

MINUTES OF THE GIBBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2025 7:00 pm
1030 Court Street, Gibbon NE
High School Media Center

Present:

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

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

Call to Order

President Kroll called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm following the Pledge of Allegiance, verified the notification of publication and that Board members received a copy of the previous Month's minutes and the agenda prior to this meeting.

Celebrations

Dr Fisher shared celebrations including Junior High Volleyball success, Mock Trial individual and team awards, students in Journalism and FBLA.

Several students also attended Kearney Career Exploration Day and a former student was recognized for his post graduation experience.

Grant Hardin, with AMGL presented the Board of Education with the annual audit findings and information on the financial status of the district for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Highlights include General Fund revenues were \$1,477,476 more than expenses, operational costs saw a 2.6 percent decrease from the prior year and our ADM increased by six students.

The 2025-2026 Prior Year correction for State Aid was released by NDE showing a decrease for the district of \$10,230.

The finance committee met prior to the board meeting for routine matters and the facilities committee held a meeting in October, in which approved the purchase of a new school bus and a used charter bus. Designs for a wrap for the charter bus were shown to the board and the suggested design will be sent to the company for approval.

Two older buses in the current fleet were suggested by administration to be sold. The net option number was presented to the board of -18 and a memorandum of understanding between the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and the school district for D.A.R.E. and an SRO was presented for approval.

Superintendent Fisher, shared several examples of School Spirit and School Pride within the first quarter of the school year highlighting the Journalism Department with the Buffalo Bulletin. Fisher shared the Big Event, a celebration highlighting the successes of all areas during the first quarter, and also highlighted partnerships the district has. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm.

Discussion Items

Dr Fisher showed visuals of the district's Mission and Vision statements and reminded the Board of Education of the provision of his contract pertaining to Section 2.

Superintendent Fisher shared information on Athletics/Activities Program Review and briefly discussed an option for participation as a graduation requirement. It was suggested that the board hold a retreat to discuss further on this topic.

Head coaches have been named for the girls and boys soccer program as well as the assistant coach for the boys team. A girls assistant coach is currently being sought and scheduling for

the spring season has already begun.

In October, a proposal was made to move to 8-man football. Following that meeting, a meeting was scheduled for input from stakeholders of the district. Dr Fisher presented the board with information following that meeting held on October 29th. Information shared include participants, feedback, questions and the structure of the meeting.

Information from Coach Yockey on post season player exit interviews were shared with the Board. Dr Fisher additionally shared the classification information of conference teams and teams we have played in the past in regards to travel and classification changes. It was recommended by administration, that the distinct move to 8-man football.

Dr Fisher shared the past five years of financial resources allocated to athletics and activities and read Operating Principle 7: Meeting Format.

Patron Participation Two patrons addressed the board in regards to football. Questions included coaching responsibilities and volunteer opportunities in the future and being engaged with the program going forward.

Consent Agenda Moved by Bendfeldt and 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 Wadkins and seconded by Kee to accept the FY 2024-2025 Audit as presented by Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth.

Voting for: Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Kroll, Kee, Baker, Bennett
Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Baker, seconded by Bennett, to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and Gibbon Public Schools.

Voting for: Baker, Kee, Kroll, Wadkins, Bennett, Bendfeldt
Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Baker, seconded by Kee to approve the administration's recommendation to sell two school buses.

Voting for: Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee
Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Baker, seconded by Wadkins to approve the administration's recommendation of moving to 8-man football.

Voting for: Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 6-0

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

The board moved into closed session at 8:29 pm 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.

Closed session ended at 9:13 pm

The board returned to open session following a closed session held 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 9:15 pm