

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS-
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING
EXPANDED MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8TH, 2014**

I. Call to order

Board President, Mr. Brian Beam, opened the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Library.

II. Roll Call

a. Board Members Present

Mr. Brian Beam
Mr. Terry Doyle
Mr. Mitch Smith
Mr. Gary Napp
Mrs. Paula Sipes

b. Board Members Absent

Mrs. Bonnie Miller
Mr. Dan Wahmhoff

c. Staff Members Present

Mr. Jeff Rehlander
Mr. Damian Koob
Mr. Terry Breen
Mr. Phil McAndrew
Mr. Chris Miller

III. Consideration and approval of the Agenda

Mr. Terry Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes, to accept the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting Agenda for December 8, 2014 as amended. XI. Old Business page 2, correct number sequence. XII. New Business page 2 and 3, correct number sequence.

AYES: Doyle, Beam, Sipes, Napp, Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

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IV. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting of November 10, 2014 as presented.

Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mr. Terry Doyle, to accept the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2014 as amended. IX. Old Business 3. GEA Negotiations, the last sentence of the paragraph shall be removed. On page 4, item number 4, the word “implement” shall be removed and “reinstated” shall be inserted.

AYES: Smith, Napp, Sipes, Beam, Doyle

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

V. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open Budget Hearing on November 24, 2014

Mr. Terry Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes, to accept the Special Board of Education Open Budget Hearing Minutes for November 24, 2014.

AYES: Napp, Smith, Doyle, Beam, Sipes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

VI. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open Budget Meeting on November 24, 2014.

Mr. Terry Doyle moved, supported by Mr. Gary Napp, to accept the Special Board of Education Open Budget Meeting Minutes for November 24, 2014.

AYES: Sipes, Beam, Doyle, Smith, Napp

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted

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VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Open the meeting to the public for non-agenda items.

None.

IX. Administrative Reports

- Mr. Chris Miller reported that winter sports are off and running.
- Mr. Phil McAndrew reported that Gobles Public Schools was named to the College Board 5th Annual AP Honor Roll. Gobles MS/HS was 1 of 537 schools out of 18,000 schools in the USA to be given this honor. Gobles Public Schools were also a Bronze Medal School Award Winner named by US World and News Report.
- Mr. Damian Koob had nothing to add to his report.
- Mr. Terry Breen had nothing to add to his report.
- Mr. Jeff Rehlander reported three shorts comments:
 1. Christmas breakfast will be December 17th from 7:30-8:30 a.m. for both facilities. The Elementary will be in the Art Room and the MS/HS will be in Library. This event is on behalf of the Administration and the Board is certainly welcome to join.
 2. We were able to confirm a Legendary Book signing event date with Dr. Nic Clement, January 21, 2015 from 3:30-4:30. We will have the function in the MS gym. Internally, we will notify staff. We did put a notice on the District website as well as a notice in the Homelink for the community.
 3. The GEA agreement and the MS Coaching agreement has all been processed and implemented with the exception of the health insurance and that will take place January 1, 2015. Jennifer Chandler from my office and Michele Buckley from KRESA deserve a lot of credit for turning this around to make it happen for the coaches and staff for the deadline of this past Friday.

X. Board of Education Reports

None.

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XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Laura L. Blink was elected on November 4, 2014 to assume a partial term starting 12/8/2014 and ending 12/31/2016, as determined by the Board of County Canvassers of Van Buren County. Mrs. Laura L. Blink hereby accepted the office of Member of the Board of Education of Gobles Public School, Van Buren and Allegan Counties on November 17, 2014. Prior to assuming the role as a Board of Education Member, the legal requirement is to take an oath of office.

Mrs. Laura L. Blink was sworn into office by Mr. Jeff Rehlander.

2. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE OF THREE BOARD MEMBERS- Mr. Jeff Rehlander, Gobles Public Schools Superintendent of Schools, proudly presents plaques to the following board members for their loyalty, service and superb commitment to Gobles Public Schools.

- a. Bonnie Miller- 17 years of service from 1997-2014
- b. Brian Beam- 4 years of service from 2010-2014
- c. Daniel Wahmhoff- 4 years of service from 2010-2014

Mr. Jeff Rehlander, on behalf of the school community, wanted to recognize all three of the board members, Bonnie, Brian and Dan, for stepping up and investing your time and efforts, contributions, talents to your community and schools. This is time away from your family and your efforts to make the quality of life within the school community better is commendable. Thank you for that and I wish you well. Dan and Bonnie could not be here tonight, Brian is here and I would like to present a plaque to him.

Mr. Brian Beam thanked the people of the District who gave him the opportunity to represent them on the school board. He further stated it has been an honor and a privilege.

3. NEOLA BOARD POLICIES – A first reading of the NEOLA Board Policies 1420, 5830, 8325, 8330, 8500, 8540, 9211, and 9800, was done at the last Board of Education meeting. These policies have been reviewed and are supported by the Policy Committee.

Mr. Jeff Rehlander updated the Board that the school attorney directed him to remove Policy 3220 from the first reading at the last Board meeting so it will not be part of the second reading. There was a Wellness Committee and another policy that is not on here that is going to consider some work with a broader base of people. There are other policies that are going to be part of the technology committee work that will be happening this spring and are not part of these current NEOLA policies.

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Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mr. Gary Napp, that the Board of Education approve NEOLA Board Policies 1420, 5830, 8325, 8330, 8500, 8540, 9211, and 9800, as presented.

AYES: Beam, Blink, Smith, Napp, Sipes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted

4. FACILITY ISSUES-Mr. Chris Miller will update the Board of Education in regards to the discussion with the construction manager and architect on plant management concerns.

Mr. Chris Miller reported that he has met with Tower Pinkster in regards to the Elementary damage and they were having difficulties with the cameras and it is unsure if it will be dealt with over Christmas break. No concerns of safety or mold as everything is dry there. I did have some leaking in the MS gym. It was coming basically through the walls. We found some blockage on top and unfortunately it did buckle the floor and we are in the process of drying that out and getting it fixed. We found an old baseball on the roof that appeared to be causing the blockage.

Regarding the 2014 Bond Project work, Mr. Jeff Rehlander also reported that he has had several meetings with the architects and construction managers along with staff members so it has been a broad-based involvement regarding the design phase of the two offices at the secondary, entrances of both buildings, the STEM lab, those are the highlights. We have narrowed the project down to what Skillman, our construction manager, feels is a good package to go out and bid. We wanted to share with the Board of Education where we are. Mike and Courtney from Skillman presented and overview of work to date with timelines for the bid process.

5. TECHNOLOGY- Mr. Damian Koob will update the Board of Education in regards to the multi-media base classroom design that is one part of the 2014 Series One Bond Project

Mr. Damian Koob reported three multimedia based classroom pilots were installed and tested. The technology committee chose one based classroom set-up based on staff evaluation forms and experiences.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR-Mr. Jeff Rehlander, Gobles Public Schools Superintendent, has recently been selected as 2015 Michigan Association of School Administrator's Region VII/Southwest Michigan Superintendent of The Year and was One of Nine Finalists for the 2015 State of Michigan Superintendent of the Year. Mr. Brian

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Beam, Gobles Public Schools Board of Education President will read the announcement and press release.

Mr. Brian Beam presented the award to Mr. Jeff Rehlander.

2. SPORTSMANSHIP- Mr. Chris Miller will update the Board of Education in regards to procedures being put into place that supports the existing policy.

Mr. Chris Miller reported that we are not looked down upon by other schools in our area in regards to sportsmanship. What we are trying to implement is a spectator code of conduct. This will be a set of expectations for spectators to follow, and not just adhering to our athletes. We will be doing a reading before the National Anthem talking about sportsmanship along with putting a reading in our rosters of what is expected while on our venues.

3. STUDENT EXPULSION- Mr. Phil McAndrew will update the Board of Education in regards to the recommendation of expulsion of a Secondary student.

Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mr. Gary Napp, that the Board of Education approve the student expulsion as presented by the Administration.

AYES: Smith, Napp, Sipes, Beam, Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted

XIII. FINANCE

1. Check Register/Monthly Budget Sheets
2. General Fund Budget Summary

Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes, that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$228,105.37.

AYES: Napp, Smith, Blink, Beam, Sipes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted

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XIV. ADJOURN THE MEETING

Mr. Gary Napp motioned, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

AYES: Napp, Smith, Blink, Beam, Sipes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

Paula Sipes, Secretary

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