

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

**MINUTES**

Cameron Elementary School  
803 North 29<sup>th</sup>  
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Howlett at 7:01 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrative: Jay Kulbertis, Kristina Hansen, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, 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 O'Driscoll. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 organizational/regular meeting as presented was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund bills numbered 50068-50233 in the amount of \$367,000.39 was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Steve O'Driscoll reviewed the Dual Superintendency Council meeting; Eric Thompson and Steve O'Driscoll reviewed the Policy committee meeting; and Steve Tackman reviewed the Finance committee meeting.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis mentioned the Governor has unveiled a plan for next year's budget, number of reasons to be optimistic. He attended a session led by the MEDC designed to bring together higher education and business/industry. Preliminary indications for Spring count are that our student numbers are very consistent for the two counts, due in large part to our Schools of Choice students. We have a strong dual enrollment program at the high school and are working with the State Department of Education along with Bay College to determine if we can successfully launch an Early College program. Our UPVA academy, in collaboration with Calumet schools, has been recognized by the State as a successful collaboration that can serve as a model for other areas. We have been asked to consider converting to a Cyber Charter that would enable us to enroll students from across the State.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Laurie Rasmussen at the end of school year 2015 was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Matt Houle at the end of school year 2016 was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter rescinding intent to retire from Judy Tochterman, Dale Jones, and Debra Hughes at the end of school year 2015 was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

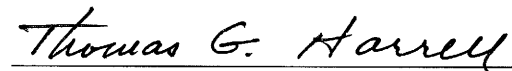
Motion to accept letter of intent to retire from Judy Tochterman and Debra Hughes at the end of school year 2016 was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Michelle McCarthy as Assistant Girls Track Coach was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the first reading of Neola Policy was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

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