

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JULY 8, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

1. Board President, Bonnie Miller, opened the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the Middle/High School Library.
  
2. Attendance
  - a. Board Members Present
    - Brian Beam
    - Dan Wahmhoff
    - Paula Sipes
    - Terry Doyle
    - Bonnie Miller
    - Mitch Smith
  
  - b. Board Members Absent
    - Gary Napp
  
  - Staff Members Present
    - Jeff Rehlander, Superintendent
  
  - c. Others Present
    - Visitors - 0
    - Press - 0
  
3. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote:
  - AYES: Miller, Beam, Smith, Wahmhoff, Doyle, Sipes
  - NAYS: None
  - ABSENT: Napp
  - ABSTAINED: NoneThe motion was declared adopted
  
4. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Smith, to accept the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Open meeting of June 10, 2013 as presented. Roll call vote:
  - AYES: Smith, Beam, Miller, Sipes, Doyle, Wahmhoff
  - NAYS: None
  - ABSENT: Napp
  - ABSTAINED: NoneThe motion was declared adopted.

5. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Sipes, to accept the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Open meeting of June 17, 2013 as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Smith, Miller, Sipes, Beam, Doyle, Wahmhoff  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
6. There was one correction in the minutes of the Budget Hearing held on June 27, 2013. The time for the adjournment of the Budget Hearing was changed from 7:50 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.
7. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Wahmhoff, to accept the minutes of the Board of Education Budget Hearing held on June 27, 2013 as amended. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Wahmhoff, Doyle, Sipes, Miller, Beam, Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
8. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Smith, to accept the minutes of the Board of Education Special Open meeting of June 27, 2013 as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Wahmhoff, Doyle, Sipes, Miller, Beam, Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
9. Correspondence. The Board received an agreement letter from Yeo & Yeo, the school auditors for their review. Mr. Rehlander also shared and discussed an article from State Superintendent, Mike Flannigan, who is proposing, because of deficits cropping up in school districts, that we become county school districts. The first step approach would be for ISD's to take on more responsibility for the non-instructional functions of the school district. This would take time and may never take off, but he thought the Board would be interested in reading it.
10. The meeting was opened to the public for non-agenda items. There was no public in attendance.
11. Administrative Reports
  - a. Mr. Rehlander informed the Board that he received correspondence from GEA President, Becky Drayton, regarding a couple items which he shared with Board members earlier. He has not had a chance to respond yet, but will be working on addressing that. He pointed out to the Board a number of things he will be working on in the next couple of months. One of the big issues we have is

making a decision whether we are going to move forward with the project. Mr. Rehlander has the work of the administration getting the project number down to 7.1, which includes 2.2 in technology, which he will share with the Board just as something to start with. He will be contacting Stauder Barch so they can take that 7.1 and see how they can break it out for year one, year two, year three. He will share that with the Board at the next meeting. A Special meeting will be held in a couple weeks and will include voting on whether we are going to move forward with the project, reviewing what the 7.1 looks like as it comes from the administration and talking about the steering committee. Mr. Rehlander would also like to take care of questions regarding certain policies so we can vote on that at the Board meeting. He informed the Board that Administrator evaluations will be available for their review by the end of the week. He will make the changes in the budget that were discussed at the last Board meeting and will be working with Laura to finalize the budget to include accounting codes for the Great Start Program, Virtual Academy and the 147C.

The Board discussed different ways to market our school and attract new students. Mr. Rehlander advised the Board that brochures were being made up and we plan to do a mailing the end of July. Information will be available on the web site the end of July. We will have a booth set up at the Van Buren County Youth Fair the week of July 15 sharing information with the public about Gobles Public Schools.

12. Board of Education Reports
  - a. Committee of the Whole – Mrs. Miller reported that the Committee of the Whole met June 12 and June 24 to review and discuss budget information for the revised 2012-2013 amended budget and the proposed 2013-2014 budget.
  
13. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to designate the District Office as the principal or primary office. Roll call vote:

AYES: Wahmhoff, Beam, Smith, Miller, Doyle, Sipes  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.
  
14. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to hold Regular Board of Education Meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the middle/high school library and that a list of such meetings is posted in the Principal Office. Roll call vote:

AYES: Doyle, Sipes, Miller, Beam, Smith, Wahmhoff  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

15. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to authorize Chemical Bank Shoreline of South Haven, Michigan Liquid Asset Fund, or other licensed financial institutions for school district funds. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Sipes, Doyle, Wahmhoff, Miller, Beam, Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
16. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mrs. Sipes, to retain the Thrun Law Firm as the school district's attorney for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Wahmhoff, Miller, Beam, Smith, Sipes  
NAYS: Doyle  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
17. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to authorize the Superintendent to sign teacher contracts after Board approval of employment. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Wahmhoff, Miller, Sipes, Doyle, Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
18. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, that district checks have authorized signatures specific to the following categories of accounts: General Fund Transfer, General Fund Checking, Payroll, Trust & Agency, Hot Lunch, and Athletics, as per past practice. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Smith, Wahmhoff, Doyle, Sipes, Miller, Beam  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
19. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to retain the auditing firm of YEO & YEO as the school district's auditor for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Wahmhoff, Smith, Beam, Miller, Sipes, Doyle  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED : None  
The motion was declared adopted.

20. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Smith, to authorize the *Paw Paw Courier Leader* as the official school newspaper for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Doyle, Sipes, Miller, Beam, Smith, Wahmhoff  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
21. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the choice of Board members to forgo payment for attending meetings for the 2013-2014 school year.  
AYES: Miller, Beam, Smith, Wahmhoff, Doyle, Sipes  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
22. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the increase of lunch prices for the 2013-14 school year as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Miller, Beam, Smith, Wahmhoff, Doyle, Sipes  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
23. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mrs. Sipes, to pay June General Fund Board bills in the amount of \$75,450.27 as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Smith, Wahmhoff, Doyle, Sipes, Miller  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Napp  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
24. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was declared adopted.
25. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Paula Sipes, Secretary  
Gobles Board of Education