MINUTES OF THE GIBBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL HEARING
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REGULAR MEETING
Sept 15, 2026
1030 Court Street, Gibbon NE
High School Media Center

Present:

Brian Kroll Mike Bennett
Jodi Bendfeldt Kim Wadkins Brandon Kee

Dr. Vern Fisher, Superintendent
Tina Godfrey, Elementary Principal
Josh Miller, High School Principal

Dr Fisher informed the board of education that there is a clerical error in dates on the agendas for the budget hearing and special hearing. Dates should be for the current fiscal year 2026-2027.

Call to Order

Following the Committee of the Whole, Budget Hearing and Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request, President Kroll led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Bendfeldt, seconded by Bennett to excuse Scott Baker.
Voting for: Wadkins, Kroll, Kee Bennett, Bendfeldt
Motion carried 5-0

Reports

Superintendent Fisher shared with the board, agendas of the School Improvement Team and Operations Team's most recent meetings and also reported on the Rule 10 Safety Audit that recently took place.

Discussion Items

The finance committee met on September 9th to discuss investment options for the district. The committee is recommending as the CD's come due, redeem them and invest those funds into the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund. A resolution with NALF was recommended to be presented to the board in the October meeting. The committee also met prior to the board meeting for routine business.

Discussion was opened up for the budget and policies presented in the committee of the whole. None needed.

Dr Fisher read Operating Principle 8:Team Decision Making.

Patron Participation

None

Moved by Kee, seconded by Wadkins to approve the Consent Agenda Action Items as Presented.
Voting for: Kroll, Bendfeldt, Wadkins, Kee, Bennett.
Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Wadkins seconded by Bendfeldt, to adopt the district's budget for the 2026-2027 school year.
Voting for: Wadkins, Kroll, Bendfeldt, Bennett, Kee
Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Bendfeldt, seconded by Kee to set the property tax request for the 2026-2027 school year.
Voting for: Wadkins, Kroll, Bendfeldt, Bennett, Kee

Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Kee seconded by Wadkins, to certify the Property Tax Resolution for the 2026-2027 school year.
Voting for: Kroll Bendfeldt, Bennett, Kee, Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Bendfeldt to approve policy 3049, Drones.
Voting for : Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Kroll, Bennett, Kee
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Wadkins, seconded by Bennett to approve section 1000 of the policy manual.
Voting for : Kroll, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Bendfeldt, seconded by Kee to approve section 2000 of the policy manual.
Voting for: Kroll, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Wadkins, seconded by Kee to move into closed session for a strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the protection of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law.
Voting for: Wadkins, Bennett, Bendfeldt, Kee, Kroll
Motion carried 5-0

The board moved into closed session at 7:55 p.m.for a strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the protection of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law.

The board returned to open session at 8:24 p.m. following a closed session for a strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the protection of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.