

**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, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Linda Howlett at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Howlett, Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier, Jesse Seger, Andrew Sturdy,
Joanna Wilbee-Amis

Members Absent: Steve Tackman

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Andy Jacques, Dave Ballard, Holly Howes, Katee Inghram, Lori
Wells, Lisa Boudreau, Karen Fisher

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

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

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 regular meeting and August 5, 2021 special meeting as presented was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 61179-61259 in the amount of \$436,091.96 was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kulbertis updated board members on school startup preparedness and weekly COVID updates from the health department.

Motion to approve the 2021 Tax Levy Request was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter or resignation from Bill Buchmiller as JV softball coach was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Richard Look and Dan Seeley as Teamster employees was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve one year leave of absence from teacher Emily Paul was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve one year leave of absence from Teamster employee Emlyn Verbrigghe was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Miranda Ducheny as JV volleyball coach was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

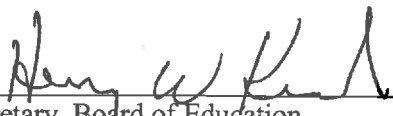
Motion to approve the hire of Bonnie Quinn as sophomore class advisor was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve administrator's contract was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Audience member Adam Veaser read a statement on mask mandates, Tanya Reynolds inquired about mask mandates, critical race theory and quarantining, Kari Boudreau commented on good things about Gladstone and letting parents decide on masking, Amber Quigley commented on mask mandates and quarantining, and Christa Hughes commented on vaccine verbiage from teachers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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