

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GLADSTONE AREA SCHOOLS
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GLADSTONE, MICHIGAN 49837**

MINUTES

Gladstone High School
2100 M-35
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Howlett at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Harrell, Linda Howlett, Henry Knoch, Steve O'Driscoll, Steve Tackman, Eric Thompson

Members Absent: Jesse Seger

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Dave Ballard, Kristina Hansen, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, Pam Durbin, Kelly Smith, Mike Macfarlane, Karen Fisher

The list of guests is recorded in the Administrative Office as part of the minute book.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Tom Harrell had the opportunity to participate in mock interviews with high school seniors and commented it was a great experience to interact with the young. Steve O'Driscoll reminded the audience of the MS drama performance this Friday at 7:00 pm and this Saturday at 2:00 pm. Dave Ballard mentioned the 6th grade Geography family night, hosted by Martina Mileski last Thursday, had a good turnout, well attended.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2015 regular meeting as presented was made Steve Tackman and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 50234-50400 in the amount of \$376,027.52 was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Steve O'Driscoll reviewed the Finance Committee meeting.

Dr. Kulbertis mentioned that the Governor's Economic and Education Summit was held in Detroit this month and Dr. Kulbertis served on a panel discussing innovative uses of technology in education and had an opportunity to lead a regional discussion around the idea of school-business partnerships. Met with a representative from the Mackinac Economic Alliance to see how we might work together on a couple items of interest. Met with Senator Hansen, chair of the Senate subcommittee on K-12 Appropriations to discuss how we as educators might be able to advocate more strongly for Proposal 1 if the Senate School Budget were to make a bold/innovative statement of support. Our administrative team met with directors from the ISD to discuss the services that they provide in special education, general education and career-technical education.

Motion to approve the hiring of Alicia Hughes as Jones/MS Food Service Aide was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter rescinding intent to retire from Kim Alworden, Karla Beauchamp, Glynda Curtis, Wanda Chenier and Harold Flagstadt for EOSY 2015 was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Kim Alworden, Karla Beauchamp, Pam Chouinard and Harold Flagstadt for EOSY 2016 was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Glynda Curtis for September 30, 2015 was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Wanda Chenier for September 30, 2016 was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

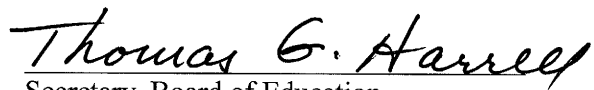
Motion to accept letter of retirement from Tom Davis for June 30, 2015 was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Budget Amendment 2 was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt second reading of Neola Policy changes was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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