MINUTES OF THE GIBBON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2026
1030 Court Street, Gibbon NE
High School Media Center

Present:

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

Dr. Vern Fisher Superintendent

Call to Order — Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Kroll called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Reports — Dr Fisher reshared the Mission and Vision Statements for the District.

Celebrations included accolades from Boys Wrestling including the 5th place finish for the team at the Nebraska State Dual Championships and Ila Jurgens qualifying for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament. The Gibbon Cheer team will be the recipient of the Team Academic Excellence Award at State Cheer.

The speech team under the direction of Helen Bender is growing and learning and the girls and boys soccer teams are preparing for their inaugural season with 18 boys and 15 girls respectively.

The girls basketball team and individually Coach Miller shared Cove Fries and Claire Clark's success on the court.

Ivy Noller has qualified for the Certiport U.S. National Microsoft Office Specialist Championship In Power Point 2016 after earning first place in Nebraska.

Logan Hellerich shared the conference honor band recipients-Erika Rivera, Korbyn Smallcomb, Treigh McShan, Darian Hernandez and Valeria Simental.

Dr Fisher updated the board on the soccer schedule and the 2026-2028 Football Schedules. The Athletic/Activities Program Review committee is set to meet on Wednesday Feb 18th, Superintendent Fisher shared the outline for that meeting as well.

The Budget Development Process for the 2026-2027 School Year has begun. The district received apportionment for the 2025-2026 school year and continues to receive information on Proposed models for state aid and TEEOSA for 2026-2027. The district continues to be one of lowest in formula student calculations in the area. The recommendation to renew the Line of Credit at Exchange Bank was presented to the board, the line of credit rate is 5.20%.

Dr Fisher shared the School Improvement Agenda from January 28th and communicated expectations around email signatures and social media posts by the district relating to branding.

Discussion Items — A discussion was held about advertising with ScoreVision and Striv and what parameters and policies need to be in place going forward with these programs. A committee has been formed to explore opportunities and develop the advertising program for the district. Examples from other districts were also presented to the Board of Education.

Operating Principle 1: Educational Advocacy was read by Superintendent Fisher.

The annual contract review with ESU 10 was presented to the board, with data supporting the contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Letters of Intent have been given to all certificated staff and are due by noon on March 16th, 2026.

Breanna Rose has submitted her resignation to the district.

The Superintendent Evaluation, completed through communication with board president Kroll and Dr Fisher. Information presented was complimentive to Dr Fisher from the board.

The GEA Negotiations team and the Board Negotiations team have reached an agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

Patron Participation — None

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

Moved by Wadkins, seconded by Kee, to renew a request to secure a line of credit for up to two million dollars at an interest rate of 5.20%.
Voting for: Kee, Wadkins, Bendfeldt, Baker, Kroll, Bennett
Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Bendfeldt, seconded Bennett to approve the contract with ESU 10 for services in special education.
Voting for: Wadkins, Baker, Bendfeldt, Kroll, Kee, Bennett
Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Baker, seconded by Wadkins to accept the resignation of Breanna Rose, SPED Early Childhood Teacher.
Voting for: Kee, Wadkins, Bennett, Baker, Kroll, Bendfeldt
Motion carried 6-0

Moved by Kee, seconded by Bennett, to appoint Nebraska Central Equipment the designation of vehicle mechanic to conduct annual bus inspections with revisions of contract to reflect the opinion of the board.
Voting for: Baker, Kroll, Bennett, Kee, Bendfeldt, Wadkins
Motion carried 6-0

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

The board moved into closed session at 10:25 a.m. for a strategy 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.

The board returned to open session at 10:56 a.m. following 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 protection of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law.

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Baker, to approve an agreement with the Gibbon Educational Association for the 2026-2027 school year.
Voting for: Kee, Kroll, Wadkins, Baker, Bendfeldt, Bennett
Motion carried 6-0

Meeting Adjourned at 10:57 a.m.