

Resolutions to Establish the Policies and Procedures
of the
Gobles Public Schools
Pertaining to its Cyber-Charter School Application and
Authorizing Process

Whereas, it is the interest of the Gobles Public Schools' Board of Education to expand the public school educational opportunities of Michigan residents.

Whereas, Michigan Public Act 128 of 2012 (P.A. 128 of 2012) permits Gobles Public Schools to authorize the establishment of one cyber-charter school capable of providing online education and instruction to K-12 students throughout the state of Michigan.

Whereas, the Gobles Public Schools Board of Education desires to become a Michigan cyber-charter school authorizer as permitted by P.A. 128 of 2012, in an effort to expand the public school educational opportunities throughout the state of Michigan.

Whereas, the Gobles Public Schools' Board of Education desires to establish a cyber-charter school application evaluation process that emphasizes the applicant's experience in delivering a quality online educational program that improves pupil academic achievement.

Whereas, to guide and facilitate the cyber-charter school application process, Gobles Public Schools shall refer to and incorporate the standards for online learning as established by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers ("NACSA") and other recognized national standards for quality online learning.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that Gobles Public Schools does hereby approve and adopt the following application and evaluation policy and/or process for the consideration of any cyber-charter school applications which it may receive subsequent to the effective date of this resolution:

1. All cyber-charter school applicants shall complete and submit to Gobles Public Schools the Phase 1 cyber-charter school application in a form as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of this resolution and policy.
2. In evaluating Phase 1 cyber-charter school applications, Gobles Public Schools shall attempt to determine whether the applicant can demonstrate experience in delivering a quality online education program that will improve public academic achievement, in accordance with standards established by NACSA or other similarly recognized national standards.

Resolved, that any cyber-charter school applicant which satisfies the evaluation criteria as described herein may be invited by Gobles Public Schools to participate in a Phase II application process which may include any or all of the following:

- A. Request for completion by the applicant of a more detailed questionnaire as a follow-up to the Phase I application.
- B. Interview process pursuant to which Gobles Public Schools may request to personally interview any or all of the applicant's management team, including but not limited to the directors of curriculum, finance, and operations.
- C. Review of the proposed Gobles Public Schools cyber-charter schools contract, in a format substantially similar to that which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and a delegation between the authorizer and the applicant of the responsibilities necessary to complete and formalize the charter school contract, including the schedules and exhibits required to complete the contract.

Resolved that, in accordance with section 6E of the Revised School Code, Gobles Public Schools shall retain and exercise authority over the appointment of all individuals desiring to become a cyber-charter school board member and that Gobles Public Schools shall endeavor to appoint appropriately qualified individuals to serve on the charter school board.

Resolved that, subsequent to formalizing a contract with an applicant to authorize a charter school, Gobles Public Schools shall endeavor to implement best practices with respect to its oversight responsibility as a charter school authorizer, and may fulfill such responsibilities or with assistance from third party contractors, or both.

Resolved that, Gobles Public Schools does hereby establish the Gobles Public Schools Charter Schools Office ("CSO"), the Director of which shall be the Superintendent of Gobles Public Schools. It is further resolved that the authorizing and oversight functions and responsibilities of the CSO can be contractually assigned by the Superintendent, with consent by the Gobles Public Schools board of trustees, to any individual, firm or organization, which is determined by the Superintendent to possess sufficient knowledge and experience in discharging charter school authorizing and oversight responsibilities.

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Gobles Board of Education, Gobles, Michigan at a regular meeting held Monday, May 8, 2017.

Paula Sipes
Paula Sipes, Secretary
Gobles Board of Education

Date May 8, 2017

Exhibit A - Phase 1 Application
Exhibit B - Model Cyber-Charter School Contract