

**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 organizational/regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones/Middle School/Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by Steve O'Driscoll at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Harrell, Linda Howlett, Steve O'Driscoll, Steve Tackman, Eric Thompson

Members Absent: None

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Brady Downey, Dave Ballard, Kristina Hansen, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, Pam Durbin, Kelly Smith, 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.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Howlett and supported by Steve Tackman to appoint Jesse Seger to fill Board of Education vacancy position one. Ayes -5, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Jesse Seger seated with the board.

Motion made by Steve Tackman and supported by Eric Thompson to appoint Henry Knoch to fill Board of Education vacancy position two. Ayes -5, Nays -1. Motion carried.

Henry Knoch seated with the board.

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Steve Tackman and supported by Tom Harrell nominating Linda Howlett as Board President. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Linda Howlett was elected President and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Motion made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Eric Thompson nominating Steve Tackman as Board Vice President. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Steve Tackman was elected Vice President.

Motion made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Steve Tackman nominating Tom Harrell as Board Secretary. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Tom Harrell was elected Secretary.

Motion made by Eric Thompson and supported by Tom Harrell nominating Steve O'Driscoll as Board Treasurer. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Steve O'Driscoll was elected Treasurer.

Linda Howlett appointed members to the appropriate Committees and Sub-Committees. Buildings & Grounds – Steve Tackman, Henry Knoch, Linda Howlett, Eric Thompson (alt); Curriculum & Personnel – Linda Howlett, Steve O'Driscoll, Tom Harrell, Henry Knoch (alt); Finance – Steve Tackman, Steve O'Driscoll, Eric Thompson, Jesse Seger (alt); Labor Relations – Steve O'Driscoll, Linda Howlett, Tom Harrell, Steve Tackman (alt); Policy – Eric Thompson, Jesse Seger, Henry Knoch, Steve O'Driscoll (alt); Public Relations – Tom Harrell, Jesse Seger, Eric Thompson, Linda Howlett (alt); Transportation – Henry Knoch, Steve Tackman, Jesse Seger, Tom Harrell (alt). Other committee appointments: School Improvement – Steve O'Driscoll, Eric Thompson; Scholarship – Tom Harrell; DDA – Linda Howlett; Family Life Advisory – Jesse Seger; MASB Liaison – Steve Tackman; Library Advisory Board – Henry Knoch; Delta-Schoolcraft County School Board – Eric Thompson; Dual Superintendency – Steve Tackman, Steve O'Driscoll, Linda Howlett (alt).

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 regular meeting as presented was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 49624-50067 in the amount of \$416,084.12 was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Steve Tackman reviewed the Finance committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis reported that the Governor is scheduled to deliver his State of the State address on Tuesday - expecting to hear about several planned reforms in education.

Motion to designate Business Manager and/or designee as depositories for school funds was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Eric Thompson. 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 Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate the third Monday of each month for regular board meetings with the exception of the November meeting was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Tom Harrell. 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 Steve Tackman and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate Executive Secretary as recording secretary for the Board was made by Eric Thompson and supported by Tom Harrell. 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 Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of retirement from Laura LaMarche was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of retirement from Larry Young was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

David Fairbanks from Fairbanks Family Chiropractic business in Gladstone expressed concerns on the upkeep of the old bus garage.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Tom Harrell. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

/klf