

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2018

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on February 21, 2018 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Mark Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and referenced 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.

Harding made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Resolution in Support of the Proposed High School/Regional Academy before item "A" in New Business and to approve the agenda as amended. Karber seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

During Open Forum, members of a High School Composition II class gave a persuasive presentation about Trimester testing.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – January 17, 2018 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – January 2018; Resignations: Greg Ruth – Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Nicole Timmons – Second Grade Teacher; Hirings: John Hupp – Varsity Baseball Coach, Linda Wolterman – Elementary Associate, Maribel Hernandez – High School Spanish Teacher, Karen Shannon – Middle School Counselor; Volunteer Coach: Greg Ruth – Softball.

The board discussed the Superintendent evaluation process from the work session. A revision to the Board Policy 305.1 will be on the March regular meeting agenda.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the second reading of Board Policy 604.9 – Home School Assistance Program. Motioned carried 7-0.

Instructor Chad Morman reported on the Student Construction Program. Director Fisher reported on the County Conference Board meeting. Director Harding reported on the City Park and Rec Commission meeting. 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.

Harding made a motion to approve the following resolution: "The Greene County CSD Board of Directors and Administration want to publicly thank Chris Deal and Sid Jones, the Our Kids, Our Future - Greene County Committee as well as everyone that has played a part in the planning and will play a part in the promotion of the project to build a new HS, gymnasium, performing arts center, and regional center and repurpose the existing HS as a 5-8 MS and district office. We are very excited about the wonderful opportunity for Greene County and the Greene County School District. We are in full support." Karber seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Curriculum Director Karen Sandberg, and a group of K-6 teachers presented on a new science curriculum, meeting the Next Generation Science Standards. Karber made and Fisher seconded a motion to use Grow Greene County Gaming carryover funds to purchase the K-8 science curriculum from Amplify Science for just over \$85,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Paton-Churdan CSD has requested sharing cross country in the fall of 2018. We do have a sports sharing agreement with them which allows this at no extra cost. Concerns were voiced about this pushing us into a larger district for state and district competitions. Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to approve Paton-Churdan sharing cross country and to review the contract before the automatic renewal in November. Board members felt this did not need board approval due to language in the contract allowing the additional sharing. Karber withdrew his motion.

We currently hold and share a band teacher's contract with Paton-Churdan. Due to the retirement of Sue Turner, Superintendent Christensen recommended terminating the shared band teacher agreement. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve that recommendation. Motion carried 6-0 with Fisher abstaining.

The current school calendar has no school on March 30, 2018 for PK-8 for a Data Day. Superintendent Christensen recommended to change that to no school for the entire district. Anthony Muhammad will hold another professional development session on Transforming School Culture that day. Harding made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the calendar change. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 702-705.4. Superintendent Christensen recommended replacing policy 705.1 – Purchasing/Bidding with the IASB Policy Primer recommended policy. Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the review of BP 702-705.4 with the replacement of 705.1 as recommended. Motion carried 6-0. Karber had briefly left the room during the discussion and vote on this item.

Fisher made and McConnell seconded a motion to ratify the 2018-19 Negotiated Agreement between the District and LIUNA Laborers' Local #177. Bus drivers will receive a 1.5% salary increase and a handbook committee will be formed with three drivers, two board members and the superintendent – similar to the teachers' contract. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported receiving acceptance of an EPA National Clean Diesel Rebate Grant for \$20,000 toward the purchase of a bus. The Nutrition Program is in discussions with the City of Grand Junction about the use of the Community Center for the Summer Lunch program. Superintendent Christensen and Business Manager Muir will attend a budget workshop in Des Moines next Monday. A special meeting will need to be held on April 11, 2018 for a public hearing and approval of the 2018-19 budget.

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

At 8:05 p.m., Harding made and Wilson seconded a motion to go into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Motion carried 7-0.

The board came out of closed session at 9:10 p.m. and President Peters declared the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary