

**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, June 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jones Elementary / Middle School / Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Deacon at 6:14 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, Lori Wells, Mike Macfarlane, Karen Fisher

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

Steve O'Driscoll was pleased with his trip to Battle Creek to watch the High School girls' softball game. He was proud of our team, they represented our school well. Jeff Deacon commented on the High School graduation ceremony and thanked Francis Sinnaeve for his 21 years of hard work for the district as he is retiring at the end of June.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 regular meeting as presented was made by S. O'Driscoll and supported by P. Capodilupo. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 41585-41817 in the amount of \$864,962.82 was made by L. Howlett and supported by B. Milligan. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

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

B. Milligan reviewed the Curriculum and Personnel committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis commented the graduation ceremony at the High School was enjoyable and memorable; discussed the MS/Public Library roof is in need of attention that will be funded through the Major Maintenance account; congratulated our girls' softball team and their coaches on another amazing season; Tom Davis will begin our teacher-computer upgrades this summer; expansion of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum will include a Spanish I class to meet the 2 credit World Language requirement; finalized instructional staffing plan with building principles to minimize staff reduction to 4.4 teaching positions.

Motion to adopt 2011-12 Michigan High School Athletic Association resolution was made by L. Howlett and supported by B. Milligan. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt resolution establishing fund balance policies as required by GASB 54 was made by S. O'Driscoll and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt budget amendment 3 was made by S. O'Driscoll and supported by P. Capodilupo. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve tech support shared services program with Rapid River Schools was made by S. O'Driscoll and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve instructional staffing plan for 2011-2012 totaling a 4.4 reduction in teaching positions was made by L. Howlett and supported by B. Milligan. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt second and final reading of NEOLA Policy was made by S. O'Driscoll and supported by P. Capodilupo. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Special Board Meeting scheduled for June 27, 2011, 6:00 p.m., Gladstone Public Library.

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


Meeting moved into closed session at 7:27 p.m.

Motion to adjourn from closed session was made by B. Milligan and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting moved into open session at 10:46 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by R. Lyle and supported by S. O'Driscoll. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education