

**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 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Henry Knoch at 6:01 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Linda Howlett, Steve Tackman

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Andy Jacques, Dave Ballard, Holly Howes, 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.

Joanna Wilbee-Amis mentioned she is working with the State Police Cybercrimes unit on a presentation for parents on October 16 at the High School and that NMU will debut the Sextortion documentary and talk about the risks of this issue at Kaufman Auditorium in Marquette, September 11 at 6:00 pm.

Nathan Neumeier arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 regular meeting as presented was made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 62733-62809 in the amount of \$488,923.39 was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kulbertis updated board members on school resource officer discussion with public safety, and food service breakfast and lunch program. Building principals provided information concerning the district's therapy dog program.

Motion to approve the 2022 Tax Levy Request was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Cami Takkunen, Stella Ecklid and Melissa Peltier as Teamster employees was made by Joanna Wilbee Amis and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Jenna Rubick as secondary science teacher was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Athletic Director Dale Hongisto provided information on joining the WestPAC football conference. Motion to approve joining the WestPAC football conference for Fall of 2023 was made by Andrew Sturdy and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.


Motion to accept letter of resignation from Gregory VanDrese as Teamster employee was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes 5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Audience members Becky Servant and LeAnn Cockrell requested back pay from prior years of service that other teachers are receiving. Unnamed person asked if parents would be allowed in the Cameron school on the first day of class.

High School Principal Andy Jacques provided an update on early middle college, foreign exchange students, and career fair at the high school.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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