

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Terry Doyle, opened the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Gobles MS/HS library.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mr. Terry Doyle, Mr. Russ Aspinwall., Mr. Daniel Baker, Mrs. Rachel Keeley, Mr. Kelli Rumery, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, and Mrs. Paula Sipes.

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Mr. Jeff Rehlander, Mr. Terry Breen, and Mr. Phil McAndrew

III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, to accept the Board of Education meeting Agenda as amended, removing Old Business #1 – School Community Survey Results Presentation from the Agenda. Changing New Business #1 – Voluntary Severance Plan to #10 Tri-County Head Start Lease will now begin New Business #1 and all other New Business to continue with the numerical change through #8, changing New Business #10- Closed Session-Cyber Charter to #11, changing New Business #11- Cyber Charter Initiative to #12, changing New Business #12- Closed Session- Negotiations to #9. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kelli Rumery. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

- a. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open Meeting on April 17, 2017 as presented.
- b. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open Meeting on May 1, 2017 as presented.
- c. Acceptance to move the July 10, 2017 Regular Board of Education meeting to July 17, 2017.
- d. Approval of the 2017 Senior Class trip to travel out of State on May 17, 2017 to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio.
- e. Approval of 2017 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to travel out of State on May 24, 2017 to the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, Il.
- f. Acceptance of the Letter of Agreement between the Gobles Education Association, MEA, VBCEA and the Gobles Board of Education in regards to 2017 High School Track Season.

V. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS- Mr. Jeff Rehlander went over one Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 23, 2017 and two Policy Committee meetings, one scheduled on May 1, 2017 and the other scheduled for May 23, 2017. Mr. Terry Breen and Mr. Phil McAndrew both went over their respective board reports.

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS- Board of Education Finance Committee will meet on May 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The Board of Education Policy Committee will meet on May 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION SELF EVALUATION-The Board of Education discussed the recent participation in a Board of Education Self-Assessment through the Michigan Association of School Boards.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

1. TRI-COUNTY HEAD START LEASE- I, Mrs. Paula Sipes move, that the Board of Education approve the Tri-County Head Start Lease Agreement for the 2017-18 school year. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**
2. VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET RESOLUTION- I. Mr. Dan Baker move, that the Board of Education approve the resolution supporting the 2017-2018 Proposed General Fund Operating Budget for the Van Buren Intermediate School District. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Rachel Keeley. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**
3. ONLINE LEARNING CATALOG- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the board of education approve the Gobles Public Schools and Gobles Virtual Academy online learning course offerings for the 2017-2018 school year as identified in Secondary Principal Mr. Phil McAndrew's Board Report Link. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Rachel Keeley. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**
4. SCHOOLS OF CHOICE RESOLUTION- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing Gobles Public Schools to participate in the Schools of Choice Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Rachel Keeley. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**
5. SUMMER SCHOOL- I, Mr. Dan Baker move, that the Board of Education approve the summer school program as submitted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Russ Aspinwall. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**
6. NEOLA BOARD POLICIES- This was the first reading of NEOLA Board Policies 0160, 2623,3120.04, 3121, 4121, 5111.01, 5111.03, 5517.01, 5610, 5610.01, 8330, 8340, 8500, and 8510. Second reading on these policies will be held on May 31, 2017.
7. DISTRICT/SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2017-18 – I, Mr. Dan Baker move, that the Board of Education approve the proposed district/school calendar for the 2017-18 school year as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kelli Rumery. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**
8. CLOSED SESSION-TRANSPORTATION- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the Board of Education meet in Closed Session under Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act (FERPA). Motion was seconded by Mrs. Rachel Keeley. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

*The Gobles Board of Education moved into closed session at 8:02 p.m.*

I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall, move that the Board of Education come out of closed session, Motion was seconded by Mr. Dan Baker. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

*The Gobles Board of Education returned from closed session at 8:32 p.m.*

9. CLOSED SESSION-NEGOTIATIONS- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the Board of Education meet in Closed Session under Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act (Negotiations). Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

*The Gobles Board of Education moved into closed session at 8:34 p.m*

I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall, move that the Board of Education come out of closed session, Motion was seconded by Mrs. Rachel Keeley. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

*The Gobles Board of Education returned from closed session at 9:28 p.m.*

10. VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE PLAN- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to work with the school attorney from Thrun Law Firm to develop a Voluntary Severance Plan for teaching staff that incorporates eligibility requirements at a minimum to include 15 years of service or more as reflected on the 2016-2017 Salary Schedule and involves a total \$30,000 dollar payout over two years, \$15,000 each year, paid on December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018 respectively. Motion was seconded by seconded by Mr. Dan Baker. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

11. CLOSED SESSION-CYBER CHARTER- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the Board of Education meet in Closed Session under Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act (Attorney Client Privilege). Motion was seconded by Mr. Kelli Rumery. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

*The Gobles Board of Education moved into closed session at 9:32 p.m*

I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall, move that the Board of Education come out of closed session, Motion was seconded by Mr. Dan Baker. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

*The Gobles Board of Education returned from closed session at 10:10 p.m.*

12. CYBER CHARTER INITIATIVE-At the February 13, 2017 Board of Education Meeting, the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent of Schools to explore Revenue Generation/Expenditure Reduction opportunities. This initiative was shared and discussed in various formats with the Board of Education President, the Board of Education Finance Committee, and the Board of Education.

Recommendation A: I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the Board of Education approve the School District moving forward as an Authorizer of a Cyber Charter School for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond in accordance with an agreed upon contract with an approved vendor. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

Recommendation B: I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, that the administration recommends First Reading of the Board of Education Cyber Charter Policy. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Rachel Keeley. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

Recommendation C: I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, that the Board of Education authorize the establishment of a Staff Position and direct the Superintendent of Schools to draft a Job Description and begin expedition of the Personnel Process. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dan Baker. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

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X. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

XI. FINANCE

1. Check Register
2. General Fund Budget Summary

I, Susan Dalton-Akers move, that the Board of Education pay April 2017 General Fund bills in the amount of \$341,594.33 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Russ Aspinwall. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

XII. ADJOURN THE MEETING

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.*

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Paula Sipes, Secretary  
Gobles Board of Education