

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

MINUTES

James T. Jones Elementary School
400 South Tenth Street
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the James T. Jones Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order by Steve O'Driscoll at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Howlett, Gary Micheau, Steve O'Driscoll, Jeff Deacon, Paul Capodilupo, Bill Milligan

Members Absent: Gloria McDonnell

Administrative Jay Kulbertis, Brady Downey, Karl Dollhopf, Dave Ballard, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, Matt Houle, Tom Davis, Mike MacFarlane, Karen Fisher, Harold Flagstadt, Pam Durbin

Press: Laura Mead

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

Karl Dollhopf complimented the elementary students on their MEAP scores; summer school begins in June for three weeks and then again in August.

Paul Capodilupo commented on the outstanding job the High School staff and students did for the 8th grade open house, informative for students and parents.

Jay Kulbertis recognized Tim Barron and members of the Science Olympiad team as they travel to Lansing to compete at the state level on May 1st.

Dan Bjorkquist commented that a change to the Kindergarten schedule for next school year would reduce hours and bus drivers would exercise their bumping rights.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by J. Deacon and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 regular meeting as amended was made by L. Howlett and supported by B. Milligan. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 36689 - 36981 in the amount of \$369,162.19 was made by J. Deacon and supported by B. Milligan. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

L. Howlett reviewed the minutes of the Curriculum and Personnel committee meeting.

P. Capodilupo reviewed the minutes of the Finance committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis reported he is meeting regularly with building principals to put together staffing needs for next school year; school leadership will be providing their time, attention, and energy preparing for training on the New Teacher Induction Program (developed in Ontario); the Senate passed a bill addressing reforms in the Michigan Public Schools Employee Retirement System; Open House for 8th graders was informative by students and parents; met with Laura Coleman, Bay College President, to discuss partnering on an Investing in Innovation grant along with a discussion with Matt Soucy, Dean of Student Services, to work out finalizing the application; publicly recognized Jon Orhanen, recipient of this year's Outstanding Person in Education Award.

Motion to accept letter rescinding intent to retire from Kim Alworden, Judy Tochterman, Glynda Curtis and Mary Gendron was made by G. Micheau and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes –6, Nays –0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Judy Tochterman and Dale Jones, EOY 10-11 was made by G. Micheau and supported by J. Deacon. Ayes –6, Nays –0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept request to return from leave of absence from Paula Lundin was made by L. Howlett and supported by B. Milligan. Ayes –6, Nays –0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve change in Kindergarten scheduling, to every-other Friday format was made by J. Deacon and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes –6, Nays –0. Motion carried.


Motion to go into closed session to discuss negotiations strategy was made by L. Howlett and supported by B. Milligan. Roll call vote: G. McDonnell -Absent, P. Capodilupo -Aye, B. Milligan -Aye, J. Deacon -Aye, L. Howlett -Aye, G. Micheau -Aye, S. O'Driscoll -Aye. Ayes –6, Nays –0. Motion carried.

Meeting moved into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting moved into open session at 8:27 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Deacon and supported by G. Micheau. Ayes –6, Nays –0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education