

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

**MINUTES**

Gladstone High School  
2100 State Highway M35  
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Tackman at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Howlett, Henry Knoch, Steve O'Driscoll, Jesse Seger, Steve Tackman, Eric Thompson

Members Absent: Tom Harrell

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Dave Ballard, Kristina Hansen, Lori Neurohr, 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 had the pleasure of attending the Robotics meet in Escanaba. Gladstone ranked #1 in qualifying. We are proud of the hard work and behavior of our team members as they represented our school district.

Eric Thompson noted that Troy Pardon's student board report reflects that we have many students involved in many activities at the high school.

The Megan Deacon benefit was a well-organized event by host Troy Pardon. Enough money was raised to get Megan added to the waiting list to receive a service dog. Well done Troy and all volunteers.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular meeting was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 52018-52195 in the amount of \$526,044.01 was made by Eric Thompson and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Linda Howlett reviewed the building and grounds committee meeting. Dr. Jay Kulbertis reviewed the finance committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis briefly discussed the Governor's economic and education summit that was held in Grand Rapids last month; gave testimony to the Senate subcommittee on K-12 appropriations; and our Administrative team is strategically starting the planning process for next year.

Motion to approve the hire of Colin Barnhart as Varsity Girls' Assistant Track Coach was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter rescinding intent to retire from Chris Nivison, Karla Beauchamp, Judy Tochterman, Debra Hughes, Dales Jones and Kim Alworden for EOSY 2016 was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter rescinding intent to retire from Lauri Miller for October 26, 2016 was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Ann Wachholz as a Teamster employee was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from April Dahlin as Middle School Girls' Track Coach was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Robert Childress as Teamster employee was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Chris Nivison, Karla Beauchamp, Debra Hughes, Judy Tochterman, Diane Amann, Dale Jones and Kim Alworden for EOSY 2017 was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Lauri Miller for October 26, 2017 was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

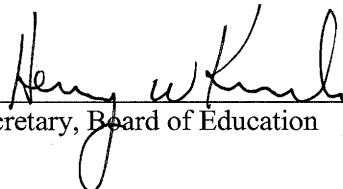
Motion to adopt budget amendment 2, first resolution (general fund) was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Linda Howlett. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt budget amendment 2, second resolution (school service fund and debt retirement) was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Linda Howlett noted that monetary support from the City of Gladstone for the library will be down.

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Howlett and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

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