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GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION VIRTUAL OPEN MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2020

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- I. CALL TO ORDER- Board President, Mr. Chris Hancox, opened the virtual regular scheduled open meeting at 7:00 p.m.

- II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Ben Baxter, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers, Mr. Chris Hancox, Mrs. Melanie Martin, and Mrs. Erin Phillips.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Joe DeYoung and Mr. Kelli Rumery

Staff Members Present: Mr. Jeff Rehlander, Mr. Chris Miller, and Mr. Tommie Saylor Jr.

- III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA- I. Mr. Ben Baxter move, seconded by Mrs. Erin Phillips to approve the agenda as amended adding consent agenda items r,s, and t. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- IV. CONSENT AGENDA- I, Mr. Ben Baxter move to approve the consent agenda as amended adding r, s, and t. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Erin Phillips. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 - a. Acceptance of the Minutes of Regular Board of Education Open Virtual Meeting on June 8, 2020, as presented.
 - b. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Virtual Budget Hearing Meeting on June 22, 2020, as presented.

- c. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Virtual Board of Education Open Meeting on June 22, 2020, as presented.
 - d. Acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Michael Banyas, Elementary Principal.
 - e. Acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Deb Smith, MS Secretary.
 - f. Amendment of the Secondary Secretary Job Description- amending hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a change from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - g. Approval of the hiring of Mrs. Deb Smith as Director of Operations Administrative Assistant.
 - h. Principal Office for the 2020-2021 School Year-The District Office will be designated as the Principal Office.
 - i. Regular Board Meeting Dates for 2020-2021 School Year- With the exception of the April 19, 2021 meeting the Board will hold Regular Board of Education Meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the middle/high school library and that a listing of such meetings will be posted in the Principal Office.
 - j. Depositories for School District Funds for 2020-2021 School Year-The Board authorizes Chemical Bank Shoreline of South Haven, Michigan Liquid Asset Fund, or other licensed financial institutions for school district funds.
 - k. Appointment of School Attorney for 2020-2021 School Year-Thrun Law Firm will be retained as the school district's attorney.
 - l. Authorization to Sign Teacher Contracts for 2020-2021 School Year-The Superintendent will be authorized to sign teacher contracts after Board approval of employment.
 - m. Check Authorization for 2020-2021 School Year-The school district checks have authorized signatures, Jeff Rehlander and Jennifer Chandler, specific to the following categories of accounts: General Fund Transfer, General Fund Checking, Payroll, Capital Projects, Trust & Agency, Hot Lunch, and Athletics, as per past practice.
 - n. Appointment of School Auditor for 2020-2021 School Year-The auditing firm of YEO & YEO will be retained as the school district's auditor.
 - o. Official School Newspaper for 2020-2021 School Year-The *Paw Paw Courier Leader* will be authorized as the official school newspaper.
 - p. Board Members Pay- By-Law 0144.1 provides payment to board members of up to \$10.00 per meeting for a maximum of 52 meetings per year. Board members have willingly chosen to forgo this payment for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - q. Acceptance of the June 2020 General Fund Board of Education bills in the amount of \$125,814.32 as presented.
 - r. Approval of the resignation of Mrs. Sharon Lane, Bus Driver effective July 13, 2020.
 - s. Approval of the hiring of Mrs. Sharon Lane as Secondary Secretary effective July 13, 2020.
 - t. Approval of the resignation of Mr. Hunter Schuur as Elementary Music Teacher, Secondary Choir teacher effective July 13, 2020.
- V. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None.
- VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS- Mr. Jeff Rehlander spoke about the Michigan Virtual School and provided an update.

- VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS- Mr. Chris Hancox spoke on behalf of Mr. Kelli Rumery who wanted to thank the Board of Education allowing for him to be the Board of Education representative for graduation.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS- None.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
1. 2020 GOBLES TIGERS MARCHING BAND CAMPS- I. Mr. Ben Baxter move that the Board of Education approve this proposal as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 2. FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT- I, Mr. Ben Baxter move that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Food Service Supervisor Annual Shared Service Agreement. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 3. FACILITY BID- I, Mr. Ben Baxter move that the Board of Education award the bid amount of \$282,382.00 to Weather Shield. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 4. STATE AIDE NOTE- I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, that the Board of Education adopt a resolution approving the immediate need to borrow the sum of not more than \$1,460,000 to pay current operating expenses for fiscal year 2020-2021. Bid opening will occur at 2:00 p.m. on August 3, 2020 and the lowest, best bid will be accepted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Baxter. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 5. ANNUAL ACTIVITY APPLICATION – I, Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers move, that the Board of Education adopt a resolution as submitted to comply with legislation. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Erin Phillips. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 6. VACATION DAYS ROLLOVER FOR SUPERINTENDENT FROM 2019-2020 TO 2020-2021- I, Mr. Chris Hancox moves, that the Board of Education approve the rolling over of an additional two days, a total of 12 days from the 2019-2020 school year to the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Baxter. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 7. EXTRA DAYS- I, Mr. Ben Baxter move that the Board of Education authorize an additional twenty (20) days and compensation at the per diem rate of the contract for the Secondary Principal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Erin Phillips. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

8. ADMINISTRATIVE VACANCY SOLUTION- I, Mr. Ben Baxter move that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the hiring of Ms. Katherine Markovitch, K-12 Assistant Principal. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Erin Phillips. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mr. Ben Baxter move that the Board of Education approve the K-12 Assistant Principal Job Description as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Dalton-Akers. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mr. Susan Dalton-Akers move that the Board of Education approve the K-12 Dean of Students Job Description as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Baxter. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

I, Mr. Ben Baxter move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Mr. Bill Lisowski as K-12 Dean of Students. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Erin Phillips. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

9. 2020-2021 PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR REOPENING SCHOOL-Mr. Jeff Rehlander presented the 2020-2021 Preparedness Plan for Reopening School and ask the Board of Education to provide administration with directions to facilitate completion of this plan. The Board of Education asked for clarity in regard to Phase 5 and what other Districts would be doing in regard to facial coverings at this phase. Open discussion of the Board showed a 3-2 agreement to proceed with the plan presented with final approval to be voted on at the August 10, 2020 Board of Education meeting.
- X. OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Mrs. Maggie Platt spoke about her concerns about social distancing for the 2020-2021 school year, thanked the Board of Education and Mr. Rehlander for a back to school plan that incorporates the safety and wellbeing of the staff. Mrs. Megan Ivester spoke about the return to school plan and mentioned the size of her room.
- XI. ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Melanie Martin, Secretary
Gobles Board of Education