

**GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2016**

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

Board Members Present: Mr. Terry Doyle, Mr. Russ Aspinwall, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, Mr. Eric Shafer, and Mrs. Paula Sipes.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mitch Smith, Mrs. Laura Blink

Staff Members Present: Mr. Jeff Rehlander, Mr. Phil McAndrew, Mr. Terry Breen, Mr. Chris Miller-In attendance at the Boys Regional Basketball Game.

III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall, move, supported by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, to accept the Board of Education Meeting Agenda as amended, adding New Business #3. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall, move, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- a. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Open Meeting on February 8, 2016 as presented.
- b. Hiring of Girls JV Softball Coach, Mrs. Kandyce Coffelt, at 8% of Step 1 which is \$2,672.88.
- c. Acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Brian Johnson, Varsity Assistant Football Coach.
- d. Hiring of Varsity Assistant Football Coach, Scott Arlington, at 9% of Step 6 which is \$3,746.34. Scott is coming in at this rate as he has been on staff with the program for several years but was never officially hired.

V. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Phil McAndrew spoke that he and Mr. Piller took a group of students to the SAC Leadership Summit at Western Michigan University. Leadership students will get the opportunity to attend Hackett Catholic High School as part of the student exchange portion of the Leadership summit. Gobles will also host students from Hackett Catholic High School.

Literacy Night will be on Monday, March 21, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Grad Bash Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Gobles Middle School band performed at

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festival on March 8<sup>th</sup> and earned a score of 1 overall. The High School band attended festival on March 10<sup>th</sup> and received all ones. The First robotics competition of the year took place on March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> at Battle Creek Lakeview High School. Out of 40 teams, Gobles took 2nd. There was a very nice article written about the Gobles STEM program that was published by Western Michigan University Department of Arts and Sciences. The Biology Club will be leaving for the Bahamas on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and will return on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Terry Breen updated the Board of Education that March is the Elementary annual Reading Month. This year's theme is "Score Big with Reading". NWEA testing will be completed next week and results will be used to calculate student growth from fall to winter. The transition that has taken place with Timary Fuller moving from first grade to Title I reading has been very smooth. The long-term substitute in the first grade classroom is doing well with students thanks to the support of Timary and other first grade teachers. We will be hiring an additional part time paraprofessional with the MDE Early Literacy Grand funds. The Office of Field Services notified me that all documents submitted from the audit have met requirements. The only work remaining is completing the Targeted Assistance Plan. The new online conference scheduling system is doing well as 193 out of 271 parents have already utilized this new system. Implementation of the STEM Launch program has been successful.

Mr. Jeff Rehlander reported that the Girls Varsity Basketball season was an exemplar of what extracurricular activities are supposed to be. I would like to introduce Kelly Kuhlmann, our interim communication staff member from KRESA who will be with us for a few weeks until our permanent person relocates from North Carolina. We welcome Kelly. March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup> 6 teachers will be in Indianapolis presenting at the National Project Lead the Way Conference. We had a great Board retreat this past weekend. It was decided that we need to have an additional Board of Education meeting for March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. It was also decided that the April 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting will be pushed back one week due to spring break to April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

1. FACILITY COMMITTEE- Mr. Russ Aspinwall discussed the outcome of the Facility Committee meeting that was held on Monday, February 29, 2016. A second meeting was scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Much progress was made in regards to the sinking fund expenditure plan.
2. FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers discussed the outcome of the Finance/Personnel Committee meeting that was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. A revised 2015-2016 budget was addressed.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS.

1. REVISED 2015-2016 BUDGET- I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, supported by Mr. Eric Shaffer that the Board of Education approve the Amended 2015-2016 Budget as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
  
  2. COPY MACHINE ACQUISITION- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, supported by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers that the Board of Education approve the purchase of two copy machines, one for the Middle School Office/Athletics and the other for the Elementary, in the total dollar amount of \$27,144 from Advanced Imaging. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
  
  3. MDE EARLY LITERACY GRANT PERSONNEL- I, Mr. Russ Aspinwall move, supported by Mr. Eric Shaffer that the Board of Education approve the MDE Early Literacy Grant Personnel recommendation as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
- X. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None.
- XI. FINANCE
1. Check Register
  2. General Fund Budget Summary

I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, that the Board of Education pay February General Fund Board of Education bills in the amount of \$284,599.51 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Russ Aspinwall. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

XII. ADJOURN THE MEETING

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.*

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Paula Sipes, Secretary  
Gobles Board of Education