach: Allison Ashurst

Sub Bus Driver: Lauren Drzewiecki

#### **b. Resignation(s)**

NOE Special Education Teacher: Madonna Charboneau

Preschool Teacher: Bailey Holzschu

Educational Assistant(s): Kelly Cobb, Taylor Foust, Jodie Blake, and EmilyAnn Henry

Varsity Volleyball Head Coach: Brittany Cornish

#### **c. Retirement(s)**

Superintendent: James Cracraft

GMS Teacher: Aaron Brooks

GIS Teacher: Chris Palmer

Bus Driver: Crystal Johnson

### **2. Finance - No current items to report**

- Pending: State budget.

## **C. Technology and Curriculum Committee**

### **1. Technology - No current items to report**

### **2. Curriculum - No current items to report**

**V. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS - TIM HALL, MASB**

- Presentation: Superintendent search process, Tim Hall from MASB (PowerPoint)
  - Selection criteria provided (handouts)
- Options:
  - Full Superintendent search (MASB does not recommend due to the time of the year)
  - Interim, followed by Superintendent search at a later date (January or February)
    - Posting on MASB and Gaylord Community Schools social media
    - An internal interim person can return to his/her original position after his/ her interim term is complete; internal interim position, may also need to be filled by additional interim.
  - Internal posting. You can concurrently look for an interim during this process.
- Direct interested applicants to MASB. Board should not communicate or provide information to the individual(s)
- Interim Requirements:
  - Central Office certification
  - K-12 administrative certification
  - ES certification
- By law, GCS is required to have an individual in the role of the Superintendent by October 1, 2025.
- MASB will facilitate an internal search or full Superintendent search (refer to contract). Gaylord Community Schools will conduct an interim process.
  - A. MASB Superintendent Search Contract
- Motion for Monday, August 11, 2025, Regular Board meeting to work with MASB for Superintendent search.
  - B. Superintendent Search Process
- Discussion for Monday, August 11, 2025, Regular Board meeting:
  - Interim search only
  - Internal search concurrently with interim search

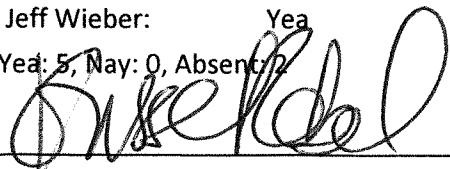
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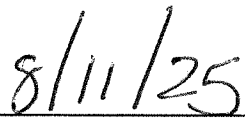
**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the August 5, 2025, at 1:07 p.m. This motion, made by Doug Hempenstall and seconded by Sara Gapinski, Passed.

Rachel Davis: Yea  
Katie Drzewiecki: Absent  
Sara Gapinski: Yea  
Doug Hempenstall: Yea  
Lori Hewitt: Yea  
Kari Visser-Robel: Absent  
Jeff Wieber: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

  
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Kari Visser-Robel

  
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Date