

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

MINUTES

Cameron Elementary School  
803 North 29<sup>th</sup>  
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School.

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

Members Present: Linda Howlett, Gary Micheau, Steve O'Driscoll, Jeff Deacon, Gloria McDonnell, Paul Capodilupo, Bill Milligan

Members Absent: None

Administrative Jay Kulbertis, Brady Downey, Dave Ballard, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, Matt Houle, Tom Davis, John Mileski, Mike Macfarlane, Karen Fisher, Harold Flagstadt, Pam Durbin

Press: Laura Mead

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

Steve O'Driscoll commented that the Public Library Committee held an emergency meeting to discuss funding shortfalls from the City of Gladstone. The Public Library's funding could be cut as much as 60 percent.

Jeff Deacon commented on the delicious spaghetti dinner that Cameron Staff put on as a fundraising event for Cameron PTO.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by L. Howlett and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 regular meeting as presented was made by J. Deacon and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 36407-36430 and handwritten checks numbered 36350-36377, 36432-36458 and 36460-36537 in the amount of \$169,882.44 was made by G. McDonnell and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes-7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

L. Howlett reviewed the minutes of the Curriculum and Personnel committee meeting.

G. McDonnell reviewed the minutes of the Finance committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis reported the Governor has unveiled a plan for next year's budget, in which a number of ways will impact us locally; continues to meet with Teamster stewards concerning privatization of custodial services; attended the Michigan Association of School Boards Dinner with Paul Capodilupo; sharing of Business Offices with Rapid River School District; shared information concerning survey results and receiving training to enhance working relationships between staff members; scheduled a meeting with TEPF to finalize our energy Efficiency Project.

Motion to award the Middle School Special Education position to April Dahlin was made by G. McDonnell and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes-7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize a Business Management Partnership with Rapid River School District was made by G. McDonnell and supported by G. Micheau. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Gladstone Public Library Advisory Committee members was made by B. Milligan and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a new condensed version of the Superintendent's evaluation was made by J. Deacon and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Dan Bjorkquist, on behalf of the Teamsters, requested a board member to attend the Teamster meeting on Thursday. Dick Anderson stated that the Organizational Effectiveness Assessment survey that was completed in November was not intended for use on Superintendents evaluation.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss student disciplinary action was made by G. McDonnell and supported by L. Howlett. Roll call vote: L. Howlett –Aye, G. Micheau –Aye, G. McDonnell –Aye, Paul Capodilupo –Aye, Bill Milligan –Aye, J. Deacon –Aye, Steve O'Driscoll –Aye. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.


Meeting moved into closed session at 8:08 p.m.

Meeting moved into open session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion to approve an expulsion for a Middle School student was made by L. Howlett and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by G. Micheau and supported by G. McDonnell. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education