

Special Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 1:00 PM

Gering High School - Library
1500 U Street
Gering, NE 69341



Minutes

1. GPS Board of Education Information

Absent: Josh Lacy, **Present:** Bryan Barrett, Matt Kautz, John Maser, Greg Trautman, Tracy Wiese.

2. Opening Procedures

2.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Greg Trautman, at 1:01 p.m.

2.2. Roll Call

2.3. Open Meetings Act

3. Conduct interviews with interim superintendent candidates.

The board first interviewed Dr. Kory Knight, then interviewed Mr. Michael Apple.

4. Discuss and consider results of superintendent interviews.

Shari Becker led the board in their discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate. She then read aloud the strengths and weaknesses from the admin group and tour team.

5. Enter into Executive Session for the sole purpose of discussing personnel matters to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual if deemed necessary.

There was not a motion to go into Executive Session.

6. Reconvene from the Executive Session.

7. Any action deemed necessary as a result of the Executive Session discussion.

No action was necessary.

8. Action Items

8.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to authorize board president to negotiate with superintendent candidate.

The board also made a motion that, if necessary, they would authorize the board president to negotiate with superintendent candidate, Michael Apple. Motion was made by Tracy Wiese, seconded by John Maser. After voting, the motion passed.

9. Conduct a strategy session regarding contract negotiations and to provide the board president with negotiating guidance.

Shari Becker went through the contract with the board.

10. Enter into Executive Session for the sole purpose of discussing personnel matters to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual if deemed necessary.

The board moved into Executive Session at 4:54 p.m. The board reconvened from Executive Session at 5:10 p.m.

11. Public Comment: Policy 204.12

Francine Corona and Jennifer Moreno addressed the board.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.