

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING  
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

1. Board President, Brian Beam, opened the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Library.
  
2. Attendance
  - a. Board Members Present
    - Terry Doyle
    - Brian Beam
    - Bonnie Miller
    - Dan Wahmhoff
    - Mitch Smith
    - Gary Napp
  
  - b. Board Members Absent
    - Paula Sipes
  
  - c. Staff Members Present
    - Jeff Rehlander, Superintendent
    - Terry Breen, Elem. Principal-Food Service-District Grants and Reports
    - Phil McAndrew, Middle/High School Principal-Transportation Director
    - Damian Koob, Director of Technology and Data Management
  
  - d. Others Present
    - Visitors - 5
    - Press - 1
  
3. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote:
  - AYES: Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle
  - NAYS: None
  - ABSENT: Sipes
  - ABSTAINED: NoneThe motion was declared adopted.
  
4. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to accept the Minutes of the Board of Education Annual Organization Meeting of January 13, 2014 as presented. Roll call vote:
  - AYES: Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle, Beam
  - NAYS: None
  - ABSENT: Sipes
  - ABSTAINED: NoneThe motion was declared adopted.

5. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to accept the Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Open meeting of January 13, 2014 as presented.  
Roll call vote:  
AYES: Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle, Beam  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
6. Mr. Rehlander summarized an article from Gov. Snyder proposing 3% more for K-12.
7. The meeting was opened to the public for non-agenda items.
  - Bus Driver, Lee Abernathy and Andi Dalton ask for permission to speak on item #9, Transportation Department Issue, when the Board got to that item on the agenda. The Board agreed.
8. Administrative Reports
  - a. Mr. Koob had nothing to add to his report, but answered Board questions.
  - b. Mr. McAndrew had nothing to add to his report.
  - c. Mr. Rehlander updated the Board on Grievance #131403, which has been brought to the Board level. We have been trying to schedule a date and time for this grievance, but as of today it has not been scheduled. He will communicate with the Board president when we have a date scheduled.
  - d. Mr. Breen had nothing to add to his report, but answered Board questions.
9. Board of Education Reports
  - a. Mr. Beam reported that the Personnel Committee and Mr. Rehlander met on January 22 to discuss the Superintendent evaluation process and document. They came to the meeting with examples of what has been used in the past and talked about what to do in the future. Mr. Rehlander put together a document from Committee suggestions and discussion, which will be used as the updated evaluation document for the Superintendent's evaluation. Mr. Beam will pass a copy to each Board member and he asked that each Board member get their completed Superintendent's evaluation back to him so he can compile the information, which they will review and discuss at the Board meeting on February 27. He informed the Board that Mr. Rehlander will have administrator evaluations to the Board by February 25.
  - b. Mr. Wahmhoff reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met with the Bus Driver group on January 28, 2014. From that meeting, they compiled information. The Committee met with Administrators on February 4, 2014 to discuss the same issues. They met separately with bus drivers and administrators because of school closings due to weather. The committee is still reviewing the information and had nothing to report at this time.

10. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Brian Johnson as the Varsity Baseball Coach beginning the 2013-2014 season at 10% of the 1<sup>st</sup> step of the BA salary schedule. Employment will be provided by Van Buren Research & Development Foundation to the Gobles Public Schools. A successful criminal history check is on file. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle, Beam, Miller  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
11. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mr. Wahmhoff, to accept the letter of resignation from Megan Ivester as the Varsity Volleyball Coach, effective immediately. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle, Beam, Miller, Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
12. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to accept the letter of resignation from Tim Weed as the middle School Track Coach effective immediately. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Napp, Doyle, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
13. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Miller, to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Lori Henry as an elementary Title I Math Para professional for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year effective immediately. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Doyle, Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.

14. Mr. Doyle moved, supported by Mrs. Miller to approve the administrative recommendation to employ Heather Rhodes as an elementary Title I CAP Para professional for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year effective immediately. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
15. STEM PROJECT UPDATE – Mr. McAndrew reviewed our current Stem program with the Board. Our plan currently offers all 4 courses here at school. In the process we were working with different local businesses to set up internship and mentorship programs, which would offer our students a great educational experience. Since then the Van Buren ISD has taken the initiative to offer not only Bio-Medical Engineering and Bio-Medical Services Pathway, but also Engineering Pathway, which is similar to ours. What that would do for us is to force us to make the choice of continuing to do what we planned, offering all 4 courses here and continuing with our business partnerships setting up internships and mentorships; or to send our students to the Van Buren ISD for the top 2 classes. Mr. Rehlander advised the Board that in the near future the ISD will be taking a vote from all schools to see if they are willing to commit and if they are willing to give up 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> courses to the Van Buren ISD. They wanted the Board to be informed of the decisions coming up.
  
16. UPDATE ON FACILITY/TECHNOLOGY PROJECT- Mr. Rehlander reported to the Board where we are at with our Project at this point. As you will remember Mr. Rehlander and Mr. Saylor went to Lansing to present the application to the Treasury Dept. We adopted a resolution on January 13, 2014 and we are supposed to hear back from the Treasury by February 14. Once we receive authorization from the Treasury, we have to adopt a resolution to call a special meeting at a Board meeting between February 17 and February 24. We need to set up a date and time for this meeting. He advised the Board that he met with co-chairs today to begin dialogue about Phase 2 of our project, which is campaigning and getting out the vote. They identified the first agenda and plan to meet every Wednesday for the next 12 weeks, excluding spring break.
  
17. 2013-2014 MAKE UP DAYS - Mr. Rehlander advised the Board that we currently have 4 snow days to make up. He met with Administrators and the GEA to begin discussing options. In 2012-2013 the Governor passed legislation allowing adding on minutes to the school day. Currently this is not the law and no days have been waived beyond the 6 day limit and no agreement has been made if we can use Bank time (minutes over 1098) or not, so at this point in time the number of days we have to make up is 4 days. Our plan will not include Spring Break days. It looks like we will

be making up the 4 days at the end of the school year. We are waiting to make a final decision until early March to see if Lansing comes through with another option.

18. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Smith, to table Item #9A – Transportation Department Issues. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
19. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to adopt a resolution to establish an Ad Hoc committee to hear an appeal regarding transportation department operational issues and to report back to the whole Board on their findings and recommended resolutions. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
20. 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: Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
  
21. The Board moved into closed session at 8:04 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:18 p.m.
  
22. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to accept the minutes as read in closed session. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.

23. Mr. Wahmhoff moved, supported by Mr. Napp, to pay January General Fund board bills in the amount of \$123,508.92 as presented. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Beam, Miller, Smith, Wahmhoff, Napp, Doyle  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Sipes  
ABSTAINED: None  
The motion was declared adopted.
24. Mrs. Miller moved, supported by Mr. Doyle, to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion was declared adopted.
25. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Paula Sipes, Secretary  
Gobles Board of Education