

**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, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tackman at 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

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.

Fifth grade students Mia Albrecht, Wyatt Burch and Cameron Brady did an art bash presentation for the board members.

Nathan Neumeier arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Jeff Hansen. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the March 20, 2023 regular meeting as presented was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 63734-63821 in the amount of \$1,871,824.82 was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Jesse Seger reviewed the building and grounds committee meeting, and Dr. Jay Kulbertis and Joanna Wilbee-Amis reviewed the public relations committee meeting.

Lisa Boudreau reviewed budget amendment 2.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis updated board members on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading law, consensus revenue conference and State's prevailing wage.

Motion to approve budget amendment 2 was made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Jeff Hansen. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Melissa Neuens as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, effective March 20, was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of rescind (2023) and letter of intent to retire (2024) from Kim Alworden was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Michelle Maki as Teamster building aide was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jeff Hansen. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire (2024) from Leigh Casamassa was made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Coaches Colin Immel (varsity boys' basketball) and Keyanna Strom (assistant high school cheer) was made by Jeff Hansen and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Autumn Buchholz as Spanish teacher for 23-24 school year was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

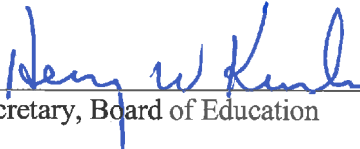
Motion to approve the hire of Kaitlyn Hardwick as varsity volleyball coach and Estacia Martinez as junior varsity volleyball coach was made by Jeff Hansen and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Audience member Paulette Pepin noted that Becky Quinn and Robin Schwartz were selected as the Outstanding Person In Education (OPIE) awardees.

Jesse Seger inquired about the early middle college program and Joanna Wilbee-Amis commented on the high school career day and mentioned that OSF has a job shadowing program for those interested in the medical field.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

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