

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

MINUTES

Cameron Elementary School
803 North 29th
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, February 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Steve O'Driscoll at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Capodilupo, Tom Harrell, Linda Howlett, Ryan Lyle, Steve O'Driscoll, Steve Tackman

Members Absent: Richard Anderson

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Brady Downey, Donna Flannery, Pam Durbin, Mike Macfarlane, Karen Fisher

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

Dr. Jay Kulbertis mentioned three administrators were attending parents' night at the Varsity boys' basketball game and unable to attend the board meeting. Steve O'Driscoll had the privilege of attending the wrestling finals and commented on the exemplary behavior of our wrestling group; also mentioned that 6 Gladstone wrestlers made state finals. Paul Capodilupo thanked Jessie DeBacker for the hard work and time he has committed to our wrestlers.

Rodney Van Brocklin inquired about MEAP scores and condition of textbooks at the elementary level.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2014 organizational/regular meeting as amended was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Ryan Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 47924-48093 in the amount of \$531,483.87 was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Steve O'Driscoll noted the Labor Relation committee meeting was held in closed session. Paul Capodilupo reviewed the Public Relations committee meeting, Tom Harrell reviewed the Building and Grounds committee meeting and Linda Howlett reviewed the Finance Committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis mentioned the Governor has unveiled a plan for next year's budget. Early indications are positive for a foundation grant increase as well as the continuation of the categorical that we are receiving this year. He is working with local legislators to put legal safeguards in place to help us maintain our identity as the Gladstone Braves. The dual enrollment program at the high school provides accelerated opportunities for our students, but there is a direct cost that does have an associated revenue

stream. We are looking at innovative solutions to the funding problem. Upper Peninsula Virtual Academy has had a small uptick in enrollment for the second semester.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Phil Standerfer as Jones food service aide was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Ryan Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter rescinding intent to retire from Judy Tochtermann and Karla Beauchamp for end of school year 2014 was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Judy Tochtermann and Karla Beauchamp for end of school year 2015 was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to award Cameron food service aide position to Jennifer Hood was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to award Jones food service aide position to Heidi Goodman was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to award High School custodian position to Lori Moulds was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Ryan Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve medical leave of absence request from Patricia Roberts was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Paul Capodilupo. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Bond Refunding Ratification resolution was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of bond construction bills was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Eric Thompson commented on the Cameron PTO spaghetti dinner and the enthusiasm teachers Peggy Austin and Sarah Racicot showed in the demonstration of their new classroom technology.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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