

MINUTES OF THE GIBBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2026
1030 Court Street, Gibbon NE
High School Media Center

Present:

Scott Baker
Brian Kroll

Mike Bennett
Kim Wadkins

Jodi Bendfeldt
Brandon Kee

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

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During the Committee of the Whole an update on school improvement efforts through the work of our instructional coach, introduce KSB School Law's Board Policy Service, and recommend using KSB handbooks that are aligned to their policy service.

Call to Order

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Kroll called the meeting to order at 8:39 p.m..

Reports

Many celebrations were shared with the Board of Education including LouPlatte Basketball post season honors, a news article featuring Gibbon FFA, Science Olympiad accolades, Ivy Noller state speech qualifier, NSAA State Journalism qualifiers in the program's first year, LouPlatte All Academic Team, NPCA Academic All-State winners ,scholarship recipient updates, a thank you from a student teacher and girls basketball elementary camp shout outs.

Dr Fisher shared information on the district's recent ESSA Monitoring visit, upcoming Rule 10 compliance visit and information from committee meetings held within the last month. Fisher also shared his summer schedule including vacation, a leadership summit and football camps.

A program review update was given to the board. Main topics included communication, absences, the activities handbook and summer weight program.

Superintendent Fisher reshared with the board, new Iteration of AQuESTT State Classification System in the school improvement report as well as team meeting agendas from the last month.

Discussion Items

The 2026-2027 calendar was presented to the Board of Education. Changes include parent teacher conference dates and beginning of the year professional development.

A contract for Rebecca Hoobler was recommended for the SPED/Early Childhood position.

Dress code was discussed in regards to LB 79-2, our current policy 504.06 and the new KSB Policy 5031. Information was also shared on a family meeting with the secondary staff on March 30, 2026.

Twenty seven policies, first reviewed in the committee of the whole were opened again for discussion, none.

Operating Principle III: Human Resource Development, was read by Superintendent Fisher.

Patron Participation

Two patrons addressed the board on the current language in the dress code policy and appreciated the board of education to be willing to look at the current guidelines and consistency, specifically to the fingertip language with shorts found in current policy. Two patrons also had questions on the part time enrollment policy 5003, in regards to accreditation with exempt school students.

Consent Agenda

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

Moved by Wadkins, seconded by Bendfeldt, to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar.
Voting for: Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee
Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Bendfeldt, seconded by Kee to approve a contract for Rebecca Hoobler.
Voting for: Bendfeldt, Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee
Abstain: Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0-1

Motion made by Wadkins, seconded by Bennett, to approve policies 2002 and 2008.
Voting for: Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Baker, seconded by Wadkins to approve policies 3002, 3004, 3008, 3012, 3014, 3016, 3023, 3024, 3025, 3026, 3028, 3030, 3032, 3036, 3037, 3039, 3040, 3042, 3043, 3046, 3054 and 3057.
Voting for: Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Wadkins, seconded by Kee to approve policy 5003.
Voting for: Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins.
Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Bennett to approve policy 1003.
Voting for: Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Baker, seconded by Kee, to move into closed session 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, Kee, Kroll, Bennett, Baker, Bendfeldt
Motion carried 6-0

The board moved into closed session at 9:34 p.m.. 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 10:08 p.m. following a closed session, 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.

Motion made by Baker, seconded by Wadkins to accept the resignation of Chelsea Jakub, EL teacher, pending the administration's ability to find a suitable replacement.
Voting for: Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee
Motion carried: 6-0

Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 p.m.