MINUTES OF THE GIBBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2026
1030 Court Street, Gibbon NE
High School Media Center

Present:

Scott Baker	Jodi Bendfeldt	Mike Bennett
Brian Kroll	Kim Wadkins	Brandon Kee

Dr. Vern Fisher Superintendent
Jeff Montgomery, AD/Assistant Principal
Tina Godfrey, Elementary Principal

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Tina Godfrey presented data to the board on demographics and the Civics Bill and Dr Fisher reviewed AQuESTT Classifications for the district and board policies 718.00 and 802.0, updated due to Federal Acquisition Regulations.

Call to Order

Following the committee of the whole, Superintendent Fisher led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a call to order at 7:10 p.m.

2026 Officers

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Bendfeldt to elect Brian Kroll as President of the Board for 2026.
Voting for: Wadkins, Baker, Bendfeldt, Kee, Bennett
Abstain: Kroll
Motion carried 5-0-1

Motion made by Bendfeldt, seconded by Baker to elect Kim Wadkins as Vice President of the Board for 2026.
Voting for: Kroll, Bendfeldt, Baker, Kee, Bennett
Abstain: Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0-1

Motion made by Baker, seconded by Wadkins to elect Mike Bennett as Secretary of the Board for 2026.
Voting for: Bendfeldt, Wadkins, Kroll, Kee, Baker
Abstain: Bennett
Motion carried 5-0-1

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Baker to elect Jodi Bendfeldt as Treasurer of the Board for 2026.
Voting for: Kroll, Wadkins, Baker, Bennett, Kee
Abstain: Bendfeldt
Motion carried 5-0-1

Tina Godfrey presented the Board of Education cards from the staff thanking the board for their support, especially during School Board Appreciation Month.

Reports

Dr Fisher reshared the Mission and Vision Statements for the District.

Celebrations included recipients from NCPS/NSAA Academic All state from the fall season.

FBLA completed their busiest community service projects including a blood drive, Goodfellow's gift wrapping and delivery and the Feed Nebraska Initiative.

One Act Play had a successful season and finished the season placing 5th in the District competition.

Gibbon Boys Wrestling are celebrating Jose Ramirez-Aguilar getting his 100th career win as well as celebrating success early in the season.

Abby Jones is the recipient of of the highly competitive Promising STEM Innovation Grant in the amount of $1,000.00

We have new student teachers in the district for the second semester and Hope Huerta wanted to thank the district for having her at GPS!

Dr Fisher recapped the Program Review Committee and shared information on progress and updated the board on the next meeting on Jan 21st.

AD Jeff Montgomery, gave an update on soccer to include equipment, uniforms, warmups, field information as well as scheduling for the spring season. All coaching positions are filled as well as one volunteer coach. The board thanked Jeff for all of his work to make this inaugural season a successful one for the student athletes.

The Superintendent Evaluation is scheduled for the February board meeting, board members were reminded of the template located in the board folder to be completed.

Discussion Items

According to Policy 203.01, the board will appoint the District's Non-Compliance Coordinator for 2026.

Meetings for Board Meetings were communicated and set. The next meeting will be Friday, February 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Operating Principle 9: Team Planning, Goal-Setting and Accountability was read by Superintendent Fisher.

Board Policy 718.00 and 802.07 previously presented during the committee of the whole was opened for discussion, none needed.

A letter of engagement was updated from KSB law firm to include AI and updated per hour costs.

The administration is recommending the purchase of a 2024 Ford Expedition Max following the sale of the school bus and Pontiac Grand Prix.

Patron Participation

None

Consent Agenda

Moved by Wadkins, seconded by Kee to approve the Consent Agenda Action Items as Presented.
Voting for: Baker, Kroll, Bendfeldt, Wadkins, Kee, Bennett
Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Baker, seconded by Bendfeldt, to approve Jeff Montgomery as the District Non-Discrimination Compliance Officer for 2026.
Voting for: Kee, Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Baker, Kroll, Bennett
Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Bendfeldt, seconded Baker to approve policies 718.00 and 802.07.
Voting for: Wadkins, Baker, Bendfeldt, Kroll, Kee, Bennett
Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Baker to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford Expedition Max.
Voting for: Kee, Wadkins, Bennett, Baker, Kroll, Bendfeldt

Motion carried 6-0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m..