MINUTES OF THE GIBBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2026
1030 Court Street, Gibbon NE
High School Media Center

Present:

Scott Baker, Mike Bennett, Jodi Bendfeldt, Kim Wadkins, Brandon Kee

Dr. Vern Fisher, Superintendent
Josh Miller, Secondary Principal
Jeff Montgomery, Assistant HS Principal/AD

COW

The Committee of the Whole included presentation of policies from KSB School Law, federal and state mandates and reviewing revisions to the student, staff and activities handbook. Also information on the NDE mandated multicultural report was given during the COW.

Call to Order

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice President Wadkins called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Kee to excuse Brian Kroll.
Voting for: Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Baker, Bennett, Kee
Motion carried 5-0

Reports

Ivan Tamayo and Riley Bergstrom represented the Buffaloes at the Nebraska State Track Meet. Ivan and Adan Tamayo were selected to the Hastings Football Camp MVP Team. Pathways to Success ended the year with over $750,000 awarded in scholarship and grant offers. Seven graduating seniors were the recipients of the Susan Thompson Buffett scholarship. Four students were inducted into the Gibbon Chapter of National Honor Society.

Leon Stall presented the board with information on the C4K Grant that the city has received. This grant initiative is a partnership to support, connect and advocate for the well-being of children and families in the Gibbon area.

Preparation for the 2026-2027 budget has begun and will continue through the summer months. The Buffalo County Freeholders Board gave notice to the district, voting to deny moving the petition forward to a formal hearing.

Bound will be implemented in the district for all athletic and activity events, ticketing and cashless availability for ticketing and concessions.

An update on advertisement, including the livestreaming on HUDL for athletics starting in the fall of 2026 and the continuation of STRIV for non athletic events. Next steps include inviting businesses into the building to partner for advertising with the district.

Discussion Items

A discussion for lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year was held. The district will be facing a monthly shortfall due to the reimbursement rate and price charged by the district vs the price OPAA charges per meal.

Operating Principle V: Open Communication, was read by Superintendent Fisher.

Handbooks were once again presented for discussion as well as a slew of board policies presented during the Committee of the Whole.

Patron Participation

None in attendance

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

Moved by Kee seconded by Bendfeldt, to approve the 2026-27 Staff Handbook.
Voting for: Wadkins, Baker, Bendfeldt, Bennett, Kee
Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Baker, seconded by Bennett to approve the 2026-27 Activities Handbook.
Voting for: Wadkins, Baker, Bendfeldt, Bennett, Kee
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Bendfeldt, seconded by Kee, to approve the 2026-27 Student Handbook.
Voting for: Baker, Bendfeldt, Bennett, Kee, Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Baker to approve the 2026-27 Preschool Handbook.
Voting for: Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Bendfeldt, seconded by Bennett to approve policy 2008.
Voting for: Baker, Bendfeldt, Bennett, Kee, Wadkins.
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Kee seconded by Baker, to approve policies 3003, 3003.1, 3048 and 3061.
Voting for: Wadkins, Kee, Bendfeldt, Bennett, Baker
Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Bendfeldt, seconded by Bennett to approve policies 4017, 4019, 4056 and 4065.
Voting for: Baker, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Bendfeldt, seconded by Kee to approve policies 5001, 5003, 5004, 5035 and 5048.
Voting for: Baker, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Baker, seconded by Bennett to approve policies 6009, 6039 and 6046.
Voting for: Bennett, Baker, Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Kee
Motion carried 5-0

Motion made by Baker, seconded by Kee to approve the 2026-27 meal prices of elementary lunch $4.00, high school lunch $4.50 and adult lunch $5.50.
Voting for: Bendfeldt, Kee, Baker, Bennett
Voting against: Wadkins
Motion carried 4-1

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.