

**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, October 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by Steve O'Driscoll at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Richard Anderson, Linda Howlett

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Brady Downey, Dave Ballard, Kristina Hansen, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, Pam Durbin, Mike Macfarlane, Karen Fisher

Daily Press: Ilsa Matthes

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Steve O'Driscoll thanked Ilsa Matthes for the Daily Press article on bus safety.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by T. Harrell and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 regular meeting as presented was made by S. Tackman and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 49080-49287 in the amount of \$387,138.33 was made by T. Harrell and supported by P. Capodilupo. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

S. O'Driscoll reviewed the dual Superintendency council meeting; P. Capodilupo reviewed the curriculum and personnel committee meeting; S. Tackman reviewed the transportation and finance committee meetings and T. Harrell reviewed the building and grounds committee meeting.

Alan Stotz reviewed the annual audit report.

Dr. Kulbertis reported that the district continues to make some progress financially, as the results of our FY-14 audit indicate. Credited the hard work and dedication of our business office staff, and our entire school staff. He met with representatives from the Governor's Office and the Department of Education last week. In an effort to move in the direction most likely to generate full funding, he was seeking to provide some current information and to gain some insight about the future. Some of our educators attended the Innovators in Education conference in Troy. It was an educational opportunity for staff, as well as a networking and strategizing session for our attendees. Recognized the outstanding efforts of all

of our district employees as our Schools of Choice numbers have increased. We have approximately 170 non-resident students and we appreciate the effort that our people put in to making our district so attractive.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Julie Aschbacher was made by S. Tackman and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Kelly Smith as transportation coordinator (third party) was made by P. Capodilupo and supported by S. Tackman. Aye -4, Nays -0. S. O'Driscoll abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Motion to award 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach to Jim Gibbs was made by P. Capodilupo and supported by S. Tackman. Ayes -5, Nays -0.

Motion to approve payment of bond construction bills in the amount of \$79,012.39 was made by S. Tackman and supported by T. Harrell. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of snow removal and lawn care equipment as recommended by building and ground committee members was made by T. Harrell and supported by P. Capodilupo. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Tim Gereau requested a copy of the annual audit report.

Motion to adjourn was made by R. Lyle and supported by S. Tackman. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

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