

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GLADSTONE AREA SCHOOLS
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GLADSTONE, MICHIGAN 49837**

MINUTES

Gladstone High School
2100 M-35
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Steve O'Driscoll at 7:00 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, Dave Ballard, Kristina Hansen, Donna Flannery,
Matt Houle, 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.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by T. Harrell and supported by L. Howlett. Ayes - 6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 regular meeting as amended was made by S. Tackman and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 48924-49079 in the amount of \$284,647.02 was made by T. Harrell and supported by S. Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kulbertis commended all staff for an excellent school start-up despite unique challenges with some late-summer hiring. Announced the successful launch of our NWEA MAP Testing that was made possible through our collaboration with the Michigan Association of Public School Academies. The partnership between Gladstone and Rapid River Schools through our calculus class is working on the leading edge of today's instructional technology. Tim Barron and his high school Robotics team are working with interested parents to create an elementary school version called Lego Robotics – Dave Florenski has stepped forward to organize this program. Renewed activity in Lansing, with attention on an early warning system for financially stressed districts. Thanked Engineered Machine Products for their strong educational partnership.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Patti Stropich was made by L. Howlett and supported by T. Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Brian Holm as 7th grade boys' basketball coach was made by S. Tackman and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Best Practices Resolution was made by L. Howlett and supported by S. Tackman. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of bond construction bills was made by T. Harrell and supported by R. Lyle. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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