

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

**MINUTES**

The organizational/regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tackman at 5:32 p.m.

Members Present: Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier, Jesse Seger, Andrew Sturdy, Steve Tackman, Joanna Wilbee-Amis

Members Absent: None

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Holly Howes, Katee Inghram, Lisa Boudreau, Karen Fisher

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Board members interviewed Whitney Maloney and Phil DeMay for the open board seat vacancy. Motion made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Joanna-Wilbee nominating Phil DeMay. Roll call vote: Ayes-Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier, Steve Tackman, Joanna Wilbee-Amis, Nays -Jesse Seger, Andrew Sturdy. Motion carried 4-2.

Oath of Office was recited by board member Phil DeMay.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Henry Knoch and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis nominating Steve Tackman as President. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andrew Sturdy and supported by Jesse Seger nominating Joanna Wilbee-Amis as Vice President. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jesse Seger and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis nominating Henry Knoch as Secretary. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Jesse Seger nominating Nathan Neumeier as Treasurer. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch updating Committee board members: Building and Grounds-Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier, Jesse Seger; Curriculum and Personnel-Henry Knoch, Andrew Sturdy, Steve Tackman; Finance-Henry Knoch, Phil DeMay, Steve Tackman; Labor Relations-Henry Knoch, Steve Tackman, Joanna Wilbee-Amis; Policy-Phil DeMay, Jesse Seger, Joanna Wilbee-Amis; Public Relations-Jesse Seger, Andrew Sturdy, Joanna Wilbee-Amis; Transportation-Nathan Neumeier, Jesse Seger, Phil DeMay. Aye-7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Andrew Sturdy updating Other Committees/Councils: Delta-Schoolcraft County Schools Board-Nathan Neumeier; District School Improvement-Nathan Neumeier, Andrew Sturdy; Downtown Development Authority-Nathan Neumeier; Dual Superintendency Council-Henry Knoch, Steve Tackman; Liaison Member to the MASB-Steve Tackman; Library Advisor Board-Henry Knoch; Public Act 226 Liaison to Family Life Advisory-Jesse Seger; Scholarship-Joanna Wilbee-Amis.

Motion to designate the business manager and/or designee as depositories for school funds was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Nathan Neumeier. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate superintendent and/or designee for authorization to sign checks, contracts, agreements and purchase orders was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate the third Monday of each month at specified times for regular board meetings was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate business manager and/or designee to assume specified responsibilities of treasurer and electronic funds transfer was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate executive secretary as recording secretary for the board was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate executive secretary to implement the public notice requirements of the open meetings act was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 regular meeting as presented was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 64814-64911 in the amount of \$170,704.59 was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kulbertis provided an update on the January census revenue conference and State budget-general fund and student aid fund.

Motion to recognize mid-year teachers Kathryn Closs and Julie Moreau as tenured and Michelle Carne and Emily Paul as advancing in probationary status was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Nicki Dewar-Braun as student mental health consultant was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried

Motion to approve the recommendation to dismiss Dane Quigley as golf coach was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Andrew Sturdy. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

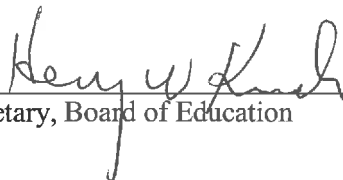
Motion to go in to closed session for attorney-client communication was made by Joanna Wilbee-Amis and supported by Henry Knoch. Roll call vote: Ayes –Phil DeMay, Henry Knoch, Nathan Neumeier, Jesse Seger, Andrew Sturdy, Joanna Wilbee-Amis, Steve Tackman; Nays –none. Absent –none. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting moved to closed session at 6:24 p.m.

Meeting moved out of closed session at 6:40 p.m. as motioned by Jesse Seger and supported by Nathan Neumeier and to open session at 6:41 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Neumeier and supported by Joanna Wilbee-Amis. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

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