

GAYLORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

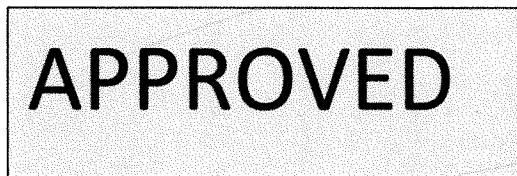
Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

12:00 PM

MINUTES

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



I. CALL TO ORDER

II. BOARD MINUTES

Motion to approve the February 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented. This motion, made by Rachel Davis and seconded by Kari Visser-Robel, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

A. February 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the February 10, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, as presented.

III. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- 2025-2026 staffing update (2025 retirements)
- Budget
- Munson Healthcare, partnership for an athletic trainer

IV. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee

1. Building and Grounds

a. Electronic Lock RFP Bid Results

- Joe Hart discussed the attached RFP for electronic locks in the two elementary buildings and some at the BOE.
- Grant funds available.
- In line with the GCS safety plan.
- Motion for Monday, March 10, 2025, regular board meeting.

2. Transportation

- The board inquired about possible 2-hour delays rather than a full day cancelation.
- The district tends to receive some push-back on 2-hour delays due to working parents.
- The district did past surveys of parents and the majority were not in favor of 2-hour delays.
 - a. Annual Cycle of New and Retired School Buses**
 - 1. RFP - New 72 Passenger School Buses**
 - Future RFP for two 72-passenger school buses.
 - 13-year life cycle.
 - No action required until RFP's are complete.
 - b. Future RFP for Hydraulic Hoist**
 - Future RFP for in-ground hydraulic hoist or 4-legged lift.
 - The district did look into repairing the hoist, but couldn't find a company to repair it and put their name on the repair.
 - If approved, this will be a summer project for the district.
 - The district is researching if sinking funds are allowable.
 - Current age of current hoist - 52 years old.

B. Personnel and Finance Committee

1. Personnel

- No discussion.
 - a. New Hire(s)**
 - 1. Food Service Helper: Ashley Madsen
 - Varsity Track Coach: Justin Page
 - JV Baseball Coach: Logan Huff
 - b. Resignation(s)**
 - 1. Educational Assistant(s): Maddie Duff and Trisha Contreras
 - c. Retirement(s)**
 - 1. SME Counselor: Lisa Drake
 - Educational Assistant: Julie McCaw

2. Finance

a. 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #1

- PowerPoint provided.
- The original budget was adopted prior to July 1, with a lot of unknowns.
- Two amendments throughout the year: March and June.
- PowerPoint Highlights:
 - Operating and sinking fund millage: bump back to 18 mils (Headlee rollback)
 - Per-pupil adjustments: \$0.00 per pupil increase this year (not the \$240 proposed); last year it was \$458.
 - Student count: budgeted for a decrease of 25 fewer students; following count day, 18.42 students. Last year there were 18.78.
 - New allocation amounts for grants.
- Motion for the Monday, March 10, 2025, regular board meeting (formal resolution) to adopt the budget amendment #1.

C. Technology and Curriculum Committee

1. Technology

a. Charter Technology Contract Extension

- Update on current discussions with Charter Technology.
- Current contract: 2.5 FTE's:
 - Two individuals on site (2.0)
 - One individual off site (.5)
- Contract in place since 2019 (five-year agreement) with a one-year extension.
- Recommendation to continue to contract with Charter Technology, July 2025–June 2030.
- The board inquired about other companies available:
 - Several companies throughout the United States
 - GCS has not put out other bids, very satisfied with this company.
 - The state completes the bid process through REMC; Charter owns the bid through the state.
 - Change of provider would not change the infrastructure.
- Motion for the Monday, March 10, 2025, regular board meeting.

b. Apptegy

- The contract for our website and mass communication expires June 30, 2025.
- The committee researched different companies:
 - Apptegy
 - PowerSchool
 - Finalsite (current product)
- The committee recommends Apptegy for the district's website, app, messaging system and PBIS (3-year or 5-year committment.)
- Board action is not required.

2. Curriculum

a. 23g Tutoring and Mentoring Update

- The School Improvement Team has reviewed data: mentoring and tutoring to begin next week until the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- The grant for services expires in September 2025.
- The state collects data on students receiving the funding (miWallet). This helps determine future funding.

b. Science Committee Update

- Science curriculum committee research has been presented to the District Improvement Team.
- Science camp this summer, a state science consultant will be assisting.

c. K-6 Math i-Ready Extension Proposal

- Proposals for K-6 i-ready math extension; adoption process complete.
- Recommendation to stay with i-ready math
 - 1 year, 3 year, 5 year quotes
 - The district is interested in a 5-year plan with a \$100,000 savings.
 - 3 years: \$50,000 savings
- Proposed board action in April.
- Training will be minimal; staff are well aware of material.
- The Board requested manuals
 - Dennis will provide manuals.
- There are no grant funds available for Math.
 - ELA adoption - 100% grant funded
- The board inquired about math scores; tutoring for math and reading?
 - Yes, tutoring is for math.
 - Children are supported within the buildings.
 - Absenteeism is a concern.
 - The majority of elementary tutoring is done during the day.
 - GMS and GHS tutoring is after school.

D. Policy

1. New Hires (certified)

- Discussion regarding MCL380.1231 - Michigan Code
 - The board is to approve the new hires (certified staff).
 - Clark Hill is revamping the policy
 - Discussion regarding inconsistencies in policy regarding hiring of staff:
 - Kara Rozin will provide a new policy
 - The board will have a first and second reading of the policy prior to adoption.
 - The board recommends certified staff resumes to be included in the backup with redacted personal information.

- Other Board discussion: Self-assessment review and DISC training through MASB
 - Board members need to complete a self-assessment
 - 3-hour sessions (2 days)
 - \$900 per session plus travel
 - One-day retreat (weekend or early weekday)
 - \$1300 plus travel
 - The board agreed on a one-day retreat on a Monday beginning at 3:00 p.m. following spring break (early part of April).
 - The board will email Jeff on Mondays that they are not available; Monday, April 7th, is not an option.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

- Stephenie Jacobson, public input, no action taken.
- Larry Corell declined.
- Amy Corell, public input, no action taken.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the March 4, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting at 12:45 p.m. This motion, made by Kari Visser-Robel and seconded by Rachel Davis, Passed.

Rachel Davis: Yea

Katie Drzewiecki: Absent

Sara Gapinski: Absent

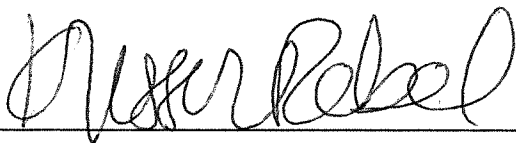
Doug Hempenstall: Yea

Lori Hewitt: Yea

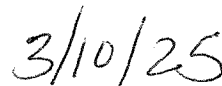
Kari Visser-Robel: Yea

Jeff Wieber: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2



Kari Visser-Robel



Date

Prepared by Cindy Huff for Kari Visser-Robel, Board Secretary