

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2018

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on April 18, 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.

McConnell made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

No comments were made during Open Forum.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – March 21, 2018 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – March 2018; Resignations: Paula Carlson – 2nd grade teacher, Betsy Wiederin – Middle School Science Teacher/Volleyball Coach, Karla Maston – Elementary Media Center Associate, Kelsey Baxley – Elementary Special Ed Associate, Crystal Crichton – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Dean Lyons – Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Mark Renslow – 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Cassie Bardole – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Chad Morton – Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach; Hirings: Ashley Miller – 3rd Grade Teacher, Tiffanie Carey – 3rd Grade Teacher, Mary Ewalt – 2nd Grade Teacher, Sheila Hughes - Cook; Contract Changes: Laura Smith – Full time from Half time Elementary Teacher, Zachary Beekman – Head Varsity Wrestling from Middle School Wrestling Coach, Brandon Gustoff – Full time from Part time FCS Associate.

The second reading of Board Policy 704.6 – Online Fundraising Campaigns - Crowdfunding was approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 7-0. The full policy is available for viewing in the Business Office during normal hours and will be posted to the school website soon.

An agreement to purchase land from Mike and Kathy Bravard for the new high school/regional career academy site was presented by Superintendent Tim Christensen. The 84.63 acres were split into two land parcels. The school will purchase 49.92 acres at \$17,250 per acre at this time and within five years will purchase the remaining 34.71 acres at the same price per acre. Fisher made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the real estate contract as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Due to school cancellation for weather conditions, the High School Computer Class presentation will be made in May. Student Construction Instructor Chad Morman, Principal Phillips and Curriculum Director Sandberg were also absent. Director Harding reported on the City Park and Rec Commission meeting. Brief reports were given by Principals Shawn Zanders and Scott Johnson, Reading Specialist Julie Neal and Activities Director Mitch Moore. Phillips and Sandberg did have reports available.

Business Manager Brenda Muir presented an audit proposal from Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, P.C. and recommended accepting the three year bid with \$9600 being the base bid for the 2017-18 audit and the next two years each increasing for \$400 for the service. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the three year audit proposal as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

The lease for use of the parking area at the Rippey baseball field with Roger and Colleen Norgren has expired. Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to rent the parking area for Summer 2018 for \$300, the same rate as the expired lease. Motion carried 7-0.

Business Manager Brenda Muir presented an Agreement with the State of Iowa, Department of Administrative Services for 403(b) Plan Administration. Fisher made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the agreement as presented at a cost of \$400 per year. Motion carried 7-0.

A summer project list, funded by PPEL and Sales Tax Fund, was presented. Middle School Chromebooks, High School Computers and an updated High School phone system were on the list for a total of \$136,049. Harding made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the projects. Motion carried 7-0.

Business Manager Brenda Muir recommended a budget amendment for the 2017-18 certified budget. This is not an increase in taxes just increases the expenditure limit, by function, using available funds. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to set a public hearing on the amendment for May 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room. Motion carried 7-0.

With science standards changing, the High School science teachers were asked to look at the offerings to students. They recommended 9th graders take 3 trimesters of Integrated Science, 10th graders take 2-3 trimesters of Biology and 11th/12th grade students would then have Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy/Physiology and advanced classes to choose from as electives. The graduation requirement for 6 credits would not change. Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to approve the course structure as recommended by the Science teachers. Motion carried 7-0.

The 2018-19 list of coaches was presented and approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Dennhardt. The list did not contain Soccer coaches or the 2019 baseball/softball coaches. Motion carried 7-0.

The Teacher Leadership contracts will be on the May agenda for approval.

Director Karber, representing the Administrative Staff Contract/Salary Committee, recommended an overall 1.75% salary increase for the administrators' group, which becomes a total district cost increase of 2.52% due to increased IPERS rate and insurance. In addition, the committee also recommends phasing the Activities Director position to full time over a three year period. Mitch Moore currently holds a 50% AD contract. The 2018-19 contract will be for 80% Activities Director and 20% Strength and Conditioning Coach and includes family insurance. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the administrative packages as recommended. Motion carried 7-0.

Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates (IJAG) was discussed. Superintendent Christensen was not ready to recommend contracting with IJAG and may have other recommendations in May.

Superintendent Christensen recommended the 2018-19 Calendar be amended by moving Spring break to March 18-22, 2019, one week later, to align with college spring breaks. The staff was polled and 82% preferred the later break. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the calendar change. Motion carried 7-0.

The following fundraisers were approved on a motion made by Wilson and seconded by Karber: Bake Sale for Homeless Shelter – Middle School Volunteer Club – Tom Braun/Sam Telleen; Go Fund Me page/collection jars for Elsa Head School, Nicaragua – Accelerated Government group – Dale Morlan/Crystal Crichton . Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 709-711.8. Revisions were suggested to policies 709, 710.2, 711.2A, 711.4. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the policies as reviewed and revised. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen announced we will have 3 year old preschool next year and reported improvement on reducing negative lunch balances but would like to discuss parameters for using a collection agency. He also reported that OPN Architects are meeting with staff and community representatives on programming/design on the new high school and career academy April 19 & 20, 2018.

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