

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2014-7:00 P.M. (MS/HS Library)**

I. Call to order

Board President Mr. Brian Beam, opened the Special Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Library.

II. Roll Call

a. Board Members Present

Mr. Brian Beam
Mrs. Bonnie Miller
Mr. Gary Napp
Mr. Terry Doyle
Mr. Mitch Smith
Mrs. Paula Sipes

b. Board Members Absent

Mr. Dan Wahmhoff

c. Staff Members Present

Mr. Jeff Rehlander
Mr. Damian Koob
Mr. Terry Breen
Mr. Phil McAndrew
Mr. Chris Miller

III. Consideration and approval of the Agenda.

Mr. Jeff Rehlander amended the September 22, 2014 Agenda to reflect the following addition: New Business #3, Proclamation for Legendary Teacher Day.

Mrs. Bonnie Miller moved, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes, to approve the Agenda as amended.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

IV. Correspondence

Mr. Jeff Rehlander presented a book that was published by a former Gobles student, Dr. Nick Clement, former Superintendent of Schools in Arizona, and a very successful Superintendent of schools. Has now become an author and his book is titled "How to Catch a Swamp Frog." The book is about his own experience going through school here at Gobles and about the legendary teachers that influenced his life.

V. Open the meeting to the public for non-agenda items.

None.

VI. Administrative Reports

None.

VII. Board of Education Reports

None.

VIII. Old Business

1. Update on BASE-The administration will report on the 2014-2015 Before After School Experience.

Mr. Terry Breen indicated that numbers for Base were 20 students last year and are at 34 students this year. In the morning there are around 8-11 students attending and in the afternoon around 21-24 students are attending. Ms. Danielle Roden is running this program and is training Ms. Jamie Todd as Ms. Roden is still planning on leaving to obtain employment at Allegan General Hospital.

2. Update on Student Enrollment-The administration will report on the 2014-2015 Student Enrollment. An up-to-date document will be brought to the meeting.

Mr. Jeff Rehlander updated the board on student enrollment for the period from September 2nd through September 19th, which represents about 2/3 of the time to count day, which is Wednesday, October 1st. A reminder that GRSP does not count towards State Aid. The enrollment number used for the 2014-2015 budget was 838 total students and as of today we are at 858 students. Mr. Rehlander indicated that there are some wrinkles in this number due to migrant students. Count Day might be artificial as the auditors look the week prior and 30 days after to check on absent students and to see if there is any fluctuations. The plan is to continue

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taking actual numbers of students physically sitting in seats through October and come back to the board on the 13th and potentially have an executive meeting to regroup and see what our actual number will turn out to be and translate that into the financial picture and use that for issues that have surfaced such as staffing, negotiations, a balanced budget, and fund equity.

3. Update on the 2014 Series One Bond Project-The administration will report on the status of the 2014 Series One Bond Project.

Mr. Jeff Rehlander shared with the Board that we were hoping to have numbers attached to the actual designs for the switch of the Superintendent's office and the Principal's office, the entrances for both buildings, and renovations of the STEM lab but professional services has not finished their work on this yet. They are supposed to have this soon and the plan is to bring those numbers and schematics to the next board meeting.

IX. New Business

1. School Tax Levy for 2014-2015-The Board annually is required to officially approve the operating tax levy and debt tax levy for the School District. The operating tax levy of 18 mills is applied to all non-homestead property with the funds to be used for general operations and the debt tax levy of 9 mills is applied to all property for debt retirement.

Mr. Jeff Rehlander shared that this is an annual requirement to complete form L4029 and obtain Board approval before submitting on September 30, 2014.

Mr. Terry Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Bonnie Miller, that the Board of Education approve the operating tax levy of 18 mills and debt tax levy of 9 mills.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

2. 2013-2014 Audit-Representatives from Yeo and Yeo, the School District's designated auditing firm, will make a presentation to the Board of Education regarding the auditor's findings. Copies of the audit will be passed out at the meeting.

Yeo and Yeo presented their audit findings and issue and unqualified opinion.

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3. Proclamation- Legendary Teacher Day.

Mr. Phillip McAndrew presented that the Legendary Teacher Day is an initiative that was started by Dr. Nick Clement, a former Gobles student and retired Superintendent of Schools in Arizona. Dr. Clement has written a book about the legendary teachers in his experience. Legendary Teacher Day is essentially a day to reflect on a teacher who had a positive impact on our lives. This is a National initiative. The City of Gobles has proclaimed September 25, 2014 to be Legendary Teacher Day. We are asking the Board of Education to adopt a similar resolution.

Mr. Terry Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Bonnie Miller, moved to adopt Legendary Teacher Day as September 25th of every year.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wahmhoff

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was declared adopted.

X. Adjourn the Meeting

Mrs. Bonnie Miller motioned, supported by Mr. Terry Doyle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was declared adopted.

Paula Sipes, Secretary
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