

**Gibbon Public Schools
Board of Education**

"Together WE Thrive!"



The Mission of Gibbon Public Schools is to empower students to think critically, act with integrity, and achieve at high levels of performance.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on the 14th day of April, 2026 in the Gibbon High School Media Center. The regular board meeting will begin immediately after the conclusion of the Committee of The Whole Meeting. 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. Reports

A. Celebrations

LouPlatte Basketball

Congratulations to the following Buffaloes for earning All-Conference Honorable Mention: Claire Clark, Emma Clark & Keaton Heikkinen. Go Buffs!!

FFA

I wanted to share, here is an article UNL wrote about us as well as some other ag education programs!

<https://news.unl.edu/article/nebraska-ffa-celebrates-series-of-landmark-achievements>

Science Olympiad

The Gibbon Buffaloes Science Olympiad Team competed in the ESU 10 Regional Tournament held at UNK in Kearney on March 17th. The Gibbon team consisted of 29 students from 5th to 9th grades. Individual medals were awarded

in the following events: Circuit Lab (6th), Entomology (3rd), Meteorology (2nd), Potions and Poisons (3rd), Scrambler (2nd), Solar System (4th), and Water Quality (5th).

The team was also awarded a 2nd place trophy overall. Members include: Jaxton Swarm, Jordan Clevenger, Chloe Williams, Delilah Jarmin, Lillian Stolfus, Eli Gartner, Sebastian Rodriguez, Kasey Ackley, George Hoffmeister, Benson Groesser, Hazyl Johnson, Kenzie Ackley, Landry Ureste, Emerie Gartner, Piper Reid, Olivia Piper, Caden Jones, Chloe Frerichs, Liam Jurgens, Isabella Almazan, Jaelynn Jaeschke, Brynlee Lambert, Julia Kluever, Landon Isackson, Andrew Contreras, Caleb Isackson, Graeson Swarm, and Matthew Zesulak.

Speech

Speech had 1 state qualifier in Extemporaneous speaking and 2 other district medalist. 5th place finish in Informative and a 6th place finish in Oral Interpretation of Drama.

NSAA State Journalism Qualifiers

Congratulations to our NSAA state journalism qualifiers.

Dulce Ramirez--Column Writing
Scarlett Bragg--Editorial Cartoon
Ivy Noller--Entertainment Writing
Madelynn Ruskamp--Headline Writing
Alex Porter--Action Photography
Reuben Reyes--Action Photography
Reuben Reyes--Broadcast Feature Story
Homecoming In-Depth team - Caleb Isackson, Abbie Miller, Andrea Montanez,
Reuben Reyes, Bayla Rodriguez. and Ximena Urbina
Abbie Miller - Editorial Writing

State Journalism is Monday, April 27 in Norfolk. Each of these students is in the top 8 statewide and are guaranteed to bring home hardware!

LouPlatte All-Academic Team

Team members are seniors, participate in an LPC activity and maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA

Hunter Gray, Jaqueline Ramirez, Keaton Heikkinen, Natalie Contreras

NPCA Academic All-State for a winter sport or activity

Congratulations to the following Buffaloes who have been awarded NPCA Academic All State for a winter sport or activity,

Boys Wrestling - Rodolfo Corona, Darian Hernandez
Girls Wrestling - Ila Jurgens, Ximena Castillo
Girls Basketball - Brynn Baxter, Cove Fries

Boys Basketball - Wyatt DeBrie, Keaton Heikkinen
Speech - Kenzie Ackley, Ivy Noller

Pathways to Success Scholarship Update

Senior, Joctan Romero was selected for the \$2,000 Dawson Public Power District Pathways to Power Scholarship.

Senior, Reuben Reyes was selected as a recipient of the D.J.'s Hero scholarship (\$12,000). Reyes was nominated by Mrs. Abby Jones and will be formally recognized at a luncheon in Omaha on April 28. Approximately 16 students across the state of Nebraska are selected as recipients for the scholarship.

Seniors, Hunter Gray, Jesus Rocha, and Jeanmarco Solares were all selected as recipients of the Walter Scott Jr. Pathways scholarship. They each were selected as finalists and had to interview prior to their selection. This scholarship is a full ride to Central Community College, Hastings campus.

Hope Huerta

My last day here at GPS is May 4th! I have greatly enjoyed my student teaching experience here and I will miss all of the amazing people I have met! Thank you for having me in your school!

Girls Basketball

We had 17 girls in grades K–2 attend our five-day basketball camp, which was hosted after school. We're excited to welcome 24 girls to our 3rd–5th grade skills camp next week. Our junior high and high school teams will continue their skill development in June.

The K–2 camp had a great turnout. With many of our high school players involved in spring sports, our older elementary students stepped up. It has been especially rewarding to see many of our current 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls take on leadership roles by helping mentor our younger athletes alongside our program's coaches at the camp.

B. NDE Monitoring Visits

1. ESSA Monitoring Visit
2. Rule 10 Compliance Visit

C. Board Committees

1. Facilities - March 30, 2026
2. Finance - April 14, 2026

D. Dr. Fisher Schedule

1. Dates - Vacation
2. The Humanex Community and Leadership Summit
3. Summer Camps (Football)

E. Program Review Update

1. Coaches/Sponsors Meeting
2. Communication
3. Parent-Student Meeting
4. Absences
5. Activities Handbook
6. Weight Program

F. School Improvement

1. Academic Achievement Team Meeting - March 17, 2026
2. New Iteration of AQuESTT State Classification System
3. FAMILY Meeting - March, 2026

V. Discussion Items

A. 2026-27 School Calendar

B. Personnel

1. Offer a Contract
 - a) Rebecca Hoobler - SPED/Early Childhood
2. Resignation
 - a) Chelsea Jakub - EL

C. Dress Code

1. LB 79-2
2. NDE Model Policy
3. Gibbon Public Schools Policy, 504.06 - Dress Code and Grooming

4. KSB Policy, 5031 - Student Appearance
5. Secondary FAMILY Meeting - March 30, 2026

D. KSB Policy

1. 1003 Mission Statement
2. 2002 Organization of The Board
3. 2008 Meetings
4. 3002 Deposits
5. 3004 General Purchasing and Procurement
6. 3008 Gifts, Grants and Bequests
7. 3012 School Meal Program
8. 3014 Use of School Property
9. 3016 Smoking
10. 3023 Electronic Records Management
11. 3024 Booster Clubs and Parent-Teacher Organizations (Option 1)
12. 3024 Booster Clubs and Parent-Teacher Organizations (Option 2)
13. 3025 Returned and Outstanding Checks
14. 3026 Handbooks
15. 3028 Sex Offenders
16. 3030 Automatic External Defibrillator Program
17. 3032 Copying Fees for School District Records
18. 3036 Purchasing (Credit) Card Program
19. 3037 Petty Cash
20. 3039 Threat Assessment and Response
21. 3040 School Safety and Security
22. 3042 Construction Management at Risk Contracts
23. 3043 Design-Build Contracts
24. 3046 Animals at School
25. 3052 Leasing Personal Property
26. 3054 Law Enforcement Unit
27. 3057 Title IX
28. 5003 Part-Time Students

E. Operating Principle III: Human Resource Development

Leadership Members Pledge to:

- Participate in at least one retreat annually to review district operations and to engage in visionary planning.
- Stay current with educational issues via professional readings, attendance at regional, state or national activities or through attendance at professional seminars.
- Participate in activities to enhance knowledge of best practices in education.

- Commit time and resources for professional development of the leadership team.

VI. Patron Participation

VII. 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 - Regular Board Meeting. March 10, 2026
 - b) General Fund
 - c) Payroll Claims
 - d) Lunch Fund Claims
 - e) Activity Account
 - f) Depreciation Account
 - g) Transfer of Funds

B. 2026-27 School Calendar

1. The board of education will discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the 2026-27 school calendar.

C. Personnel

1. Offer Contract
 - a) The board of education will discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve a contract for Rebecca Hoobler, SPED/Early Childhood Teacher
2. Resignation
 - a) The board of education will discuss, consider and take all necessary action to accept the resignation of Chelsea Jakub, EL teacher.

D. Policy

1. The board of education will discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve policy 1003.
2. The board of education will discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve policies 2002 and 2008.
3. The board of education will discuss consider and take all necessary action to approve policies 3002, 3004, 3008, 3012, 3014, 3016, 3023, 3024, 3025, 3026, 3028, 3030, 3032, 3036, 3037, 3039, 3040, 3042, 3043, 3046, 3052, 3054, and 3057.

4. The board of education will discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve policy 5003.

VIII. Request for Closed Session

A. Personnel

1. The board of education may move into closed session 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 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.

IX. Reconvene from Closed Session

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

XI. 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.