

**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, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gladstone High School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tackman at 6:04 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Andy Jacques, Rick Pepin, Dale Hongisto, 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.

Board member Linda Howlett commented on the Gladstone/Escanaba football game. Audience member Adam Veaser read a statement to the board concerning mask mandates and quarantining.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 regular meeting as presented was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Steve Tackman abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 61260-61433 in the amount of \$486,326.95 was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Linda Howlett reviewed the labor relations committee meeting.

Dr. Kulbertis updated board members on COVID concerns and the local health department.

Motion to approve the hire of Amy Breitzman, Matthew Daigneault, Mitchell Kelly, Brianna Donovan, Audrey Marenger, Shelly Claycomb and Brenda Ruatti as Teamster employees was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Brandi Harris and Holly O'Driscoll as elementary teachers was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Karen Hughes, effective October 31, 2022, was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Kaitlyn Hardwick as freshman volleyball coach was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Christina Faymonville as dramatics club advisor was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Colin Immel as varsity boys' basketball coach, Zach Rose as junior varsity boys' basketball coach and Josh Martin as freshman boys' basketball coach was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve virtual course catalogs Michigan Virtual, Odyssey Ware and UPVA was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Rick Pepin as junior varsity girls' basketball coach was made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

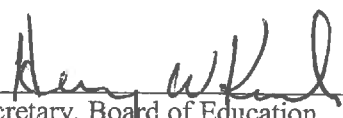
Motion to approve distance learning delivery of our regular in-person classes was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve pilot program for COVID quarantine waiver for school contact as amended (6 week trial period testing on day 1, 4 and 7 of quarantine) was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Andrew Study. Rollcall vote: Ayes –Andrew Sturdy, Henry Knoch, Steve Tackman, Linda Howlett; Nays – Joanna Wilbee-Amis, Nathan Neumeier, Jesse Seger. Motion carried.

Audience members questioned and commented on the COVID pilot program, masking, quarantining, schools of choice and pupil count day.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

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