

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2017

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on November 20, 2017 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Mark Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the District Vision/Mission statement. Directors Steve Fisher, Sam Harding, Steve Karber, John McConnell, and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. Director Mike Dennhardt was absent.

Motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Wilson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

No comments were made during Open Forum.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0. Consent items were: Minutes – October 18, 2017 work session and regular meeting. Bills as presented; Financial Reports – October 2017; Hirings: Nancy Eckley – Elementary Associate, Joan Eslick – Elementary Associate.

Instructor Katie Akers and five students reported on their trip to the 2017 FFA National Convention.

Vocational Director Dave Destival, in the absence of Instructor Chad Morman, updated the board on the Student Construction house. Superintendent Christensen reported the AEA received a Main Street Challenge Grant and the Student Construction Program will help with the remodeling project. Board President Peters reported on the SIAC meeting and Director Karber reported for the Facilities Committee.

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

Action plans for meeting goals that have been established will be approved at a later meeting.

A joint meeting with the Paton-Churdan School Board will be held November 29, 2017 in Jefferson. The proposed Career Academy and expanding sharing were discussed as items for that meeting.

After a discussion of architectural firm presentations heard the previous week, McConnell made and Harding seconded a motion to hire OPN Architects for a proposed Career Academy/High School Building project. Motion carried 6-0.

Online High School classes were briefly discussed. The student that had asked to be placed on the agenda was unable to attend and may address the board in December.

The High School basketball teams will be playing North Polk at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines the afternoon of December 15, 2017. Superintendent Christensen recommended dismissing school at 11:45 a.m. that day. Wilson made and Fisher seconded a motion for early dismissal on December 15, 2017 as recommended. Motion carried 6-0.

A report on the use of Grow Greene County grant funds was presented.

The SBRC application for Modified Supplemental Amounts of \$116,001.60 for Open Enrollment Out not on the Fall 2016 count and \$2,964.72 for ELL Beyond 5 years was approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0.

Elementary roof repair was discussed. Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to advertise for bids for the 2018 Elementary Roof Improvement Project and hold a public hearing for consideration of the bids on December 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the regular monthly board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Graduation speakers were discussed. A former board directive had been to have past graduates as speakers. Principal Phillips has been approached by students to move away from that directive. Karber made a motion that the commencement speaker be chosen by the Senior class under the guidance of the High School Principal. Motion was seconded by Fisher and carried 5-1.

Ayes: Fisher, Karber, McConnell, Wilson, Peters

Nay: Harding

The School Improvement Advisory Committee membership list was approved on a motion made by McConnell and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0.

Participation in the 2018 Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program was approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0.

Fisher made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the list of winter sports officials. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen discussed the Employee Voluntary Retirement Policy and reminded the board, staff and public that it is a financial tool and should not be thought of as an incentive that is always available upon retirement from the district. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to reinstate the Employee Voluntary Retirement Policy with the same parameters as the previous year. Applications are due December 15, 2017 for retirement at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Policies 605.1-605.3D were reviewed. Harding made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the review of the policies with no revisions. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported the Grand Junction Building is being tested by a firm for development of specifications for asbestos removal bids. A Board Q & A session will be held at the Community Building in Scranton from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on November 27, 2017. The superintendent would like the district to consider membership in the Rural Schools Advocates of Iowa. Representative Chip Baltimore is tentatively scheduled to attend the December 20, 2017 work session.

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

President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Secretary