



*Gladstone Area Schools  
Board Update*

*February 15, 2010*

- Volume IV                      Number 2
- AGENDA**                      **Approved board agenda as presented.**
- MINUTES**                      **The Board approved the minutes of the January 18th regular meeting as presented.**
- GENERAL FUND**                      **Approved payment of general fund bills numbered 36407-36430 and handwritten checks numbered 36350-36377, 36432-36458 and 36460-36537 in the amount of \$169,882.44.**
- COMMITTEE**                      **Heard a Curriculum and Personnel Committee meeting report from Linda Howlett and a Finance Committee meeting report from Gloria McDonnell.**
- REPORTS**                      **Dr. Jay Kulbertis reported the Governor has unveiled a plan for next year's budget, in which a number of ways this will impact us locally; continues to meet with Teamster stewards in a collaborative effort to identify contractual cost-saving measures to reach targeted savings to prevent privatization; attended the Delta-Schoolcraft Association of School Boards Dinner Meeting with Paul Capodilupo and Kathy Hayes (Michigan Association of School Boards) as presenter; creating a business management partnership with Rapid River sharing accountant services; met with Don Maki of Federal Mediation Services, Sandy Walker of the MEA and Lauri Berg of Teamsters to discuss surveys that were collected in November. Don Maki is designing some training for the District to enhance working relationships; scheduled a meeting with TEPG this month to go over the final list of items to finalize our energy Efficiency Project. Jeff Deacon commented on the delicious spaghetti dinner that Cameron Staff put on as a fund raising event for Cameron PTO.**
- NEW HIRE**                      **Awarded the Special Education position to April Dahlin.**
- BUSINESS OFFICE**                      **Authorized Business Management Partnership with Rapid River School District.**
- PUBLIC LIBRARY**                      **Steve O'Driscoll reported funding shortfalls from the City of Gladstone could close the Middle School library for public use.  
Approved the Gladstone Public Library Advisory Committee members.**
- TEAMSTERS**                      **Dan Bjorkquist, on behalf of the Teamsters, requested a school board member attend the monthly Teamster meetings; asked for an update from Harold Flagstadt on phone calls he made to Gwinn, Munising, Stephenson**

**and Ishpeming school district maintenance departments on custodial privatization services already in place (Maintenance Board Report).**

**CLOSED SESSION**            **Held a closed session to discuss a student disciplinary action.**

**EXPULSION**                **Approved an expulsion for a Middle School student.**

**ADJOURNMENT**            **Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.**

**Note: NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE March 15<sup>th</sup> at Gladstone High School Library.**