

**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 organizational meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the James T. Jones Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order by Steve O'Driscoll at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrative Jay Kulbertis, Brady Downey, Karl Dollhopf, Dave Ballard, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, Tom Davis, John Mileski, 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.

Jeff Deacon thanked Sue LaFave for receiving a \$600 grant to fund an egg hatching science project and Peggy Austin for receiving a \$250 grant on behalf of the Cameron PTO committee.

Dave Ballard congratulated the 8th grade boy's basketball team on an undefeated season.

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

Election of Officers:

Bill Milligan nominated Steve O'Driscoll for President. Nomination supported by Jeff Deacon. Gloria McDonnell nominated Linda Howlett. Nomination supported by Gary Micheau. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried. Roll call vote, Steve O'Driscoll -4, Linda Howlett -3.

Steve O'Driscoll was elected President and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Paul Capodilupo nominated Linda Howlett for Vice-President. Nomination supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Linda Howlett was elected Vice President.

Jeff Deacon nominated Gary Micheau for Secretary. Nomination supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Gary Micheau was elected Secretary.

Gary Micheau nominated Gloria McDonnell for Treasurer. Nomination supported by Jeff Deacon. Ayes -6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Gloria McDonnell was elected Treasurer.

Steve O'Driscoll appointed members to various sub-committees and other various committees. A copy of the appointments is attached to the minutes hereto.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 regular meeting as presented was made by J. Deacon and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt a resolution establishing regular Board meetings on the third Monday of each month except November was made by J. Deacon and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried. Schedule of meetings is attached to the minutes hereto.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 36251 – 36296 and handwritten checks numbered 1 – 96 in the amount of \$181,183.21 was made by L. Howlett and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes-6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

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

G. McDonnell reviewed the minutes of the Finance committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis reported the Governor officially cancelled the \$127 per pupil reduction in state aid; discussed comprehensive plan to share Business Office Services with Escanaba School District; continuing to move forward in the information gathering on custodial services from various vendors, and meeting regularly with Teamster stewards in an effort to collaborate on cost-saving measures that can be achieved with current employees; welcomed Paul Capodilupo and Bill Milligan as new Board members.

Motion to designate Karen Fisher as recording secretary for the Board was made by G. McDonnell and supported by J. Deacon. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Karen Fisher as designee to assure compliance of Open Meetings Act was made by L. Howlett and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion Carried.

Motion to adopt resolution authorizing a Service Consolidation Plan Agreement with the Michigan Department of Education was made by L. Howlett and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Compass Learning, Michigan Virtual High School, and Gen-Net as curricular options for Gladstone Area Schools was made by G. McDonnell and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -4.

Motion to approve posting of the Middle School Special Education position was made by J. Deacon and supported by B. Milligan. -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize a Business Management Partnership with Escanaba Area School District was made by G. McDonnell and supported by G. Micheau. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Letter of Intent to Retire from Mary Gendron was made by G. McDonnell and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.


Motion to accept Letter of Intent to Retire from Kim Alworden was made by G. McDonnell and supported by J. Deacon. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to award the Temporary Custodial Position at Cameron/High School to Dawn LaFave was made by G. McDonnell and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Dan Bjorkquist, on behalf of the Teamsters and GEA, expressed concerns about privatizing transportation and custodial services. Dan submitted 1,150 petitions on behalf of Gladstone student parents and local residents to the School Board for review. Dan also inquired about the results of the Organizational Effectiveness Assessment survey that was completed and submitted in November, and the completion of the Superintendent's evaluation.

Motion to adjourn was made by G. Micheau and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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