

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2016 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, Mrs. Laura Blink, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, and Mrs. Paula Sipes.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mitch Smith-arrived at 7:20 p.m., Mr. Eric Shafer, Mr. Russ Aspinwall

Staff Members Present: Mr. Jeff Rehlander, Mr. Phil McAndrew, Mr. Terry Breen, Mr. Chris Miller-In attendance at the Boys Regional Basketball Game.

III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I, Mrs. Paula Sipes, move, supported by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, to accept the Board of Education Meeting Agenda as amended, adding New Business #1. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA- I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, move, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Laura Blink. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

- a. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open Meeting on March 12, 2016 as presented.
- b. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting on March 14, 2016 as presented.
- c. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open Meeting on March 29, 2016 as presented.
- d. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open Meeting on April 12, 2016 as presented.
- e. Acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Madeleine Jackson, JV Volleyball Coach.
- f. Acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Gaige Shriver, Varsity Boys Track Coach. Mr. Shriver will be compensated for half of his salary allotted for this position.
- g. Acceptance of the hiring of Mr. Mark Kline who has agreed to move from the Middle School Track program to the Varsity Boys Track position for the remainder of the season. Mr. Kline will stay at his same pay rate.
- h. Acceptance of the hiring of Ms. Renee Rambadt, MS Boys Track Coach for the remainder of the season. Ms. Rambadt will be compensated half of the salary allocated for this position for 2015-16.
- i. Acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Lauren Duchesneau, Varsity and Middle School Cheer Coach.
- j. Acceptance of the hiring of Mrs. Nicole Thompson Durr, Varsity Cheer Coach for the Fall and Winter season at 9% of Step 6 which is \$3,783 for each season.
- k. Acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Peggy Goodrich, Sub Bus Driver.
- l. Acceptance of the 8th Grade field to Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, IL on May 24, 2016.
- m. Acceptance of the Senior field trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH on May 18, 2016.

V. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Phil McAndrew reported that Gobles Public Schools was once again named America's Best High School for the 2015-16 school year by US News and World Report. The Senior Soup Supper was a huge success and thanks for Mrs. Tubergen and Mrs. Herman along with NHS and the 6th grade class for organizing and helping with this event. Community Pride Service Learning day is scheduled for Friday, May 13th. Graduation is scheduled for May 29th at 1:30 p.m. Senior Awards night will be held on Sunday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. Three seniors qualified for Academic All-Conference for this school year, congratulations to Emily Bolhuis, McKenzie Winne and Nick Fenton. The last day for seniors is May 20th, senior breakfast is May 25th at 8:00 a.m. Baccalaureate is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. Senior Oscar Night will be held May 10th. Senior trip to Cedar Point is scheduled for May 18th. The last day of the year is June 3rd and this is a scheduled half day. On May 18th, 6th grade transition visit will take place, May 20th will be the MS Awards Assembly, Congratulations to top three seniors who have been named Co-Valedictorians, Emily Bolhuis, McKenzie Winne, and Nick Fenton. STEM showcase and MS/HS Spring Band Concert is scheduled for May 17th. Robotics awards night is scheduled for May 10th. Mrs. Shaina Tubergen was selected by MACUL to be a presenter at the Mobile Learning Conference on May 13th at KRESA.

Mr. Terry Breen reported that he will be accepting the request from Julie Boes to be transferred to teach first grade starting in the fall of 2016. At this time we have received 29 resumes from candidates seeking an elementary position, interviews for a 4th and 5th grade teacher will be conducted towards the end of the year. Forty Four students and their parents attended Kindergarten Round-up on April 22nd. I confirmed to the Lise Black, GSRP administrator at the ISD that we are planning to have two GSRP classrooms next year. Spring Parent/Teacher conference attendance rate was 92%. Grandparents Day held on April 28th was an excellent attended event. The Student Assistant Team has had a productive year, thirty five students were referred this year and six students were qualified for Special Education services. Timary Fuller replaced Geanice Miller as the SAT coordinator and is continuing to do a wonderful job. Administering the M-STEP tests has gone smoothly, 5th grade is complete and the 3rd grade will finish during the week of May 4th-8th. 4th grade begins on May 17th. Elementary school improvement plan will meet on May 4th to review our existing SI Plan. I am working with Chris Miller to establish a building use fee for Maile Whipple, a former art intern student at Gobles, who is proposing a two week art camp for 3rd and 4th graders. There are many end of the school year events: Track and Field Days May 10th for 1st-3rd grade and May 12th for 4th and 5th grade. End of the year awards ceremonies for 4th and 5th grade on June 1st. Kindergarten Luau Celebration May 31st. I have worked with all teachers in regards to upcoming field trip to make sure that they are curriculum structured, I would like to thank the Parents Club for helping to support these field trips. State and Federal Reports will become very active during the summer months starting June 30th through September 1st.

Mr. Chris Miller congratulated the following student/athletes who have signed letters of intent in the past few weeks to play college athletics: Haley Rock, Mason Lawson, Shane Henry, Ellen Doyle, Mollee Nason and Austin Ampey. I would like to add that this Friday, May 13th we will be having 18 schools here participating in our Little Guys Track meet. Gobles will also be hosting the first annual SAC track invite on May 24th which will include 20 S.A.C. schools. Track Regionals will be held on May 20th at Niles Brandywine. Softball and baseball districts will take place in Schoolcraft. Hometown Urgent Care will be performing our athletic physicals on May 24th. With the passing of the Sinking Fund my maintenance report will be changing drastically over the summer and I would like to publically thank Laura, Russ and Paula for meeting with me and organizing a game plan.

Mr. Jeff Rehlander congratulated the administrators for being recognized for the second year as a Bronze Medal High School, great job to everyone it helps tell the Gobles story. Gobles Forward 2.0 Sinking Fund was voted in on May 3rd. The proceeds from these initiatives approximately 11 million dollars, will allow the school district to address safety, technology, programming, and some infrastructure needs. I received a phone call today from the County Library, I met them during a City Council meeting where they presented for a library for Gobles, and they asked me to be a represent Gobles. I spoke to Mr. Miller and Mr. McAndrew to address the building use issue that disrupted the last board meeting for over a half hour. I feel that we have a

policy in place to ensure that technology in our buildings will run smoothly. We need to have a couple of committee meetings scheduled, a Policy Committee and a Finance Committee.

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS- None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. GEA AGREEMENT AMENDMENT-I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes that the Board of Education amend Appendix A of the 2016-2017 Salary Schedule BA Step 13 as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

1. PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY PRESENTATION- PACE presented on their program and request that Gobles Public Schools becomes a PACE authorizer.
2. TRI-COUNTY HEAD START LEASE- I, Mr. Mitch Smith move, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes that the Board of Education approve the Tri-County Head Start Lease Agreement for the 2016-17 school year. **MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**
3. VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET RESOLUTION- I, Mrs. Paula Sipes move, supported by Mrs. Laura Blink that the Board of Education approve the resolution supporting the 2016-2017 Proposed General Fund Operating Budget for the Van Buren Intermediate School District. **MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**
4. PROBATIONARY TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS-

The following recommendations from Mr. Phil McAndrew involving probationary teachers are listed below.

I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, supported by Mr. Mitch Smith that the Board of Education approve granting 2nd year probationary employment to Mr. Ezra Piller beginning with the 2016-17 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mr. Mitch Smith move, supported by Mrs. Laura Blink that the Board of Education approve granting 4th year probationary employment to Ms. Aline Kosiara beginning with the 2016-17 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mr. Mitch Smith move, supported by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers that the Board of Education approve granting 3rd year probationary employment to Mrs. Kelly Touchtone beginning with the 2016-17 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

The following recommendations from Mr. Terry Breen involving probationary teachers are listed below.

I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, supported by Mr. Mitch Smith that the Board of Education approve granting 2nd year probationary employment to Ms. Katelyn Harris beginning with the 2016-17 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, supported by Mrs. Laura Blink that the Board of Education approve granting 2nd year probationary employment to Ms. Elizabeth Smith beginning with the 2016-17 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mr. Mitch Smith move, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes that the Board of Education approve granting 3rd year probationary employment to Ms. Kathleen Sundling beginning with the 2016-17 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mr. Mitch Smith move, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes that the Board of Education approve granting 3rd year probationary employment to Mrs. Melinda O'Rourke beginning with the 2016-17 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

5. ONLINE LEARNING CATALOG APPROVAL-I, Mr. Mitch Smith move, supported by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers that the board of education approve the Gobles Public Schools and Gobles Virtual Academy online learning course offerings for the 2016-2017 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
6. SCHOOLS OF CHOICE RESOLUTION-I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes that the board of education approve the resolution authorizing Gobles Public Schools to participate in the Schools of Choice Program for the 2016-2017 school year. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
7. SUMMER SCHOOL- I, Mr. Mitch Smith move, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes that the Board of Education approve the summer school program as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
8. 2016-17 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS GOALS- A beginning discussion of Superintendent of Schools goals for the 2016-2017 school year was held. The Board of Education will provide feedback by May 18th.

X. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None.

XI. FINANCE

1. Check Register
2. General Fund Budget Summary

I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, that the Board of Education pay March General Fund Board of Education bills in the amount of \$227,307.40 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mitch Smith. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, that the Board of Education pay April General Fund Board of Education bills in the amount of \$300,971.67 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Paula Sipes. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

XII. ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Paula Sipes, Secretary
Gobles Board of Education