

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

1. Board President, Brian Beam, opened the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:07 p.m. in the Middle/High School Library.

2. Attendance
 - a. Board Members Present
Brian Beam
Bonnie Miller
Dan Wahmhoff
Paula Sipes
Gary Napp
Mitch Smith
Terry Doyle

 - b. Staff Members Present
Jeff Rehlander, Superintendent
Phil McAndrew, Middle/High Principal - Transportation
Terry Breen, Elem. Principal – Food Service-District Reports Adm.
Damian Koob, Director of Technology-Data Management

 - c. Others Present
Visitors - 13
Press - 1

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

4. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to accept the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Open meeting of December 9, 2013 as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle, Sipes, Beam
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

5. Mr. Rehlander read a letter to School Board Members in honor of School Board Recognition month. He also presented Board members with certificates and a token gift in honor of School Board Recognition Month.
6. The meeting was opened to the public for non-agenda items.
 - Bus Driver, Lee Abernathy, read a letter of concerns that the bus drivers continue to have and ask for Board help in resolving this issue.
 - On behalf of the elementary staff, Geanice Miller thanked the Board for all they do. She wanted the Board to know that the staff appreciates the work and decisions that they have to make and understand it is not always easy.
 - On behalf of the Gobles Pre-School, Ellie Lower thanked the Board for their time and commitment to Gobles Public Schools.
7. Administrative Reports
 - a. Mr. McAndrew had nothing to add to his report, but answered Board questions about forgiven time given by the state for snow days.
 - b. Mr. Breen had nothing to add to his report but answered Board questions regarding the knitted hats donated to each elementary student including GSRP and Head Start and about the problems with heating units in the 300 hallway at the elementary.
 - c. Mr. Koob had nothing to add to his report, but answered Board questions.
 - d. Mr. McAndrew had nothing to add to his report.
 - e. Mr. Rehlander thanked Chris Miller, our maintenance crew, Dick Johnson, Jim Burza, Mike Dunn, Rachel Downs, Terry, Phil and Damian for all the extra work they did dealing with the school closings. Mr. Rehlander reported to the Board that he and Mr. Tom Saylor, Steering Committee co-chair for our Facilities/Technology Project, attended the Treasury meeting preliminary qualification. We were informed that the Treasury needs 30 days to approve what was done at the Friday meeting, which means the resolution calling for an election may not be available for the February 10th meeting and we may have to call a special meeting to act on this. Mr. Rehlander informed the Board that we need to set up a Personnel Committee meeting regarding superintendent's evaluation process and document that will be used, which needs to be done by the end of February.
8. Board of Education Reports
 - a. None
9. We are in the process of submitting our entire online catalogue course descriptions/syllabi to the Michigan Department of Education, per state law. Mrs. Seiler gave a presentation to the Board of the new requirements.

10. Mr. Smith moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the administration recommendation for the online courses being offered. Roll call voted:
AYES: Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle, Sipes, Beam, Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

11. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the safety committee recommendations for our safety and security policies as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle, Sipes, Beam, Miller, Smith
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

12. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to adopt the Treasury Application Resolution for the Gobles Facility/Technology Project as submitted. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Doyle, Sipes, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

13. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to approve the changes to the Middle/High school course catalog for the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote:
AYES: Doyle, Sipes, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

14. Southwestern Athletic Conference – Mr. Beam reported that before the meeting Mr. Miller updated the Board on the status of the Southwestern Athletic Conference and its impacts on Gobles Public Schools. This was for information only.

15. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to approve the Food Service Excess Fund Balance Plan as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Wahmhoff, Beam, Sipes, Doyle, Miller, Smith, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

16. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the revised Title I/Title II budget as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Napp, Doyle, Sipes, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

17. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Sipes, with regrets to accept the letter of resignation from Paul Marasco as Gobles bus driver effective March 14, 2014. Roll call vote:
AYES: Doyle, Sipes, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

18. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Smith to move into closed session based on section 8 (a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268. Roll call vote:
AYES: Sipes, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

19. The Board moved into closed session at 8:59 p.m. and returned to open session at 10:45 p.m.

20. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Smith to accept the minutes as read in Closed Session. Roll call vote:
AYES: Doyle, Sipes, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

21. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to pay December General Fund board bills in the amount of \$83,630.12, as presented. Roll call vote:
AYES: Sipes, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
The motion was declared adopted.

22. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Beam, to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was declared adopted.
23. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Paula Sipes, Secretary
Gobles Board of Education