

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

1. Board President, Bonnie Miller, opened the Special Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:02 P.M. in the Middle/High School Library.

2. Attendance
 - a. Board Members Present
Bonnie Miller
Dan Wahmhoff
Gary Napp
Brian Beam

 - b. Board Members Late Arrival
Terry Doyle
Mitch Smith

 - c. Board Members Absent
Paula Sipes

 - d. Staff Members Present
Jeff Rehlander, Superintendent
Phil McAndrew, MS/HS Principal, Transportation Director
Terry Breen, Elem.Prin., Food Service Supervisor, District Grants/Reports
Chris Miller, Dean of Students/Athletic Dir./Director of Operations
Damian Koob, Director of Technology/Data Management

 - e. Others Present
Visitors - 0
Press - 2

3. The following additions and changes were made to the agenda. Add Cross Country Coach-Extra Curricular Pay as Item #16, Golf Coach-Extra Curricular Pay as Item #17, and Secondary Special Education Para Professional as Item # 18. Delete #1 under New Business – Board of School Trustees Response to MEA Grievance; this has to be acted upon at a Regular Board of Education meeting. Delete Recommendation 3 under Item #13 to employ Rochelle Boyer as a BASE program paraprofessional. She decided not to accept the position. Change Recommendation #5 from employing a “Title 1 Math paraprofessional” to employing a “CAP paraprofessional.”

4. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Smith, Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

5. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the Minutes of the Foundation Annual Open meeting of July 8, 2013, as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

6. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting of July 8, 2013, as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Doyle, Beam
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

7. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Open Meeting of July 22, 2013, as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Doyle, Beam, Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

8. Correspondence - None

9. The meeting was opened to the public for non-agenda items. There was no response.

10. Administrative Reports.
 - a. Mr. Miller reported to the Board on the custodial/maintenance work being completed. The floors will be done tomorrow and the work on the grounds will be completed next week in time for the opening of school. The new mulch was brought in and spread. He wanted to thank Terry Breen for his help and the custodial/maintenance staff for all the work they did.
 - b. Mr. Breen advised the Board that things are ready to go at the elementary. The custodial/maintenance staff did a great job in getting the building ready and looking good. He reported that everything is ready to go with the BASE and GSRP programs. Staff has been in the building setting up classrooms, conducting meetings to plan curriculum, finalizing class lists and some moving their rooms due to changes in teaching assignments. He answered Board questions on the BASE and GSRP programs.
 - c. Mr. McAndrew reported to the Board that at the June meeting he had reported that Bus 3 had a blown engine. Mr. Burza diagnosed the problem and found it was actually some piston and valve issues. Mr. Burza was hired as our maintenance supervisor and bus mechanic and is doing a fantastic job. He informed the Board that he had a transportation meeting in mid-August to assign bus routes and pick up/drop off sites and times and will meet tomorrow to update all route information. Gobles Virtual Academy open house was Tuesday, August 20 and we picked up a few more students. He wanted the Board to know what a fantastic job Mrs. Seiler is doing with organizing and running our online programming. He advised the Board that we have organized a parent's night

open house for the incoming sixth grade the evening of open house, and we have scheduled a few “information and orientation nights” for our incoming 7th graders, incoming freshman and seniors. Mr. McAndrew informed the Board that Kristi Tullis took a position with Battle Creek Lakeview school district. Her position was posted and we were fortunate enough to find someone who is qualified to teach the Science subjects that we offer. A recommendation is on the agenda tonight. He informed the Board that Mrs. Lumbert has moved back to the HS Library/Distance Learning Lab full time. Her special education paraprofessional position was posted and a recommendation will be made at tonight’s meeting. He advised the Board that the following teachers/staff will have interns helping them this fall: Mr. Lisowski and Mr. van Staveren will be sharing one, Mr. Kline, Ms. Rambadt and Ms. Rumery.

- d. Mr. Koob informed the Board that we have successfully made the switch-over to Google Apps for Education. He held two trainings over the summer and we will have Professional Development training during our opening week with Google Docs, Calendar, and Sites for staff. He reported to the Board that the website switch-over took place on Monday, August 19th. He informed the Board that the power outage hit some of our old equipment and disabled a switch that controlled our high school/middle school computers. Fortunately, he was able to get everything up and running.
- e. Mr. Rehlander thanked the Board for their support of programing as we begin this year including the Early Childhood programs that we offer to the community: Head Start, Great Start, Pre-K, and Kindergarten. We have Before and After School Program, 6th grade moving to secondary level, and the Virtual Academy, which went through year one and it looks like it will remain solid in year two and even better in year two. We have done a lot of things in curriculum instruction assessment. Curriculum areas we are going to be looking at customization of programming. At the secondary level we started with the Virtual Academy, we have the Michigan Merit Curriculum and we are going to be building on the development of the Stem Magnet program as we go into this year and next year. The assessments NWEA we are going to be starting this year which will allow us to get a standardized test that’s current. When you combine that with the 8-Step Process that is being implemented this year, it will allow us to differentiate and individualize student’s progress. Mr. Rehlander informed the Board that the evaluation program is something we will be talking about at the September meeting. Mr. Rehlander informed the Board that we spent a lot of time working on what he calls the new normal project; we have been working on the web site, which is still a work in process; and we worked on marketing with brochures. He reported that he was encouraged about our enrollment numbers and will keep the Board updated. Mr. Rehlander informed the Board that August 27 will be the first teacher day and it is a workday. August 28 will start with a welcome, introduction of new staff, overview of where we have been and where we are headed and then move to building meetings and technology training. August 29 will be a professional development day with Dr. Anthony Muhammad presenting on culture, data and professional learning communities. He invited the Board to join the professional development day activities.

11. Board of Education Reports

- a. Mrs. Miller reported that the Personnel Committee met last week to discuss 3 coaches, teacher performance evaluations, and staffing.

b. Mr. Smith reported that the Policy Committee met last week to discuss evaluation tools, early graduation requirements, and reviewed teacher discipline and recall policy. We will have a first reading on these along with ten other policies at the September 9th Board meeting.

12. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to table the Food Service Director Agreement between the Bloomingdale Public Schools and Gobles Public Schools for Food Service Management Services for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call vote:

AYES: Beam, Smith, Doyle, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sipes

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

13. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to approve the tax levy of 18.0 mils for all non-homestead property and 7.00 mils for the debt retirement. Roll call vote:

AYES: Smith, Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sipes

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

14. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to select Tower Pinkster as Architect for the Facility/Technology Project as submitted. Roll call vote:

AYES: Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sipes

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

15. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Smith, to select Skillman as Construction Manager for the Facility/Technology Project at 4.5%.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Doyle

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sipes

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

16. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to select Secant as Technology Consultant for the Facility/Technology Project as submitted. Roll call vote:

AYES: Wahmhoff, Napp, Beam, Miller, Smith, Doyle

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sipes

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

17. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to select Stauder Barch as Financial Adviser for the Facility/Technology Project as submitted. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Beam, Smith, Doyle, Miller, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

18. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to select Stanfred Consultants as Enrollment Consultants for the Facility/Technology Project as submitted. Roll call vote:
AYES: Beam, Smith, Doyle, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

19. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to select Thrun Law Firm as the Bond Counsel for the Facility/Technology project as submitted.
AYES: Smith, Doyle, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Beam
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

20. Mr. Napp moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to adopt the Resolution for our seat time waiver program allowing Gobles Public Schools to operate our virtual academy for the 2013-2014 school year.
AYES: Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

21. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to accept the letter of resignation from Kristi Tullis as a high school Science teacher, effective immediately. Roll call vote:
AYES: Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

22. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Dylan Burke as our Seventh Grade Football Coach beginning the 2013-14 school year at 7% of Step 1 minus 15%, divided by two of the teacher's BA salary schedule. Employment will be provided by Van Buren Research and Development Foundation with assignment to the Gobles Public Schools. Roll call vote:
AYES: Miller, Napp, Beam, Wahmhoff, Smith, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
23. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Thad Schafer as our Junior Varsity Football Coach beginning the 2013-14 school year at 9% of Step 3 minus 15% of the teacher's BA salary schedule. Employment will be provided by Van Buren Research and Development Foundation with assignment to the Gobles Public Schools. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Smith, Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
24. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Clint Colborn as our Assistant Junior Varsity Football Coach beginning the 2013-14 school year at 8% of Step 1 minus 15% of the teacher's BA salary schedule, pending a successful criminal history check. Employment will be provided by Van Buren Research and Development Foundation with assignment to the Gobles Public School District. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Smith, Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
25. Mr. Smith moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Jim McLeod as our Varsity Soccer Coach beginning the 2013-14 school year at 10% of Step 1 minus 15% of the teacher's BA salary schedule, pending a successful criminal history check. Employment will be provided by Van Buren Research and Development Foundation with assignment to the Gobles Public Schools. Roll call vote:
AYES: Smith, Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

26. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Brian Johnson as our Assistant Varsity Football Coach beginning the 2013-14 school year at 9% of Step 6 minus 15% of the teacher's BA salary schedule. Employment will be provided by Van Buren Research and Development Foundation with assignment to the Gobles Public Schools. Roll call vote:
AYES: Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
27. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to accept the resignation from Emily Jones as a CAP Paraprofessional at Gobles Elementary School effective immediately. Roll call vote:
AYES: Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
28. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Rebecca Kunselman as our Developmental Kindergarten teacher beginning the 2013-2014 school year at the 1st step of the teacher BA salary schedule. Roll call vote:
AYES: Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Doyle, Beam
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
29. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Danielle Roden as the BASE program supervisor-paraprofessional beginning the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call vote:
AYES: Miller, Napp, Beam, Wahmhoff, Smith, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
30. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Julia Brockway as a BASE program paraprofessional beginning the 2013-2014 school year pending a successful criminal history check. Roll call vote:
AYES: Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Miller, Beam, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

31. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Sheila Kahl as the GSRP pre-school paraprofessional beginning the 2013-2014 school year. A successful criminal history check is on file. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Smith, Miller, Beam, Doyle, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

32. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Wahmhoff, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Heather Gordon as the CAP Paraprofessional beginning the 2013-2014 school year. A successful criminal history check is on file. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Smith, Miller, Beam, Doyle, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

33. Mr. Napp moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Aline Kosiara as the High School Science teacher beginning the 2013-2014 school year at the 6th step of the Teacher BA+18 salary schedule, pending a successful criminal history check.
AYES: Smith, Miller, Beam, Doyle, Wahmhoff, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

34. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to approve the Elementary School student handbook for the 2013-2014, as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Beam, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Miller, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

35. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the Middle/High School student handbook for the 2013-2014, as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Smith, Miller, Beam, Doyle, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

36. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Lowie van Staveren as our Cross Country Coach at 10% of Step 6 minus 15% of the teacher's BA salary schedule. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Smith, Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
37. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Michelle Guritz as our Varsity Golf coach beginning the 2013-2014 school year at 10% of the 6th step minus 15% of the teacher's BA salary schedule. Roll call vote:
AYES: Smith, Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
38. Mr. Smith moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Carolyn Brownell as a secondary special educational instructional paraprofessional beginning the 2013-14 school year pending a successful criminal history check. Roll call vote:
AYES: Doyle, Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
39. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to pay July General Fund Board bills in the amount of \$124,549.92 as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Beam, Miller, Wahmhoff, Napp, Smith, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Sipes
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.
40. Mr. Beam moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was declared adopted.
41. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Paula Sipes, Secretary