

**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, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Steve O'Driscoll at 7:13 p.m.

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Paul Capodilupo, Tom Harrell, Ryan Lyle, Steve O'Driscoll, Steve Tackman

Members Absent: Linda Howlett

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Brady Downey, Kristina Hansen, Donna Flannery, 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.

High School Principal, Brady Downey, mentioned the senior class passed the hat around first period to help a family who lost their house in a fire and collected \$700 - thank you. The High School choir group participated in the Peace Officers Memorial Service at the Escanaba High School on May 15.

Tom Harrell thanked Kathy Becker for her presentation on the Local Business Partnership Program that she started this school year.

Steve Tackman noted a "hats off" to the friends of the Gladstone Library for the \$15,000 donation to the school library.

Richard Anderson mentioned the HS Choir students were excellent at the fallen heroes' ceremony.

Steve O'Driscoll hailed accolades to Jeannie Pearson, junior class parents and junior class students on the decorations and preparations put in to the junior prom.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by T. Harrell and supported by S. Tackman. Ayes - 6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 regular meeting as presented was made by S. Tackman and supported by R. Anderson. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 48380-48530 in the amount of \$376,941.56 was made by P. Capodilupo and supported by T. Harrell. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

S. O'Driscoll reviewed the Dual Superintendency committee meeting.

S. Tackman reviewed the finance committee meeting.

Dr. Kulbertis thanked Hannahville Indian Community for their continued support of our programs and our students with 2% grants amounting to over \$6,000. May is the month to honor our High School Seniors with a Native American Honor ceremony on Wednesday, May 21st, 9:00 am at the high school, class night Wednesday, May 21st 5:00 pm at the Terrace, and commencement ceremony May 24th at 1:00 pm high school gymnasium. The Consensus Review Caucus was held on Thursday, May 15th, and provided an updated look at the revenue available to the State for appropriations to the General Fund and School Aide Fund. Met with the Governor and the MDE last week and discussed our determined approach to be innovative and creative in order to meet our students' educational needs. Our local Manufacturers acknowledge and appreciate our efforts to bring more relevant hands-on experiences to our students, matching classroom learning with real-world job skills. Dr. Kulbertis was surprised that our basketball teams were not recognized in a recent news story that covered the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Academic All-State teams. As it turns out, a decision to save on the cost of dues for BCAM membership = no mention. However, our numbers are impressive as the girls GPA was 3.64 (#26 in State Class B), boys GPA was 3.7222 (#1 in State Class B). Congratulated and thanked those individuals who have announced their plans to retire at the end of this school year: Lori Anderson, Jane Coyne-Smith, Robin Custance, Gayle Patrick, Neil Gerber and Patti Delveaux.

Motion to approve teacher probationary recommendation for Amy Lundberg, Amanda Van Effen, Alexandra Fowler, Sue Weyers, Christina Widder, Gina Anderson and Patricia Roberts; and teacher tenure recommendation for Joanne Chouinard, Sarah Racicot, Kacie Cartwright, April Dahlin, Andrew Doutree, Ashley Hughes, Martina Mileski, Katie Poma and Halley Reichel was made by S. Tackman and supported by P. Capodilupo. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

R. Anderson inquired about State Police activity at the old bus garage. Dr. Kulbertis reported that the Gladstone State Police Post was using the old bus garage to temporarily store vehicles.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss negotiation strategies was made by P. Capodilupo and supported by R. Anderson. Roll call vote: R. Anderson -Aye, P. Capodilupo -Aye, T. Harrell -Aye, L. Howlett -Absent, R. Lyle -Aye, S. Tackman -Aye, S. O'Driscoll -Aye. Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting moved into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

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

Meeting moved into open session at 9:45 p.m.

Board of Education tabled Superintendents Contract extension and Administrators Contract.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education

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