

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2016**

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, Mr. Eric Shaffer, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, and Mrs. Paula Sipes

Board Members Absent: Mr. Russ Aspinwall, Mr. Mitch Smith,

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

III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA- I, Mrs. Paula Sipes move, seconded by Mrs. Laura Blink, to accept the Board of Education Meeting Agenda as amended. Adding to Old Business #1 Board and Superintendent Communication and #2 Board of Education Election Filings. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA- I, Mrs. Paula Sipes move, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eric Shaffer. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- a. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Board of Education Annual Foundation Meeting of July 18, 2016, as presented.
- b. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Board of Education Meeting of July 18, 2016, as presented.
- c. Resignation of Elementary Teacher of 1st Grade, Miss Carlyn Kellner.
- d. Hiring of Elementary Teacher of 1st Grade, Miss Chaley Fleetwood, at the BA Step 2 teaching scale, effective August 1, 2016.
- e. Acceptance of the transfer of Elementary Teacher, Mrs. Julie Boes, to the new K-5 Technology position effective with the Fall of 2016.

V. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Mr. Daniel Baker 31774 I Street, Gobles, MI introduced himself and stated he was interested to be as an appointed member of the school board.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS- Mr. Jeff Rehlander went over his administrative report. He shared information and plans for the start of the school year.

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VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS-The Board Policy Committee consisting of Mr. Russ Aspinwall, Mr. Mitch Smith and Mr. Jeff Rehlander met on July 26, 2016, to review New Neola Policies.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION- It was suggested by the Board of Education during Superintendent of Schools goal setting for the 2016-2017 school year to explore Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Communication on a weekly basis. Since July 18, 2016, the Superintendent of Schools has produced a Summary of Work Activities for the week. The purpose of this agenda item is to clarify Board of Education expectations for the Superintendent of Schools on this matter. This was for informational purposes only.
2. BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION FILINGS- There are four open Board of Education seats, each with four year terms, on the ballot in November 2016. The Board of Election Filing deadline was 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016. The Van Buren County Clerk notified the Superintendent of School's Office that only three community members filed for the four open Board of Education seats. Legal counsel was solicited for next steps and options. Write-in candidates for the November 2016 Board of Education Election must file a "Declaration of Intent" with the Van Buren County Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2016. This information will be posted on the District Website under What's Happening.
3. DISTRICT STEM PROGRAM- Mr. Jeff Rehlander discussed the future of the District Stem Program as it relates to the Van Buren Independent School District. This issue will be put on the September 12, 2016 Board Agenda as an action item.
4. CLOSED SESSION-I, Mr. Eric Shaffer, move that the Board of Education go into closed session according to MCL 15.268 Subsection 8h, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under State or Federal Statute. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Laura Blink. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

The Gobles Board of Education moved into closed session at 8:01 p.m.

I, Mrs. Paula Sipes, move that the Board of Education come out of closed session Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

The Gobles Board of Education returned from closed session at 8:15 p.m.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. State Aide Note- I, Mr. Eric Shaffer, move that the Board of Education adopt a resolution approving the immediate need to borrow the sum of One Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand to pay current operating expenses for fiscal year 2016-2017 at an interest rate .89 percent from from the lowest and only bid by Chemical Bank. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Laura Blink. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

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2. NEOLA BOARD POLICIES- This was the first reading of the NEOLA Board Policies 0140, 1130, 1240, 1420, 2623, 3110, 4110, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6116, 6146, 6325, 6550, 7300, 7310, 7450, 8142.02, 8500, and 8510. The Second reading of these policies will be held on September 12, 2016.
3. School Bond Loan Fund Resolution – I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, move that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to comply with legislation, Public Act 92 of 2005, that districts participating in the School Bond Loan Program file an Annual Activity Application. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Paula Sipes. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

X. FINANCE

1. Check Register
2. General Fund Budget Summary

I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, move that the Board of Education pay July 2016 General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 272,176.71 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Laura Blink. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

XI. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

XII. ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Paula Sipes, Secretary
Gobles Board of Education