

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

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

- a. Board Members Present: Mr. Terry Doyle, Mr. Russ Aspinwall, , Mr. Eric Shaffer, Mr. Mitch Smith, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, and Mrs. Paula Sipes
- b. Board Members Absent: Mrs. Laura Blink
- c. Staff Members Present: Mr. Jeff Rehlander, Mr. Terry Breen, Mr. Phil McAndrew, Mr. Chris Miller.

III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - I, Mr. Mitch Smith move, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes, to accept the Board of Education Meeting Agenda for November 9, 2015 as amended, adding #3 and #4 to New Business. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA - I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, move that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items listed below. Motion was seconded by Mr. Russ Aspinwall. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

- a. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Board of Education Open Meeting of October 12, 2015 as presented.
- b. Approval of maternity leave for Mrs. Katey Klein, Elementary Teacher, on or around November 2, 2015.
- c. Approval of the hiring of Ty Rock, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, 7% of Step 1.
- d. Approval of the hiring of Greg Barber, JV Girls Basketball Coach, 9% of Step 1.
- e. Approval of the Middle School Language Arts Text, “*A Long Walk to Water*”, by Linda Sue Park to be read by the Middle School Language Arts Classrooms.

IV. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

V. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mr. Terry Breen reported about a buck that ran across the elementary playground, hitting the fence and breaking his neck. The police were called and the deer was taken home by parents who have children in the Base program and the meat was processed. The parents have since brought in meat in the dehydrator to show the process and provide kids some homemade jerky. Parent teacher conferences are coming up and report cards are going home. Mr. Eric Meloche, food service supervisor, and I are going to work on doing sack food lunches at the elementary school during the half days. NWEA testing is all finished at the Elementary school. Mr. Jeff Rehlander, Mrs. Amanda Cook, Mrs. Geanice Miller, and I will be presenting at the MDE fall conference. I have received two Resumes for the half time special education position. After meeting with both candidates, I am back to square one and will be putting the word out again. Title I and Title II allotments are in and the amount was more including carryover. Also for GSRP, we gained two slots back.

Mr. Phil McAndrew reported on upcoming parent conferences with a Professional Development Day for Teachers on Friday. The Big Brother Big Sister program has been started for this year and is a great experience. NWEA is finishing up this week and there are a few others that need to finish up testing due to absences. The STEM conference attended

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was a great conference and the presentation that Gobles did was really well received and many asked for contact information. Mr. Bob Lisowski and Mr. Jeff Rehlander did a great job. Mrs. Seiler is doing a wonderful job with all of the on-line programs and managing all the requirements needed for this program. Mrs. Tubergan and Mrs. Peterson both will be taking leaves of absence for maternity reasons and we are looking still for long term subs. Mr. van Staveren's last day was today and our long term sub, Ms. Ali Bussa, is doing a wonderful job for us and is highly qualified.

Mr. Chris Miller congratulated student athlete Molly Nason for her collegiate signing for softball. Also congratulations were given to one of our former students Michaela DeKilder for being selected as player of the year for the Western Conference for KVCC in volleyball. Winter sports has started today.

Mr. Jeff Rehlander reported that the Project Lead the Way Conference was a great conference, Mr. Phil McAndrew did a fabulous job setting up the conference. Two of the principles from Project Lead the Way will be visiting Gobles on December 9th to present and review our STEM Program. The Van Buren County ISD Board of Education will be meeting at Gobles November 12 at 7:00 p.m. and this allows us the chance to show off Gobles Public Schools. I attended my first Van Buren County 4-H committee meeting and am looking forward to serving in this role for the school year and feel it was a privilege to be asked. Count Day numbers were discussed.

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS- Mr. Mitch Smith (Board Policy Committee Report), Mr. Russ Aspinwall (MASB Conference Report)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. FACILITIES REPORT-Mr. Chris Miller and Mr. Jim Burza have worked with Mr. Nate Preston from Skillman to review outstanding facility issues. Mr. Miller reported on this matter at the Board of Education meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. NEOLA BOARD POLICIES – I, Mr. Mitch Smith, move that the Board of Education accept the First Reading of the NEOLA Board Policies 0140, 0170, 1130, 1217, 1420, 1630.01, 3110, 3217, 3430.01, 4110, 4217, 4430.01, 5517.02, 5772, 5830, 6110, 6111, 6146, 6320, 6550, 6850, 7217, 8321, 8400, 8500, and 9211. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Paula Sipes. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**
2. AT&T AWARD-Mr. Jim Wiseley informed the Board of Education about an ATT donation of \$10,000 he received on behalf of the History Club.
3. ELEMENTARY PARAPROFESSIONAL – I, Mrs. Paula Sipes, move that the Board of Education hire Mrs. Valerie Carlson as an Elementary Para Pro I at 6.75 hours per day as presented by Mr. Terry Breen. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eric Shaffer. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**
4. BUS OPERATOR – I, Mr. Mitch Smith, move that the Board of Education hire Mrs. Joanne Benny as a full time Regular Bus Operator at the starting base salary as presented by Mr. Phil McAndrew. Motion was seconded by Mr. Russ Aspinwall. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

IX. FINANCE

1. Check Register
2. General Fund Budget Summary

I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, move that the Board of Education pay October 2015 General Fund Board bills in the amount of \$295,524.18 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Russ Aspinwall. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

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- X. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.
- XI. ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Paula Sipes, Secretary
Gobles Board of Education