

Greene County Community School District
Regular/Organizational Meeting
September 20, 2017

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on September 20, 2017 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President David Ohrt called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Directors Mike Dennhardt, Steve Fisher, Teresa Hagen, Sam Harding, John McConnell, Mark Peters; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present.

Motion was made by Peters and seconded by Harding to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

During Open Forum Senior Class Vice President Garrett Swain express concern over recent school lunch changes.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – August 16, 2017 regular meeting. Bills as presented; Financial Reports – August 2017; Resignations: Matthew Brown – Middle School Guidance Counselor, 7th grade boys basketball coach. Hirings: Stephanie Wiskus – High School Special Education Associate, Carl Behne – Volunteer Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, Chad Black – Volunteer Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Marilyn Tasler – Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach.

Brief reports were given by Principals Brian Phillips, Shawn Zanders, Scott Johnson, Reading Specialist Julie Neal, and Curriculum Director Karen Sandberg. Activities Director Mitch Moore was not present but did leave a report for review.

Unger Insurance Agent Scott Weber gave a brief report on the EMC Insurance Safety Group Program and presented a copy of the dividend check received for \$22,241.18.

The Canvass of Votes was presented. Mike Dennhardt, Steven Karber and Catherine Wilson were elected to four year terms as School Board Directors.

Retiring Board President David Ohrt thanked Teresa Hagen for her 15 years of service to the School Board. Superintendent Christensen also thanked Dr. Ohrt for his service and presented both retiring members with plaques and lifetime activity passes.

The retiring board adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Superintendent Tim Christensen called the organizational meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Roll call was called and a quorum was established.

Secretary Muir administered the oath of office to newly elected directors Mike Dennhardt, Steve Karber and Catherine Wilson.

Harding made a motion to elect Mark Peters as Board President and that nominations cease. Karber seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Fisher made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to elect John McConnell as Board Vice President. Motion carried 7-0.

Secretary Muir administered the oath of office to Peters and McConnell.

Board directors chose to serve on the following committees:

- County Assessor's Conference Board – Fisher
- Park & Rec – Harding
- Negotiations – Peters/Dennhardt/Harding
- Classified/Administrative Salaries – Dennhardt/Fisher/Karber
- School Improvement Advisory – Peters/McConnell/Wilson
- School Foundation – Harding
- Facilities – McConnell/Harding/Karber
- Insurance – Peters/Fisher
- Scholarships – McConnell/Wilson/Karber

Steve Karber agreed to serve as the IASB Convention Delegate.

A discussion was held on board meetings and Q & A sessions. Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to hold monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, with work sessions from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., both to be held in the Administrative Building conference room. Exceptions may be made for the November meeting due to the school board convention and summer months may not have work sessions. Motion carried 7-0.

Fisher made and Karber seconded a motion to hold Q & A sessions every other month on the 4th Monday from 7:00-8:00 p.m., rotating through the school district communities beginning in November with Scranton. Motion carried 7-0.

Business Manager/Board Secretary Brenda Muir presented the 2016-17 Certified Annual Report, Special Education Supplement and Annual Transportation Report. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to request allowable growth/supplemental aid in the amount of \$326,174.90 for the 2016-2017 negative special education balance, from the School Budget Review Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the Teacher Quality Professional Development Committee as follows: Administrators – Tim Christensen, Karen Sandberg, Scott Johnson; Teachers – Traci Beger, Darren Jackson and Steve Sillyman. Motion carried 7-0.

The Rippey gym was discussed. The board had earlier agreed to turn over possession to the City of Rippey once we no longer used the gym. We have been maintaining the facility, but do not think it will be needed this year. Middle School basketball seasons are now split with girls the first half of the winter and the boys the second half to allow boys to also participate in wrestling.

The school has not been providing transportation to practices in Rippey. The cost to maintain the gym last school year was approximately \$11,000. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to discontinue use of the Rippey gym and turn the facility over to the City of Rippey. Motion carried 7-0.

The GCYAA Jefferson Fieldhouse lease was discussed. Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to amend the lease to \$15,000 per year due to the expanded usage of the facility. Motion carried 6-0 with Dennhardt abstaining.

Use of the Grand Junction softball field was discussed. The deed to the property states it will be properly maintained as a park for recreational purposes and be designated as the Jack Dutton Memorial Park or will revert back to heirs. The city is interested in maintaining it as a park. The school has had a few Middle School softball games there the last two years. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to hold a public hearing to consider the sale of the field to the City of Grand Junction for one dollar. Motion carried 7-0.

Renewal of the contract for joint services between New Opportunities and the school district for The Abstinence Education Grant Program was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 7-0.

Participation in the Grandwood Consortium through an amended 28E Agreement between Woodward-Granger and the Greene County Community School Districts was approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Harding. Motion carried 7-0.

The 2017-2018 Agreement with Woodward-Granger for the Woodward Academy Dayschool was also approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 7-0.

A service agreement with Street Smarts LLC for driver education instruction was renewed on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 7-0.

A list of fundraisers was presented from various groups and activities across the district. Fundraisers in general were discussed. Karber made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the list of fundraisers presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Policies 603.1-603.12 were reviewed. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the review of policies 603.1-603.11 with no revision and to delay approval of policy 603.12 - Literacy until a recommendation can be made for revision. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Harding and seconded by Karber to request allowable growth/supplemental aid in the amount of \$16,263.15 for excess Limited English Proficient expenditures in the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported the repairs to the tunnel at the Middle School are complete. The City of Grand Junction does not want the school building. We will need to obtain bids for asbestos removal before considering any demolition. He would like the facilities committee to meet to discuss the sale of items such as doors and windows from the building. Lunch “doubles” had been temporarily suspended, but now is available to students after a parent reads and signs an agreement to allow their child to eat “doubles”. The students are charged full price for a second meal no matter what their lunch status. The elementary addition construction is moving along faster than it had in the first few months.

The board closed with positive thoughts about things happening in the district.

President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

President

Secretary