

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

MINUTES

The organizational/regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tackman at 5:32 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Andrew Sturdy

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Andy Jacques, 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.

Oath of Office was recited by board members Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier and Joanna Wilbee-Amis.

Linda Howlett resigned as board member effective January 17, 2023.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Jesse Seger and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis nominating Steve Tackman as President. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Howlett, supported by Jesse Seger nominating Joanna Wilbee-Amis as Vice President. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis, supported by Linda Howlett nominating Henry Knoch as Secretary. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jesse Seger, supported by Linda Howlett nominating Nathan Neumeier as Treasurer. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Steve Tackman updated Committee board members: Building and Grounds-Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier, Jesse Seger; Curriculum and Personnel-Henry Knoch, Andrew Sturdy, Steve Tackman; Finance-Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier, Steve Tackman; Labor Relations-Henry Knoch, Steve Tackman, Joanna Wilbee-Amis; Policy-Henry Knoch, Jesse Seger, Joanna Wilbee-Amis; Public Relations-Jesse Seger, Andrew Sturdy, Joanna Wilbee-Amis; Transportation-Nathan Neumeier, Jesse Seger.

Steve Tackman updated Other Committees/Councils: Delta-Schoolcraft County Schools Board-Nathan Neumeier; District School Improvement-Nathan Neumeier, Andrew Sturdy; Downtown Development

Authority-Nathan Neumeier; Dual Superintendency Council-Henry Knoch, Steve Tackman; Liaison Member to the MASB-Steve Tackman; Library Advisor Board-Henry Knoch; Public Act 226 Liaison to Family Life Advisory-Jesse Seger; Scholarship-Joanna Wilbee-Amis.

Motion to designate the business manager and/or designee as depositories for school funds was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate superintendent and/or designee for authorization to sign checks, contracts, agreements and purchase orders was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate the third Monday of each month at specified times for regular board meetings was made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate business manager and/or designee to assume specified responsibilities of treasurer and electronic funds transfer was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate executive secretary as recording secretary for the board was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate executive secretary to implement the public notice requirements of the open meetings act was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 regular meeting as presented was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 63393-63500 in the amount of \$313,864.05 was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.


Dr. Kulbertis provided an update on the January census conference, State economy and supplemental budget, and staffing projections.

Motion to recognize mid-year teachers Kathryn Closs, Michelle Carne, Julie Moreau, and Emily Paul advancing in probationary status was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Audience member Bonnie Oshe inquired about the number of students on the fishing team.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education