



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – May 18, 2026 ~ 5:30 pm

The meeting was held at Greenspire High School

Approved Minutes

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. The meeting was held at the High School with a remote option via Zoom.

i. Board Members Present: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Ward Kuhn, Luis Pardo, Joe McCarthy, Nicole Runyon

ii. Board Members absent: Meagan Batdorff,

iii. Board Members Attending Virtually: None

iv. Administrators Present: Superintendent Michael Schramm, Principal Emily Feaster

II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with the following changes: McCarthy

Remove action Item A – HS Second Semester because it was approved last month; Add Discussion Item: GVSU Charter Renewal

Support: Pardo

Motion passed: 5-0

III. Approval of Previous BOE Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 20, 2026 board minutes as submitted: Kuhn

Support: Pardo

Motion passed: 5-0

IV. Public Comment-

Public comment focused primarily on concerns about the proposed budget resource constraints and their potential impact on student support services, mental health resources, and the school's mission. Speakers emphasized the importance of keeping "kids first" while preserving the school's commitment to whole-child education and outdoor learning.

V. Recognitions - None

VI. Board Correspondence - None

VII. Presentations- None

VIII. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report – In packet

- b. President's Report – In packet – Babin-Ringsmuth indicated that a couple of board candidates have been identified and might be available to apply in the coming months.
- c. Treasurer's Report – Defer to financial package
- d. Authorizer's Report- Grand Valley State University representative Matt Missias provided updates from the school authorizer, including information on upcoming trainings and professional development opportunities. He noted that the required budget hearing must be held next month as a separate meeting from the regular board meeting, with public notice published in the newspaper at least six days in advance. Missias also shared that both the House and Senate have released their funding proposals and are currently in negotiations, and he referenced Senate Bill 874 related to higher education charter authorizers. Additional updates included the launch of a leadership forum for administrative-level staff on August 5 in Detroit, opportunities for networking with other educational leaders, and a Charter Board President Retreat scheduled for November 5. He also reported that the Board of Trustees had completed the school's reauthorization process and that a new division-level website is expected to launch in mid-June with improved ADA compliance. During discussion, Becky Morse was recognized for winning Tiger tickets. Babin-Ringsmuth inquired about potential mental health grants; Missias indicated he was not aware of any currently available but would look into the matter further.
- e. April Financial Package –
 - i. Tracy from Partner Solutions joined virtually. Expenses lag revenue. Currently at 10/12 months out of fiscal year. The budget shows ahead of plan because only 74% of expenses have come in but 82% of revenue has occurred. Projected to end at 5% for the year.

IX. Consent Agenda

Committee Reports

- a. Facilities & Finance – included in board packet
- b. Human Resources – included in board packet

Motion to approve the consent agendas made by: Runyon

Support: Ward

Motion passed: 5-0

X. Discussion Items

- a. DRAFT 25-26 and original 27 budgets:

Current budget: Over budget by \$128,000 with the larger line items being tech supplies and software, dual enrollment, building maintenance, and legal fees. Tech and software was a required security update to protect data against breaches. To help mitigate some of these expenses going forward, next year – proposing to change dual enrollment process so that there is a GPA minimum to help promote student success and also to run early/middle through CTC not through NMC. Pardo suggested we put in place a limit if we go over budget.

26-27 budget– Partner solutions has worked with outgoing and incoming superintendents to draft several iterations of the budget based on enrollment. Conversation on enrollment as it relates to budget. Missias noted that enrollment issues are being felt across the state.

- b. Middle School 6th grade enrollment cap. Discussion to limit enrollment for 6th grade

to better plan for teaching needs. If demand for a second 6th grade class is high enough and wait list fills, this cap could be removed. Item moved to Action Item.
Motion to suspend rules and move to action item: McCarthy
Support Pardo.

Motion Passed 5-0.

- c. High School Graduation Requirements – Physics are not a requirement of the state but they have been a Greenspire requirement. As a result, despite best efforts, some students who are failing this class are not graduating or have transferred to other schools that don't have the physics requirement. The requirement was designed with the initial STEM plan for the school but the population has evolved. With the current population, requiring both chemistry and physics isn't realistic. Nonetheless, both would still be available for students who choose to take both. Additionally, with math challenges, Algebra II will be spread out over three semesters – going slower will help with learning and retention. The current 22 ½ credits required for graduation is more than is required by the state.
This item moved to Action Item
Motion to suspend rules and move to action item by: Kuhn;
Support Pardo. Motion Passed 5-0.
- d. Partner Solutions ESP Agreement - ESP and charter contract have to parallel in duration. Since Greenspire law firm represents both PS and GS, Babin-Ringsmuth has reached out to a new firm (Miller/Johnson) to review the contract. It was noted that while there were initial issues with PS, they have been more responsive to our needs.
- e. GVSU – Charter renewal – GS can defer until no later than June 17 to allow time to review PS contract.

XI. Action Items

- a. Spring Policy Updates
Motion to approve the spring policy updates made by: Kuhn
Support: Runyon
Motion passed: 5-0
- b. Middle School Cap on 6th Grade Enrollment
Motion to cap enrollment for the 6th grade at 24 made by: Kuhn
Support: McCarthy
Motion passed: 5-0
- c. Graduation Requirements – Motion to change credit requirements for graduation to 21 to better align with state standards made by: McCarthy
Support: Kuhn
Motion passed: 5-0

XII. Public Comment

Public comments emphasized the importance of maintaining the school's commitment to whole-child education and holistic student support, particularly in light of the increasing social and emotional challenges facing students today. Speakers highlighted the school's unique strengths, including its outdoor spaces, staff passion, and mission-driven culture, while noting available state and grant funding opportunities that could support mental health services and alternative staffing models. Additional comments

focused on the importance of communication, transparency, and staff involvement during times of organizational challenge, with several remarks reinforcing that students and the school's mission must remain the central priority.

XIII. Adjournment of the board meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Kuhn

Support: McCarthy

Motion passed: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Runyon, Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for, June 15th, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Greenspire High School