Gibbon Public Schools
Board of Education

"Together We Thrive!"

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on the 10th day of March, 2026 in the Gibbon High School Media Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following is the agenda for the meeting.

AGENDA

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order
B. Opening Meetings Act
C. Verification of Publication and Notification
D. Roll Call
E. Excuse Board Member's Absence

III. Correspondence

IV. Mission and Vision Statements

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Mission Statement: WE empower students to think critically, act with integrity, and achieve at high levels of performance.

Vision Statement: GIBBON PRIDE

P - Purpose
R - Respect
I - Integrity
D - Diversity
E - Excellence

V. Reports

A. Celebrations

Cheerleading

When the cheerleaders competed at the State Cheer Competition on February 20th they earned 6th place — an incredible accomplishment! Not only that, but they received the second highest overall score in our school's history! The following cheerleaders competed: Kacie Jarmin, Sahara Vasquez, Piper

Gonzalez, Milli Reyes, Landi Weldon, Andrea Montanez, Aubrey Slone, Maritza Mozqueda, Cove Fries and Norah Slone.

FFA

“Gibbon FFA Looks Ahead to Third State FFA Convention.

https://agupdate.com/midwestmessenger/news/farm_youth/article_b9ef3d89-13af-4414-8715-f0070c6affc0.html

Gibbon FFA had a HUGE day at District CDEs!

The growth in this chapter continues to show up in big ways. I am so proud of the work these members put in behind the scenes.

Ag Biotechnology
2nd Place Team & State Qualifier
Andrea Montanez – 9th Overall
Natalie Bendfeldt – 10th Overall
Cove Fries
Landi Weldon

Overview of the contest:
Students perform lab-based agricultural science skills such as micro pipetting, DNA concepts, gel electrophoresis interpretation, and lab safety. They analyze real agricultural biotechnology scenarios and apply scientific reasoning to solve problems related to genetics, animal health, and crop production.

Natural Resources
6th Place Team & State Qualifier
Chase Herter, Keaton Heikkinen, Trace Smith, Riley Bergstrom

Contest overview:
Students evaluate environmental conditions and land use. This includes soil analysis, water quality testing, wildlife habitat identification, forestry measurements, conservation practices, and management recommendations. The contest focuses on sustainable use of land and protecting natural resources.

Welding
14th Place Team
Hunter Grey – 5th Overall + Blue Ribbon in TIG Welding
Evynn Phillips-Abiles – 10th in Stick Welding
Chase Herter – 11th in Stick Welding
Other welders that competed: Agustin Montanez, Brayllan Martinez, Trace Smith, Giovanny Hernandez, Jose Ramirez Aguilar

Contest Overview:
Students demonstrate technical welding skills used in agricultural careers. They complete hands-on welds (such as TIG and Stick welding), identify weld quality, read blueprints, follow safety procedures, and apply metal fabrication knowledge used in equipment repair and manufacturing.

Agriscience
18th place as a Junior High Member- Nora Fries
Chloe Frerichs
Adison Benker
Karter Bendfeldt

Contest Overview:
Students apply the scientific method to agriculture. They analyze data, interpret research scenarios, understand experimental design, and solve real agricultural problems related to plants, animals, food systems, and environmental science.

Food Science
18th place Individual- Cove Fries
Natalie Bendfeldt
Keaton Heikkinen
Wyatt DeBrie
Giovanny Hernandez
Landi Weldon
Bryan Vargas
Kaden Binkey

Contest Overview:
Students evaluate food products using sensory analysis, food safety knowledge, and ingredient functionality. They identify aromas, judge product quality, solve processing problems, and understand how food is preserved, produced, and kept safe for consumers.

Livestock Management
14th place team
Silas Lester
McKenzie Clevenger
Kenzie Ackley
Braxton Leonard
Jacob Burns
Bailey Weldon

Contest Overview:
Students make production decisions for a simulated livestock operation. They balance feed rations, evaluate animal health and performance records, manage facilities, and make economic decisions related to profitability and animal welfare.

So proud of how these members represent Gibbon, our school, and Nebraska agriculture every single time they compete. #GibbonPride

Girls Wrestling

Ila Jurgens earned Gibbon's first ever Girls State Wrestling medal coming in 4th place.

Girls Basketball

The Gibbon Girls Basketball athletes were more than just a team—they were outstanding representatives for Gibbon Public Schools! They played with heart, strategy, unbreakable purpose, and relentless perseverance in every single game.

Standout Individual Achievements

- Karsyn Grimes dominated the paint, ranking **#4 in Class C** (and **#14 across the entire state**) with an incredible **2.5 blocks per game**!
- Cove Fries was right there with her, ranking **#11 in Class C** at **1.4 blocks per game**!
- Emma Clark lit up the court with vision and playmaking, ranking **#13 in Class C** with **3.5 assists per game**!
- Emma also earned a double double against Hi-Line **scoring 10 points and having 10 assists**.

School Record Board

Karsyn blocked **7 shots in a single game**, topping Carla Murillo's previous mark of 6!

- She also set a new single-season record with **58 blocks**, surpassing Brooke Sell's 47!

Claire Clark added her name to the record board—draining **8 three-pointers in one game**, breaking Jade Bentley's previous record of 6!

Off-season Dedication -

3,000 Made Shots Club: Karsyn Grimes, Maria Zaldana, McKenzie Clevenger!

5,000 Shot Club: Cove Fries, Brynn Baxter, Nora Fries, Izzy Thyne, Brianna Gomez!

10,000 Made Shots Club: Emma Clark and Claire Clark!

End of season GBB highlights -

End-of-Season Individual State Standings
#14 in the STATE (#4 in C2) - 2.5 blocks per game- Karsyn Grimes
#13 in C2 Assists - 3.5 per game- Emma Clark
#11 in C2 Blocks - 1.4 blocks per game- Cove Fries

School Records
Blocks in one game - Karsyn Grimes (7) was Carla Murillo (23-24) = 6
Single Season Blocks - Karsyn Grimes (58) was Brooke Sell (24-25) = 47

Single game 3s - Claire Clarke (8) was Jade Bentley (19-20) = 6

STEM

We have the following HAL "STEMfest" projects completed or nearly completed in Mrs. Brown's WIN class. All of these students chose to do community service projects.

"Bake Out Cancer"- A fundraiser by Lillian Stoltzfus, Delilah Jarmin, Addison Delong, Sophia Hoffmeister, and Chloe Williams which conducted 3 bake sales to purchase gas cards for cancer patients so that they can go to treatment.

"Hit, Dodge, Fun", a fundraiser by Jaxton Swarm, Blake Herter, Jordan Clevenger, and Bentley Samuelson which raised funds by collecting change from the elementary classes and taking advantage of grant funds to purchase a GAGA ball pit for the playground.

"Bingo for Bucks", a fundraiser by Owen Piper, Luke Clevenger, and Eli Gartner which hosted a "bingo night" to raise funds to purchase cleaning supplies for Crossroads Homeless Shelter in Kearney.

"Trash to Treasure", a fundraiser by Emerie Gartner, Landry Ureste, and Brynlee Lambert which is starting a paper recycling program for our school. The paper will be collected by the classes put in a central location and collected every other Saturday by the City of Gibbon's regular recycling collection.

FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Week at Gibbon High School was celebrated February 9-13, 2026 with activities recognizing educators, engaging students, and highlighting the chapter's impact. Events included a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, a mayoral proclamation, student leadership participation in the National FBLA Week President's Forum, business attire dress-up day, and member recognition activities—demonstrating FBLA's continued commitment to the FBLA motto: **progress** (leadership development), **education** (academic excellence), and **service** (community involvement)

B. School Improvement

1. School Improvement Team Agenda - February 18, 2026
2. Thundering Herd Meeting - February 25, 2026
3. AQuESTT State Classification System
4. Commitment Statements

C. Building Reports

1. Elementary Report

2. Secondary Report

D. Program Review Update

1. Program Review Committee - February 25, 2026

2. Coaches/Sponsors Meeting - March 3, 2026

3. Leadership Council

E. Policy Services

1. Nebraska School Board Association

2. KSB

F. Advertisement

1. Agenda - February 19, 2026

VI. Discussion Items

A. School Lunch Program

B. Operating Principle II: Team Focus

Leadership Team Members Pledge to:

- Promote open and honest communication of all board members and administrators with the ultimate goal of speaking with one voice.
- Demonstrate respect and dignity to all team members and other stakeholders, at all times, who come forward with ideas and suggestions and wish to be heard.
- Ensure that all personnel and programs are continuously evaluated in terms of their success for students.

VII. Patron Participation

VIII. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. The Board of Education will discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the consent agenda as presented by the administration.

a) Minutes - February 13, 2026
b) General Fund
c) Payroll Claims
d) Lunch Fund Claims

e) Activity Account
f) Depreciation Account
g) Transfer of Funds

IX. Request for Closed Session

A. Negotiations/Collective Bargaining

1. That the Board of Education will hold 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 prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law.

a) Rationale: The Gibbon Public Schools Board of Education is authorized by state statute to hold closed sessions. Closed sessions may be held when clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Reasons that meet this standard include but are not limited to: (a) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate matters, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; (b) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; and (e) legal advice.

X. Reconvene from Closed Session

XI. Approval of any action deemed necessary as a result of Closed Session

XII. Adjourn

- **The Board of Education reserves the right to move into closed session at any time during the meeting to protect the public interest and/or prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. This is allowed through LB – 1410(1).**
- **All "Discussion Items" and "Closed Session" items may be subject to action.**
- **The Gibbon School Board of Education reserves the right to move agenda items within the agenda. Please attend the entire meeting to ensure you are present for discussion on any item placed on the agenda.**