

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

MINUTES

Gladstone High School
2100 State Highway M35
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tackman at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier (late arrival), Jesse Seger (late arrival), Andrew Sturdy, Steve Tackman, Joanna Wilbee-Amis

Members Absent: Linda Howlett

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Andy Jacques, Rick Pepin, Dave Ballard, Holly Howes, Katee Inghram, Lori Wells, Lisa Boudreau, 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.

Henry Knoch thanked Gladstone Schools for donating 5,175 pounds of canned goods to the St Vincent de Paul pantry in Gladstone.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -4, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 regular meeting was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -4, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 61717-61873 in the amount of \$579,529.27 was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -4, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Jesse Seger and Nathan Neumeier arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Dr. Kulbertis discussed the day time incidents that happened on school grounds within the last two weeks and the social media influence that comes with it. The social media Tik Tok message threat caused concern and the district aired on the side of precaution and canceled school. The district has protocols in place to communicate with parents during these trying times.

Motion to approve the hire of Michelle Carne as an elementary special education was made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Jeff Hansen as varsity football coach was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Schedule B movement of Joe Darmogray to varsity baseball coach was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to schedule an organizational meeting for January 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. and a regular meeting for January 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of an LS tractor from UP Tractor, Rock MI, in the amount of \$44,240 was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.


President Steve Tackman mentioned that the Superintendent's Evaluation will be completed by the next board meeting.

Andy Jacques thanked Jeff Hansen for his 15 plus coaching years at Gladstone.

Audience member(s) Dave Champion asked about microphones at board meetings, parent volunteers at Cameron, police presence within the district, school communication, EMC, and plowing of the Cameron parking lot; Gary Howell thanked the district for the communication efforts with Friday's school cancellation; Nick Nastoff commented on the school threat; and Casey Hoffman introduced himself as a lawyer from Menominee that is running for District 108 State Representative.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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