

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GLADSTONE AREA SCHOOLS
400 SOUTH TENTH STREET
GLADSTONE, MICHIGAN 49837**

MINUTES

Jones/Middle School/Public Library
300 South Tenth Street
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Howlett at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Harrell, Linda Howlett, Henry Knoch, Jesse Seger, Steve Tackman, Eric Thompson

Members Absent: Steve O'Driscoll

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Eric Thompson commented that the junior high drama club's spring production was enjoyable. Tom Harrell mentioned attending the annual scholarship meeting noting that the scholarship fund is in a good financial situation. The scholarship committee is working on a reference guide as a guideline for new committee members. Linda Howlett recommended other board members to attend the 6th grade salmon release project May 1st as she has done in the past and the release is a great experience. Lori Wells, Media Specialist, mentioned this Saturday is the Spring Story Hour from 10:30-12:00; and the Friends of the Gladstone Library annual candlelight dinner is at 6:30 p.m., Memorial Methodist Church. Brady Downey noted that April is National Autism Awareness month.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

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

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 50401-50554 in the amount of \$408,378.57 was made by Eric Thompson and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Mike Macfarlane reviewed the general fund income statement.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis reviewed the Dual Superintendency Council meeting; Eric Thompson reviewed the Building and Grounds Committee meeting; and Henry Knoch reviewed the Curriculum and Personnel Committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis reported that the Personal Economics class played host to Mark Tiberjian who indicated an interest in providing some scholarship opportunities for our students pursuing an interest in Personal Economics and Finance. Buildings are in the process of administering the M-STEP State test. The School Aid Budget is in a bit of a waiting game until after the May 5th election on Proposal 1. The ISD Board conducted superintendent interviews and has named Doug Leisenring as their next Superintendent. Building principals are working hard to predict the future, with special attention on the upcoming school year.

Motion to approve the hiring of Melissa Beauchamp as custodian was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter rescinding intent to retire from Carol Sabo and Chris Nivison for EOSY 2015 was made by Eric Thompson and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Carol Sabo, Chris Nivison and Dale Jones for EOSY 2016 was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of bond construction accounts payable was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Fan club board members Jill Thompson, Bill Buchmiller and Bonnie Oshe presented the board with a \$10,000 check as the last installment payment on the softball fields. Bill thanked those individuals that donated their time to make the fields look good. Recommended personnel to stop by and see the completed fields.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss attorney client privilege was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Tom Harrell. Roll call vote: Ayes -Tom Harrell, Henry Knoch, Jesse Seger, Steve Tackman, Eric Thompson, Linda Howlett. Nays -none. Absent -Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting moved into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion to adjourn from closed session was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting moved into open session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education