

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

I. Call to order

Board President, Mr. Terry Doyle, opened the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Library.

II. Roll Call

a. Board Members Present

Mr. Terry Doyle  
Mr. Mitch Smith  
Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers  
Mr. Russ Aspinwall  
Mrs. Laura Blink  
Mr. Gary Napp  
Mrs. Paula Sipes

b. Board Members Absent

None.

c. Staff Members Present

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

III. Consideration and approval of Agenda

Mr. Jeff Rehlander presented three changes to the Agenda. Add item #2 under Old Business- Board Committee Assignment, Amend Item #4 under New Business, should be amended, and lastly, add item #8 under New Business-Closed Session.

Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mr. Russ Aspinwall to accept the Regular Board of Education Meeting Agenda for February 9, 2015 as amended.

AYES: Smith, Doyle, Sipes, Napp, Blink, Aspinwall, Dalton-Akers,

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

Board Minutes

February 9, 2015

- IV. Acceptance of the minutes of the Board of Education Organization Open meeting of January 12, 2015.

Mr. Russ Aspinwall moved, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes, to accept the Regular Board of Education Organizational Open Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2015.

AYES: Dalton-Akers, Aspinwall, Blink, Napp, Sipes, Doyle, Smith

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

- V. Acceptance of the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Open meeting of January 12, 2015.

Mr. Gary Napp moved, supported by Mrs. Laura Blink, to accept the Regular Board of Education Open Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2015 as amended.

AYES: Aspinwall, Dalton-Akers, Smith, Doyle, Sipes, Napp, Blink

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

- VI. Correspondence

None.

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

Mr. Ray Decker, 08463 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Gobles, Michigan, spoke in regards to a incident at school involving his daughter. He identified corrections to be made with personnel and compliance with policies and staff confidentiality.

- VIII. Administrative Reports

Mr. Damian Koob reviewed five technology initiatives in progress.

Mr. Terry Breen thanked the custodian and maintenance staff on a great job regarding weather and snow removal.

Mr. Chris Miller reported that Pierce Vreeland was selected as the MHSAA Scholar Athlete award winner. Regarding facilities, he mentioned that the district had the first process of the bid meeting in regards to the bond along with Skillman. Vendors were there to gather information in regards to the timelines and ask questions in regards to upcoming construction. The bids all had to be into the Superintendent's office by Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rehlander reminded the board that Spring Count Day is on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. He thanked the Board for the retreat that we had this past Saturday. It allowed us to address governance matters and focus and alignment of the organization as we go forward.

IX. Board of Education Reports – None

Mr. Terry Doyle congratulated Rick and Paula Sipes in regards to Pierce being selected as one out of 32 recipients of the State of Michigan Scholar Athlete award and stated that this is a great reflection upon Gobles.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. STEM PRESENTATION- the STEM Team will present.

This presentation was tabled.

2. BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance Committee:

Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers-Chair, Mrs. Laura Blink, and Mrs. Paula Sipes.

Policy Committee:

Mr. Mitch Smith-Chair, Mr. Russ Aspinwall, and Mr. Gary Napp.

Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mr. Gary Napp, to make recommendation that the Board of Education establish a Finance Committee consisting of Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, Mrs. Laura Blink and Mrs. Paula Sipes, with Susan Dalton-Akers being the chair; and a Policy Committee consisting of Mr. Mitch Smith, Mr. Russ Aspinwall and Mr. Gary Napp, with Mr. Mitch Smith being the chair. The Board will reserve the rights to form an Ad Hoc Committee upon future circumstances.

AYES: Blink, Aspinwall, Dalton-Akers, Smith, Doyle, Sipes, Napp

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. PARAPRO STAFF POSITION-The administration will bring a request to the Board of Education meeting to add a Parapro staff position to the secondary school.

Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes, to employ Mrs. Carol Brownell for the Para Pro II Staff position starting at the base pay rate, based on a 6 hours 45 minutes per day, 179 days.

AYES: Napp, Sipes, Doyle, Smith, Dalton-Akers, Aspinwall, Blink

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

2. MAKE-UP PLAN FOR SNOWDAYS-Gobles Public Schools has exceeded the cap of six allowable snow days by two days as of the end of the day, Wednesday, February 4, 2015. The administration in consultation with the GEA has developed a resolution to this matter.

Mr. Russ Aspinwall moved, supported by Mr. Mitch Smith, to accept the recommendation that make-up days for the current two excess snow days be Wednesday, April 1, 2015 and Thursday, April 2, 2015. Both days would become one half student days in the morning with Wednesday afternoon, April 1, 2015, being conferences and Thursday afternoon, April 2, 2015, being professional development. Any additional snow days would need to be made up at the end of the school year.

AYES: Sipes, Nap, Blink, Aspinwall, Dalton-Akers, Smith, Doyle

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

3. MULTI YEAR OPERATING MILLAGE MAY VOTE-The administration is recommending that the district practice of annual operating millage votes change for this upcoming May 2015 Election to a Multi-Year Operating Millage Vote.

Mr. Gary Napp moved, supported by Mr. Russ Aspinwall that the Board of Education adopt a resolution authorizing a May 2015 Election Multi-Year Operating Millage Vote.

AYES: Doyle, Smith, Dalton-Akers, Aspinwall, Blink, Napp, Sipes

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

4. SECONDARY CURRICULUM ADDITIONS for 2015-2016-An ad hoc Board of Education Committee met on Friday, February 6, 2015 to consider an administration request to make English 12 a requirement for graduation and to add AP Writing and Composition to the Secondary Curriculum for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers moved, supported by Mrs. Paula Sipes to accept the ad hoc Board of Education Committee recommendation that English 12 be considered a graduation requirement and AP Writing and Composition be added to the Secondary Curriculum for the 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Smith, Doyle, Sipes, Napp, Blink, Aspinwall, Dalton-Akers

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

5. RESIGNATION: MS BOYS TRACK COACH – letter of resignation is attached.

Mr. Russ Aspinwall moved, supported by Mr. Gary Napp that the Board of Education accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Krista Clement as MS Boys Track Coach.

AYES: Dalton-Akers, Aspinwall, Blink, Napp, Sipes, Doyle, Smith

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

6. RESIGNATION: VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL COACH – letter of resignation is attached.

Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers moved, supported by Mr. Mitch Smith, that the Board of Education accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Brian Johnson as Boys Varsity Baseball Coach.

AYES: Aspinwall, Dalton-Akers, Napp, Smith, Doyle, Napp, Blink

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

7. 2014 Bond Project Update-The administration will report on the status of the 2014 Bond Project.

This matter was discussed in the Administrative Report section.

8. CLOSED SESSION- Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268 section 8(a) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers to move into closed session for a personnel issue, based on section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268. Roll call vote:

AYES: Blink, Aspinwall, Dalton-Akers, Smith, Doyle, Sipes, Napp

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted and moved into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

The Goble Board of Education return from closed session at 9:20 p.m.

Mr. Mitch Smith moved, supported by Mrs. Laura Blink to approve the minutes read in closed session.

AYES: Napp, Sipes, Doyle, Smith, Dalton-Akers, Aspinwall, Blink

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

XII. FINANCE

1. Check Register
2. General Fund Budget Summary

Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers moved, supported by Mr. Gary Napp, that the Board of Education authorize payment of January 2015 General Fund bills in the amount of \$131,768.83, as presented.

AYES: Sipes, Napp, Blink, Aspinwall, Dalton-Akers, Smith, Doyle

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

The motion was declared adopted.

XII. ADJOURN THE MEETING

Mr. Gary Napp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

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Paula Sipes, Secretary  
Gobles Board of Education