

**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 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

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

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

Members Absent: Steve O'Driscoll, Jesse Seger

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Brady Downey, Kristina Hansen, Lori Neurohr, Lori Wells, Pam Durbin, Karen Fisher

Daily Press: Jordan Beck

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Tom Harrell noted that the mock interviews held with high school seniors were interesting and a rewarding experience. It was an opportunity to get to know the students. Linda Howlett reminded the board of Mr. Doutree's 6th grade science classes upcoming salmon release field trip in May.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 regular meeting as presented was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 55992-56083 in the amount of \$326,847.96 was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis reviewed the finance statement.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis discussed the Governor, Senate and House budget proposals and Michigan School Safety Reform Plan.

Motion to approve the hire of Brad McDonald as bus driver and food service aide was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Karl Dollhopf as junior varsity girls' basketball coach was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Eric Thompson. Aye -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

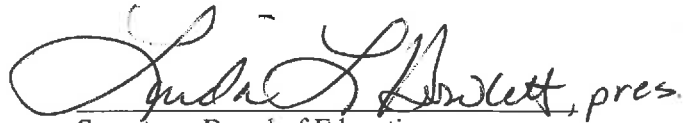
Motion to accept letter of resignation from Thomas White as bus driver was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Rick Pepin as junior varsity girls' basketball coach was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Visitors Brian Belmonti, Tara Bruce and Jackie Hughes shared their thoughts on the cancellation of the Early Middle College Program. Karleen Thorbahn inquired about the 5th Grade STEM class for next school year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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