

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 10, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

1. Board President, Brian Beam, opened the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Library.
  
2. Attendance
  - a. Board Members Present  
Paula Sipes  
Brian Beam  
Bonnie Miller  
Dan Wahmhoff  
Gary Napp
  
  - b. Board Members Late Arrival  
Mitch Smith
  
  - c. Board Members Absent  
Terry Doyle
  
  - d. Staff Members Present  
Jeff Rehlander, Superintendent  
Terry Breen, Elem. Principal-Food Service-District Grants and Reports  
Damian Koob, Director of Technology and Data Management  
Chris Miller, Dean of Students-Athletic Director –Director of Facilities
  
  - e. Others Present  
Visitors - 10  
Press - 1
  
3. There were four additions to the agenda. Under XI. Board of Education Reports, Ad Hoc – Transportation Committee Meeting was added; Transportation Department Issue was added as Item #11; Transportation Department Position was added as Item #12 and Closed Session was added as Item #13.
  
4. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mrs. Sipes, to approve the Agenda as amended. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Miller, Beam, Sipes, Napp, Wahmhoff  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Smith, Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.

5. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to accept the Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of February 10, 2014, as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Sipes, Napp, Wahmhoff, Miller  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Smith, Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
6. Mr. Napp moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to accept the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open meeting of February 20, 2014, as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Sipes, Napp, Wahmhoff, Miller, Beam  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Smith, Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
7. Mr. Napp moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to accept the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open meeting of February 27, 2014, as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Napp, Wahmhoff, Miller, Beam, Sipes  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Smith, Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
8. There was no correspondence.
  
9. The meeting was opened to the public for non-agenda items. There was no response.
  
10. Administrative Reports
  - a. Mr. Breen reported to the Board that Reading Month activities are in full swing. He thanked Suzie Stambek for all her work in putting things together and thanked the entire staff for all their extra work. Our annual Literacy Celebration, where we invite community members into each classroom for a variety of activities, will be held March 12. Mr. Breen was excited to announce that last week we received a new Child Care Center license for our BASE and GSRP programs, which extends our license until February 2016. Attached to his report is a Reading Month calendar with activities for the month and a description of seventeen activity stations used to help “celebrate 100 days of school.”
  - b. Mr. Koob made a correction to his report by advising the Board that Michelle Guritz was in the group that met for our second technology Committee meeting. He reported to the Board that we applied for the Classroom Readiness Professional Development Grant and what it

provides us with and he informed the Board that he just found out today that we were approved for that grant.

- c. Mr. Miller reported to the Board that because of our hard winter, our snow removal budget is over and we're struggling with leaks and heating issues. Our maintenance is doing a good job trying to keep up to date. Mr. Miller congratulated our three wrestlers, Alex Goldsberry, Jamie Summerville and Mason Lawson who made individual state finals at the Palace in Detroit. They represented Gobles very well. He informed the Board that today is the first official day of Spring Sports. He congratulated Mr. Curtis and the Girls Basketball team for having such a successful exciting year this year. They are SAC Champs, District Champs, Regional Champs and tomorrow they play Mendon in the Quarter finals at Watervliet. If we win we'll go to the Breslin Center Thursday. They have given the school and community something to really get excited about.
  - d. Mr. Rehlander advised the Board that Laura Blink, District bookkeeper, informed him February 28 that she would be retiring as of March 25. He let the Board know for the short term that he would like to work with KRESA to cover our accounting functions. He will be meeting with KRESA March 11 to work things out. Mr. Rehlander updated the Board on the progress of the STEM program and the changes that have been made.
11. Board of Education Reports
    - a. Mr. Wahmhoff reported the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee findings from the meeting held with bus drivers on January 28 and the meeting with Administrators held on February 4. A copy of the Committee findings and recommendations is enclosed.
  12. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the administration recommendation for an expenditure of up to \$14,000 for a 2014-2015 Branding/Marketing Initiative. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Smith, Napp, Sipes  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  13. Katey Klein and Becky Stoneburner, first grade teachers, gave a mid-year review of their first grade job sharing position and shared with the Board results of a survey that was sent to first grade families. They reported that the job sharing has been very successful and they received very positive feedback from families.

14. Ellie Lower and Mr. Breen updated the Board on the progress and success of the Great Start Readiness Program. Ellie Lower, GSRP teacher and Sheila Kahl, GSRP Para Professional, wanted to do some advertising for GSRP so they decided to go straight to the source. They sent a survey to parent/guardian asking for their feedback. From the feedback they received, they developed a brochure with GSRP information including pictures. The brochure was distributed to downtown businesses and building offices. Mrs. Lower reviewed the brochure with the Board and information about the success of the program.
  
15. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to approve the request from Tri-County Head Start to lease an additional classroom beginning June 1, 2014. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Miller, Beam Sipes, Napp, Smith, Wahmhoff  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
16. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Smith, to approve the revised Title I/Title II budget for 2013-2014 as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Wahmhoff, Sipes, Napp Smith, Beam, Miller  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
17. Mr. Koob has been investigating implementing a centralized printer system, which he hopes to implement in the summer of 2014. He reviewed with the Board our printer needs comparing them with other schools. He has been working with Advanced Imaging to compile information, including cost of the system. He reviewed with the Board the advantages of using this system and how it will work. This was for information only.
  
18. UPDATE ON FACILITY/TECHNOLOGY PROJECT- Mr. Rehlander reported to the Board where we are at with our Project at this point. As you will remember Mr. Rehlander and Mr. Saylor went to Lansing to present the application to the Treasury Dept. We adopted a resolution on January 13, 2014 and we are supposed to hear back from the Treasury by February 14. Once we receive authorization from the Treasury, we have to adopt a resolution to call a special meeting at a Board meeting between February 17 and February 24. We need to set up a date and time for this meeting. He advised the Board that he met with co-chairs today to begin dialogue about Phase 2 of our project, which is campaigning and getting out the vote. They identified the first agenda and plan to meet every Wednesday for the next 12 weeks, excluding spring break.

19. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mrs. Sipes, to approve the extended trip to San Salvador Island for the Biology Club students over spring break, April 4 through April 12, 2014, as presented by Bob Lisowski.  
Roll call vote:  
AYES: Smith, Wahmhoff, Miller, Napp, Sipes, Beam  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
20. Mr. Rehlander updated the Board on the Facility/Technology Bond Project. The Steering Committee is in the second phase of the bond project. They have met three times and have identified four committees and committee chairs. Committees are Finance, Election, Publicity, and Get Out the Yes Vote. He turned the floor over to Corey Harbaugh to review the progress that has been made. He reviewed marketing materials that will be handed out to staff and community members. A brochure was put together and will be distributed to community explaining the need for us to grow so the schools can provide the education our students need now, and into the future, the impact of a 2 mill increase, where we're going and how we plan to get there and a brief explanation of what the bond will cover: technology, infrastructure, new educational programs and safety and security. He went through a presentation that will be given to staff tomorrow and is currently a Power Point on our web site. The presentation has 4 steps: 1. Explaining the needs and process of the project; 2. Explaining the costs of the project; 3. Providing an overview of what the project does and; 4. Sharing next steps for you and our community. For information only.
  
21. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to accept the resignation from Pat Mullins as our High School Counselor effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year with our thanks for his years of service. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Sipes  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
22. Mr. Napp moved, supported by Mrs. Sipes, to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Diane Stanton as an Elementary Paraprofessional I in our Title I program effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Sipes, Beam  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.

23. Mrs. Sipes moved, supported by Mr. Smith, to accept, the letter of retirement from Laura Blink as District Bookkeeper, with our thanks for her years of service. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Smith, Napp, Sipes  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
24. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to remove any and all letters of reprimand related to the 2013-2014 school year issues and any reference to these letters or issues involved from the employees personnel file, reference to agenda item 9A of the February 10, 2014 Board meeting. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Miller, Wahmhoff, Smith, Napp, Sipes, Beam  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
25. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to create a new transportation liaison position to work with our transportation director and bus drivers beginning as soon as feasible for the current school year. Final job description and stipend to be determined. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Smith, Napp, Sipes, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
26. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Smith to move into closed session for a personnel issue, based on section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Napp, Sipes, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
27. The Board moved into closed session at 8:47 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:48 p.m.

28. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Smith, to accept the minutes as read in closed session. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Sipes, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Smith, Napp  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
29. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to pay February General Fund board bills in the amount of \$138,370.22, as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Napp, Sipes, Smith, Beam, Wahmhoff, Miller  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Doyle  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
30. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Wahmhoff, to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion was declared adopted.
31. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Paula Sipes, Secretary  
Gobles Board of Education