

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF GLADSTONE SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL DISTRICT #115, CLACKAMAS COUNTY
GLADSTONE, OREGON

May 10, 2017 Minutes

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Soliday, Chair
Nicole Vera-Vera Couzens, Vice Chair
Rod Cole, Member
Kristin Eaton, Member
Jay Schmidt, Member
Bruce Wadsworth, Member

Bob Stewart, Superintendent
Natalie Weninger, Board Secretary

The regular meeting of the Gladstone School District Board of Directors was held in the School District Administration Office on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Board Chair Sharon Soliday called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
 - a. Flag Salute
Mrs. Vera-Vera Couzens led the flag salute.

2. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF AND/OR PUBLIC
 - a. GHS Student Recognition – Unity Week
Patti Alexander vice principal at Gladstone High School introduced students from the student senate at Gladstone High School. They shared a video highlighting activities during Unity Week. Ms. Alexander said the week's activities are very much student led. The adult coloring pages were a big hit. Different pages were placed around the school for students to color. At the end of the week all of the pages were stuck together in a mural. Students marked a map of the world with where their parents and grandparents came from. All week assemblies and games brought the students and staff together.

 - b. Student Research Project – Abby Bender
Gladstone High School Senior Abby Bender started her research project in 8th grade when she read the book *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury. She was surprised not everyone used visual skills when reading. Miss Bender began following a group of 5th grade students. She followed them through 8th grade. The students in the cohort are freshman this year. Miss Bender's research shows that students see family members engaged in reading but not all of them are talking about what they are reading. Students know that reading is important but she wanted to know when they make the jump to knowing the importance of reading. The trend in her research shows that 8th graders consistently drop the importance of visualization. Miss Bender's research shows how important it is that parents talk to their kids about what they are reading. She is going to try to get her research paper published as a formal research project. The board congratulated her. It was suggested that her project be shared with middle school staff.

c. Outdoor School

Jill Cone, outdoor school director, presented a brief history of the long tradition of Gladstone students attending outdoor school. The Gladstone project has been teacher led for 36 years. Gladstone high school juniors and seniors have a competitive process for applying to be counselors. This year 36 high school students attended as counselors. There were 75 applications. All sixth grade classrooms attend outdoor school. Half the school goes one week and half the next week. Teachers write their own curriculum and pre-teach before camp. There are seven different fields of study. At camp it is hands on learning. Then post outdoor school learning continues in the classroom. Ms. Cone said this year's camp ran smoothly. She credited it to the new assistant director position. It was good to have a teacher at camp to do administration and problem solving. Fundraising and grants help to ensure that all students get to attend. Officer Graves, the school's resource officer, has attended the last three years as a volunteer. For most students it is the highlight of their entire education. Mr. Stewart meets with seniors for lunch. He said they always tell him outdoor school is one of their favorite memories. Ms. Cone serves on an advisory outdoor school committee for the recently approved Measure 99. She is going to help other schools get ready for outdoor school. At this time Ms. Cone believes the grants will be given to schools through an application process. The board thanked Ms. Cone and the 6th grade staff for their dedication to such a wonderful and successful program.

d. GHS Student Work Display

Kevin Taylor, principal at Gladstone High School, provided a brief overview of the student work on display.

3. DISCUSSION REPORTS

a. Counselors Professional Learning Committee

Heidi Sause, high school counselor, Jamie Jensen, high school counselor, Naomi Stadel, K-5 counselor, and Kim Nomensen, middle school counselor reported to the board on their Professional Learning Committees (PLC). Counselors help students with academic, social, college and career readiness. Together they are working toward a vertical alignment for the counselor program. Currently, they are building a website as a tool for families. In addition to letting families know their roles the website will be a community resource where all agency resources will be listed. The board thanked them and expressed gratitude for their work.

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Eaton moved first and Mr. Wadsworth seconded approval of the following resolution:

(17-41) BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the following School Board meetings be and hereby are approved:

April 12, 2017 – Regular School Board Meeting
April 18, 2017 – Work Session

(17-41) Motion passed 6-0.

b. Approve Science Textbook Adoption 9-12

At last month's board meeting, new science textbooks for grades 9-12 were presented to the board. Based on the team's investigation and review of the materials. The materials shown below are recommended for adoption at Gladstone High School beginning in September 2017. Mr. Patterson reported there were no comments from the public review. The board thanked the committee for their work.

Grades 9-12

McGraw-Hill

Matter and Change

Hole's Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology

Earth Science

Biology

Marine Biology

AP Chemistry

WH Friendman Publishing

Essentials of Environmental Science

Ms. Eaton moved first and Mr. Schmidt seconded approval of the following resolution:

(17-42) BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladstone School District Board of Directors approves the instructional materials for Science, as presented in the May 10, 2017 superintendent's report.

(17-42) Motion passed 6-0.

c. Approve Baseball Team Trip

Kevin Taylor, principal at Gladstone High School requested on behalf of Casey Webster, head baseball coach for the authorization of the baseball team travel to Bend, Oregon, to participate in the OIBA Baseball Tournament. Students will leave on Friday, June 30, 2017, and return on Sunday, July 2, 2017. Fifteen students, two coaches, and two chaperones will participate in the trip. The team will stay in the home of Linda Lehrback in Culver, Oregon.

Mr. Schmidt moved first and Ms. Eaton seconded approval of the following resolution:

(17-43) WHEREAS the high school baseball team is requesting permission to participate in a trip to Bend, Oregon, June 30 through July 2, 2017, and

WHEREAS the School reaffirms its position of supporting curricular/co-curricular activities involving travel when they contribute to the achievement of desirable educational/social/cultural goals as cited in Policy IICA -- Field Trips and Special Events, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladstone School District Board of Directors approves the travel of the students, coaches and chaperones to Bend, Oregon, June 30 through July 2, 2017, as outlined in the superintendent's report.

(17-43) Motion passed 6-0.

d. Approve Substitute Rate for the 2017-18 School Year

The State Board of Education has recommended a daily rate of \$178.35 per day for substitute teacher pay for the 2017-2018 school year. The substitute teacher pay for 2016-2017 was \$175.45 per day and \$175.45 per day after the tenth consecutive day in the same assignment. For 2017-2018, the State rate is greater than the 1/190th for a BA-0 on the 2017-2018 certified salary schedule. Therefore, the substitute rate will be \$178.35 for all days. Samantha Nelson, director of finance and operations, reported the increase is consistent with year's past. It is the same rate neighboring districts are using.

Ms. Eaton moved first and Mr. Cole seconded approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has recommended a daily rate of \$178.35 for substitute teacher pay for the 2017-2018 school year, and

(17-44) BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladstone School District Board of Directors authorizes the substitute teacher pay for the 2017-2018 school year in the Gladstone School District as presented.

(17-44) Motion passed 6-0.

e. Approve Request for Retirement/Release from Contract

On April 25, 2017, Kelsey Ludeman, learning specialist at Kraxberger Middle School, submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of this school year. Kelsey has been employed with the District since 2015.

Ms. Eaton moved first and Mr. Schmidt seconded approval of the following resolution:

(17-45) BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladstone School District Board of Directors approves the resignation of Kelsey Ludeman, learning specialist at Kraxberger, and release her from contract, effective the end of this school year.

(17-45) Motion passed 6-0.

f. Approve Position 3 Application Process

The school board declared position 3 open due to a resignation. The board established a process and application for appointment. There were no questions about the process.

Ms. Eaton moved first and Mr. Wadsworth seconded approval of the following resolution:

(17-46) BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladstone School District Board of Directors approves the procedures for filling the vacancy for Position 3 as presented.

(17-46) Motion passed 6-0.

g. Approve 2017-2018 School Board Meeting Calendar

The 2017-2018 School Board schedule of meetings was enclosed for review. Traditionally, the meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, except where noted.

Mr. Cole moved first and Ms. Eaton seconded approval of the following resolution:

(17-47) BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladstone School District Board of Directors approves the calendar of School Board meetings for 2017-2018, as presented.

(17-47) Motion passed 6-0.

h. Approve Policy for Second Reading and Adoption

The following policy was presented to the Board at the April meeting. There have been no comments since the first reading. The policy was recommended for adoption as presented.

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>	<u>Last Update</u>
GCL	Staff Development – Licensed	January 2014

Ms. Eaton moved first and Mr. Schmidt seconded approval of the following resolution:

(17-48) BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladstone School District Board of Directors approves School Board Policy GCL for adoption as presented.

(17-48) Motion passed 6-0.

5. INFORMATION FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student representative Emily Hunt reported on matters of interest at Gladstone High School. Miss Hunt reported the senior drama production show went really well. Seniors are looking forward to senior night. The nationally ranked cheer team is holding tryouts for next year. Students celebrated teachers during appreciation week. New National Honor Society (NHS) members have been inducted. May 1 was college commitment night. Seniors selected their college for the fall. Miss Hunt said due to cyberbullying during class and social media grievances the high school staff has placed a phone band on cell phones during class. She said many teachers are at a loss and it has been demeaning for students. There was a brief discussion regarding the use of cell phones for things such as checking email, looking up resources, interactive google classroom applications and Google Translate. Miss Hunt said ASB would like to see one Chromebook per student.

6. INFORMATION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Carol Kemhus, director of the Gladstone Center for Children and Families reported Kindergarteners made tissue flowers for mothers. A mother's day tea was held in the high school cafeteria. May 19 is movie night at the center, Disney's Moana will be shown. Kindergarteners are looking forward to their tour at John Wetten and the zoo field trip. Ms. Kemhus thanked the board for the opportunity to work at GCCF. She has enjoyed it.

Lennie Bjornsen, director of family supports, shared the AVID WICOR key. Mr. Bjornsen said AVID is going school wide at Kraxberger next year. Students will see school wide strategies instead of a singular classroom model.

Wendy Wilson, principal at John Wetten Elementary, reported a lot of art is going on at JWE. The decorations for the literacy carnival are looking really cool. Students finished SBAC testing. Some kids have made fundamental growth. Chrome books in classrooms have been really good. Professional development included teachers sharing what they have learned this year. The instructional coach created a scavenger hunt on Chromebooks for teachers. There were clues and a time limit. Culture of Care leaders have created a calming corner at JWE. A place where students can regulate themselves. Students are using it nicely. The board thanked Mrs. Wilson for creating a safe environment for children.

John Olson, principal at Kraxberger Middle School, spent a day at outdoor school. Staff and students were engaged even in rainy weather. The connection between staff and students is remarkable. Language Arts SBAC tests are almost done and Math is just starting. The track team has a home meet tomorrow and districts next week in Tualatin. Fifth graders will visit Kraxberger and 8th graders will visit GHS as part of transitions for next year success. There will also be parent orientations. ELL and TAG programs will have resources available at the orientations. Students are looking forward to the Oaks Park end of the year field trip. Mr. Olson thanked the board for the opportunity to work at Kraxberger. He has appreciated the presence and support of Mr. Patterson in the building.

Kevin Taylor, principal at Gladstone High School, explained the recent focus on cell phone use for students is due to an increase in bullying during class time. Staff and students are still getting used to the idea of putting phones away during class time. He said next year the focus will start at the beginning of the year. The board expressed thanks and appreciation for Mr. Taylor's efforts. Mr. Stewart said there is possible liability for districts if bullying happens during school. He said we need to be consistent in each classroom. Mr. Taylor said prom was really fun. Next month the focus will be seniors. Unity week was incredible. The best part was at the assembly when the entire student body sang the national anthem. John Wetten students did a play for high school students and teachers felt much appreciated during appreciation week.

Kelly Welch, director of special services, reported that the Youth Transition grant was received providing \$100,000 for the program. When the elementary school did their family engagement night, the Developmental Learning Centers (DLC) classrooms did the same thing. All of the special services licensed staff were present. Stations were set up for students and families. It was a huge success with an 85 percent turnout. Recently, Dr. Welch was a presenter at an RTI conference speaking about the program strategies and success in Gladstone.

Jeremiah Patterson, assistant superintendent, gave a brief update on the first meeting of the health curriculum team. Health and PE teachers are on the committee. Mr. Patterson will asked for community members to be on the committee. Mr. Patterson attended outdoor school. He said it was hard to tell who was having more fun, students or teachers.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Financial Report

The financial report for the month of May 2017 were presented to the School Board. Samantha Nelson, director of finance and operations, reported the state has not released the newest school support fund (SSF). May 22 auditors will be in district for the preliminary audit work. The budget hearing will be held on June 14. The board thanked Mrs. Nelson and congratulated her on the successful budget committee process.

Mr. Stewart gave a brief legislative update. Representative Mark Meek's assistant spoke with him today regarding the effects to Gladstone School District. He told their office what possible deductions may occur in Gladstone if the budget involved a 1 million dollar swing. He said it will be a magnitude of problems. Mr. Stewart encouraged everyone to write letters. The next revenue forecast is Tuesday. The 2017-19 budget forecast anticipates a national economic downturn. The kicker is still at 50/50 odds of returning funds to tax payers. Representative Meek's office said they are hoping things come together by the end of June. There was a brief discussion regarding business tax, Measure 97 and pathways to fully funding schools.

b. Personnel – Information Only

William (Bill) Jacques, maintenance/custodian, submitted a retirement letter to the District on April 19, 2017 effective May 31, 2017. Bill has been with the District since August 1999. Alexis Bennett has been hired as the temporary youth transition specialist at Gladstone High School.

9. PRESENTATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Soliday thanked and gave kudos to teachers and staff at Gladstone School District. The board is honoring them tomorrow. Mrs. Soliday thanked Mrs. Vera-Vera Couzens and her daughter for getting the gifts together. Board members will delivered gifts tomorrow.

a. 8th Grade Recognition and Graduation Participation

Board members will participate at 8th Grade Recognition and High School Graduation. Promotion is June 15 at 6:30 PM and High School Graduation, June 16 at 7:00 pm. High school graduation practice is on June 16 at 2:00 pm. The board was asked to arrive early to the graduation ceremony, around 6:30 pm.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was no public comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT
At 8:46 pm, board chair Sharon Soliday adjourned the regular session.

ATTEST:

Sharon Soliday, Board Chair

Date

Bob Stewart, Superintendent

Date