

**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, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Deacon at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Capodilupo, Jeff Deacon, Linda Howlett, Ryan Lyle, Bill Milligan, Steve O'Driscoll

Members Absent: Gloria McDonnell (excused)

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

Daily Press: Jenny Lancour

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

Matt Houle commented that the Junior Prom was beautiful and that it was a safe evening for all. A total of 123 couples attended – highest attendance in years. Congratulated Beth Deacon, Junior Class students and their parents on planning and decorating.

Paul Capodilupo attended the 8th grade fish release at Pioneer State Park and found it fascinating.

Dave Ballard commented that the fish release was a wonderful time for 8th grade students; teachers Andrew Dootree and Lisa Thomas did a wonderful job.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by P. Capodilupo and supported by S. O'Driscoll. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2011 regular meeting and April 29, 2011 special meeting as presented was made by B. Milligan and supported by P. Capodilupo. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 41488-41584 in the amount of \$572,390.14 was made by S. O'Driscoll and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

B. Milligan reviewed the Curriculum and Personnel committee meeting.

S. O'Driscoll reviewed the minutes of the Policy committee meeting.

L. Howlett reviewed the minutes of the Finance committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis recognized Mike Macfarlane, Harold Flagstadt, Bob DeGrand and Nancy Bratonia for their achievement at scaling back on expenditures as it relates to our buildings, transportation and food service; Senior class night is May 25th at Danforth Place, graduation May 28th at the High School; Michigan House of Representatives voted to cut about \$500 million in State Aid, Consensus Review Caucus is scheduled for May 16th, so new projections will be released at that time.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Jana Aho for September 2012 was made by L. Howlett and supported by S. O'Driscoll. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt resolution approving reduction in staff was made by L. Howlett and supported by J. Deacon. Roll call vote: B. Milligan -Nay, S. O'Driscoll -Nay, P. Capodilupo -Aye, L. Howlett -Aye, R. Lyle -Aye, G. McDonnell -Absent, J. Deacon -Aye. Ayes -4, Nays -2. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt resolution supporting DSISD 2011-2012 budget assumptions was made by L. Howlett and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt resolution designating Paul Capodilupo as district's election representative was made by S. O'Driscoll and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve first reading of the revised interscholastic athletic policy was made by S. O'Driscoll and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

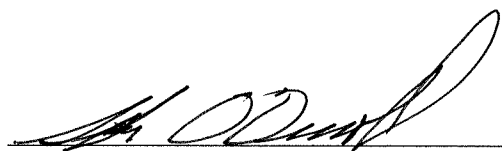
Motion to go into closed session to discuss negotiations strategy was made by B. Milligan and supported by S. O'Driscoll. Roll call vote: G. McDonnell -Absent, B. Milligan -Aye, S. O'Driscoll -Aye, P. Capodilupo -Aye, L. Howlett -Aye, R. Lyle -Aye, J. Deacon -Aye. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting moved into closed session at 8:18 p.m.

Meeting moved into open session at 9:11 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by R. Lyle and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education