

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GLADSTONE AREA SCHOOLS
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GLADSTONE, MICHIGAN 49837**

MINUTES

Cameron Elementary School
803 North 29th
Gladstone, MI 49837

The regular meeting of the Gladstone Area Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cameron Elementary School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Howlett at 7:00 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, Dave Ballard, Kristina Hansen, Donna Flannery, Lori Wells, Pam Durbin, Kelly Smith, Mike Macfarlane, Karen Fisher

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Eric Thompson congratulated and thanked retiring personnel on their upcoming retirements. Dr. Kulbertis reminded board and audience members that the June, July and August board meetings are at 6:00 p.m. Steve O'Driscoll commented that Tom Harrell, Eric Thompson and himself attended the 6th grade salmon release at Pioneer Trail Park.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 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 50555-50706 in the amount of \$375,339.23 was made by Eric Thompson and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Mike Macfarlane reviewed the general fund income statement.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis recognized the generosity of the Hannahville Indian Community in awarding grant requests of about \$15,000. He also discussed: The Consensus Review Estimating Conference was held Friday, May 15th and provided an updated look at the revenue available to the State for appropriations to the General Fund and School Aid Fund. Due to failure of Proposal 1, we are in a bit of a waiting game on the School Aid Budget. May is the month to honor our seniors. Senior events are class night-May 20th, honor ceremony-May 22nd and commencement ceremony-May 23rd. He recognized district retirees Julie Aschbacher, Laurie Rasmussen, Laura LaMarche, Cindi Davis, Larry Young, Gina Potvin, Tom Davis, and Donna Flannery. Each have served this district with pride and distinction; and are deserving of our heart-felt appreciation.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Eric Lundin as JV Girls Basketball Coach was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of retirement from Cindi Davis was made by Steve O'Driscoll and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept letter of resignation from Dale Hongisto as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach was made by Jesse Seger and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Erik Dalgord as JV Girls' Basketball Coach was made by Henry Knoch and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to designate Steve O'Driscoll as the district's primary DSISD election representative and Henry Knoch as the alternate was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Steve Tackman. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve DSISD Budget Resolution in support of was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Eric Thompson. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

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

Motion to adopt Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership resolution was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Clayton Castor as Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach was made by Eric Thompson and supported by Jesse Seger. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Visitor Max Persondek expressed concerns over his child's education as far as special services testing requirements and length of time to determine eligibility.

Jill Thompson informed the audience that the annual Braves Fan Club golf outing is June 25th.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss negotiation strategies was made by Steve Tackman and supported by Steve O'Driscoll. Roll call vote: Ayes –Eric Thompson, Tom Harrell, Henry Knoch, Steve O'Driscoll, Jesse Seger, Steve Tackman, Linda Howlett; Nays -none. Absent -none. Motion carried.

Meeting moved into closed session at 7:47 p.m.

Motion to adjourn from closed session was made by Tom Harrell and supported by Henry Knoch. Ayes -7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Meeting moved into open session at 8:48 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Education