

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2017

The Greene County School Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on August 16, 2017 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. Vice President Mark Peters called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Directors Mike Dennhardt, Steve Fisher, Teresa Hagen, Sam Harding, John McConnell; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. President David Ohrt was absent.

Hagen made and Harding seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

At 5:16 p.m. Dennhardt made and McConnell seconded a motion to go into closed session as provided in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 5:58 p.m.

During Open Forum, Tori Riley from Greene County News Online, announced a school board candidates' forum will be held August 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.

Motion was made by Hagen, seconded by Harding to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Consent items were: Minutes – July 19, 2017 regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – July 2017; Resignations: Doug Whipple – Middle School Football, Assistant Varsity Baseball; Hirings: Amanda Huff – Fourth Grade Teacher, Kristi Berg – Temporary High School Science Teacher (2 trimesters), Jeff Lamoureux – Cross Country Coach, Heath Telleen – Assistant Middle School Football Coach, Megan Sheeder – Pre-K Associate; Contract Change: Tyler Westhoff – from Assistant to Head Middle School Football Coach, Zach Beekman – Assistant Middle School to Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

Under Old Business, the 2017-18 Coaches' Handbook was approved as presented on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Hagen. Motion carried 6-0.

The 2017-18 Employee Handbook with updated Reduction in Force (RIF) language was recommended for approval by the handbook committee – 3 teacher representatives, 3 board representatives and the superintendent. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the handbook as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Instructor Chad Morman reported on plans for the Student Construction Program. The house built last school year is still for sale. Director Harding reported on the City Park and Recreation Commission meeting. Superintendent Christensen gave an update on the Elementary construction project. Preschool will start the year at St. Joseph's parish center. The east entrance will be the main entrance to start the school year. Director Fisher reported on a positive joint committee meeting with the Paton-Churdan board committee. He also reported on attending the Grand Junction City Council meeting. The city would like to see the building demolished and would like to have the land become city property. Brief Administrative Reports were given by Principals Phillips, Zanders, and Johnson, and Curriculum Director Karen Sandberg. Reading Specialist Julie Neal and teachers reported on the shortened but successful summer school program.

Under new business, action was taken on the Closed Session. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of administration to retain the students discussed in closed session. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Treasurer Sid Jones gave the 2016-17 Treasurer's Report. Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to accept the report as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Fisher made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to reappoint Sid Jones as Treasurer and Brenda Muir as Secretary for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Vice President Peters administered the oath of office to Jones and Muir.

Harding made and Hagen seconded a motion to appoint Mumma & Pedersen Law Firm as legal counsel for the 2017-18 year. Motion carried 6-0.

The 2017-18 Depository Resolution was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 5-0 with Hagen abstaining.

Hagen made and Harding seconded a motion to approve the list of 2017 fall sports officials. Motion carried 6-0.

The final financing agreement with Daimler Truck Financial for the three buses approved for purchase in March 2017 was presented. Harding made and Hagen seconded a motion to approve the installment purchase agreement as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

An agreement with Lakes Partnership School Consortium was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Hagen. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Policies 600-602.3 were reviewed. Changes were made to Policy 601.1 – School Calendar and 601.2 School Day to fit legislative language. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Harding to approve the board policies reviewed and accept the recommended revisions. Motion carried 6-0.

A draft proposal for School HVAC Equipment and Environmental Analysis System was presented. The Iowa Department of Education approached us to be a pilot school for the project using the elementary building. The proposed cost to the district is \$5,500. There was no interest in participation.

Per an Iowa Bureau of Nutrition ruling, the district must raise lunch prices to participate in the National School Lunch Program. Harding made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve a ten cent increase on student and adult lunches for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0. This makes student lunch \$2.45 and adult lunch \$3.55.

During his monthly report, Superintendent Christensen thanked Building & Grounds staff, Wayne Hougham, Shawn DeMoss, Robert Stofer and all the custodians as well as the technology staff for the hard work this summer getting ready for the new school year. Several teachers who came in on their own time to get classrooms ready were also commended.

An apprentice program that will be under the Greene County Development Corporation's umbrella was briefly explained. No Board Q&A session will be held in September. An IASB new board workshop will be scheduled later in the fall. The Public Employers Relation Board's ruling on the negotiability of some language in the Labors Labor Union #117 contract with the board was received. Two items were considered mandatory topics the others were ruled permissive.

Vice President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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