

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2018

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on January 17, 2018 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 Mike Dennhardt, Steve Fisher, Sam Harding, Steve Karber, John McConnell, and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present.

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

The public hearing was opened on the 2018-19 District Calendar with no comments heard.

No comments were made during Open Forum.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – December 20, 2017 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – December 2017; Resignation: Kristi Berg – High School Science Teacher, Samantha Schmidt- Middle School Associate; Non-Renewal of Contract: Mark Sawhill – Varsity Baseball Coach; Hirings: Emily Van Egmond – High School Science Teacher (18-19), Kevin Paulsen – Middle School Baseball Coach, Matthew Paulsen – Middle School Baseball Coach, Tom Kennedy – Varsity Softball Coach, Greg Ruth – Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Tiffany Hupp – 9th Grade Softball Coach, Marissa Promes – Assistant Middle School Softball Coach, Kirsten Carman – Middle School Track Coach; Volunteer Track Coaches: Andy Carman, Scott Johnson, Doug Carman.

On a motion made by Karber and seconded by Dennhardt, the 2018-19 District Calendar was approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Instructor Chad Morman reported on the Student Construction Program. Director Harding reported on the City Park and Rec Commission meeting. Director Karber reported on the meetings with architects and the community meetings being held on the proposed bond referendum. Brief reports were given by Principals Brian Phillips, Shawn Zanders and Scott Johnson, Reading Specialist Julie Neal, Curriculum Director Karen Sandberg and Activities Director Mitch Moore.

A volunteer coaching contract and Volunteer Coaching Guidelines were presented. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve and begin using these contracts and guidelines for volunteer coaches. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Karber to approve the Agreement of Professional Valuation Services with Peoples Company for appraisal of the proposed site of a new High School and Regional Center/Career Academy. Motion carried 7-0.

The first reading of new Board Policy 604.9 – Home School Assistance Program was approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 7-0. The full text of this policy is available to view in the School Business Office during normal office hours.

The Superintendent evaluation process was discussed. President Peters reported on attendance of himself and other board members at an IASB convention session on this topic and feels there is a need for a more ongoing process. Director Fisher had reached out to Dubuque CSD and suggested following some of their process. Directors Fisher, Harding and Wilson volunteered to serve on a sub-committee to make recommendations for a Superintendent evaluation process at the February regular meeting.

The next Board Q & A session will be January 22nd in Grand Junction at the Community Center from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Directors Fisher, Harding and Wilson are scheduled to attend.

Board Policies 606.1-701.3 were reviewed. Superintendent Christensen recommended revising policy 606.5 – Field Trips and Excursions to state the board approves out of state field trips not the Superintendent. He also recommended deleting “Annual spinal screening tests” from policy 607.2 – Health Services. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the review of the policies with suggested revisions. Motion carried 7-0.

A verbal offer was received from Iowa Realty on behalf of a client to purchase the 2017 Student Construction House, located at 206 E. Wilcox Way, for \$160,000, which is net price after deducting half the closing costs. Motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Harding to accept the offer. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported a 1:45 p.m. dismissal at the high school only on February 5, 2018 due to the State Jazz Choir Festival. Other buildings will dismiss at the normal time and bus routes and shuttles will also run on the normal schedule. Paton-Churdan is requesting shared Cross Country for 2018-19. This will be on the February regular meeting agenda. January 30-31, 2018 he will be participating in a Legislative Advocacy event. Teachers will have professional development out at Wild Rose Event Center with Anthony Muhammad on January 22nd. Grow Greene County Gaming funds are being used for this event.

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

President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

President

Secretary