

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

**MINUTES**

Cameron Elementary School  
803 North 29<sup>th</sup>  
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Steve O'Driscoll at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Paul Capodilupo, Tom Harrell, Linda Howlett, Ryan Lyle, Steve O'Driscoll, Steve Tackman

Members Absent: None

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Kristina Hansen, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, 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.

Steve O'Driscoll welcomed Eric Thompson (audience member) to the meeting as a newly elected board member (term begins January 2015).

Linda Howlett commented that the Indian Education Fall Feast on November 2<sup>nd</sup> was well attended and invited board members to attend the Spring Feast. Hannahville Indian Community presented Jessie Seronko with a plaque for 25 years of service.

Paul Capodilupo congratulated Kelly Smith and the Drama Club for an excellent production of "Little Women".

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 regular meeting as presented was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Richard Anderson. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 49288-49483 in the amount of \$524,990.95 was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Steve Tackman reviewed the Finance Committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis reported parent-teacher conferences were held on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. School personnel made the extra effort to ensure things ran as smoothly and productively as possible. He is working on the possibility of collaborating across the Upper Peninsula to put together a report on the economic impact of our K-12 public schools. We need to remain vigilant as we work through the legislative lame duck period. There are a number of important educational issues that are being pushed

and a short amount of time for the specified language to be considered. The district received 2 percent grants from the Sault Ste Marie and Hannahville Indian Communities. We appreciate the financial assistance that we receive from the 2 percent grant program.

Motion to award snowplow bid to Olson Landscaping was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Richard Anderson. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to award bank bid to BayBank was made by Richard Anderson and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Budget Amendment 1 was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Jessica Castor as a building aide was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Richard Anderson. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

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