

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2018

Prior to the regular monthly meeting on May 16, 2018, the Greene County Community School District Board of Directors toured the Student Construction house and heard a presentation from two High School Computer Hardware class students. They then met in regular session in the Administrative Building Conference Room. Superintendent Christensen thanked the board members for their service and presented certificates for School Board Recognition Month. 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 Karber seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A public hearing was held on the 2017-18 Certified Budget Amendment with no comments heard. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the budget amendment as published. This is not an increase in taxes but increases the expenditure limit, by function, using available funds. A copy of the published amendment is available for viewing in the School Business Office during regular office hours.

During Open Forum, Patty Fisher addressed the board with concerns on staffing levels at the High School.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Fisher. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – April 11, 2018 Special Meeting, April 18, 2018 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – April 2018; Resignations: Ashley Heyland – Middle School Associate, Carly Tiffany-Brown – Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, Tiffany Hupp – 9th Grade Volleyball Coach, Toresa Riggs – Bus Driver, Chad Morman – Industrial Technology Teacher, Roger Olhausen – 7th Grade Girls Track Coach, Chad Black – Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach (verbal); Hirings: Sean Ostendorf – 9th Grade Baseball Coach, Teresa Green – Vocational Director, John Kennedy – Middle School Softball Coach, Erin Daniel – ½ time Second Grade Teacher, Grant Hayward – Middle School Science Teacher; Contract Changes: Tyler Westhoff – 7th Grade to 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Heath Telleen from Girls to Boys Golf Coach.

Districtwide counseling staffing was discussed. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to staff an additional counseling position, leaving it up to the administration and counseling staff on the best way to fill, and how to use, that newly hired counselor. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Karber reported on the steering committee meeting with OPN Architects for the construction project. 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 Curriculum Director Karen Sandberg. Principal Brian Phillips and Activities Director Mitch Moore were absent but did have reports available.

The 2018-19 Teacher Leadership contracts were approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0 with Fisher abstaining.

The District Career Guidance Plan was presented by Superintendent Christensen with comments from committee members in attendance. This may eventually become a graduation requirement.

An amendment to the district's State of Iowa 403(b) Plan Document, allowing ROTH contributions, was approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 6-0 with Fisher abstaining.

The 2018-19 Service Agreement with Region XII Council of Governments, and its affiliate Western Iowa Transit Systems was approved on a motion by Fisher and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen recommended creating a Work Based Learning Position to replace the current Education Based Career Education (EBCE) services purchased from Genesis Development. Lisa Garnett has experience with this type of service. This would also be used instead of the services Iowa Jobs for American's Graduates (IJAG) had proposed. Harding made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the position as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A discussion was held on wrestling mat reconditioning and subfloor versus foam underlayment at the Fieldhouse. Wrestling Coach Zach Beekman expressed his thoughts and Superintendent Christensen reported conversations with the Fieldhouse. This will be on the agenda again in June.

Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the 2018 baseball and softball officials. Motion carried 7-0.

The 2018-19 registration fees and meal prices were presented with the recommendation to increase activity pass and adult lunch prices: Student activity passes from \$50 to \$75, Adults from \$75 to \$100 and Family passes from \$200 to \$250; Adult lunch from \$3.55 to \$3.65. Book fees and student meal prices would remain the same. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the fees and prices as recommended. Motion carried 7-0.

The timeline for issuing the General Obligation and Revenue Bonds was presented. The first issuance of \$15,980,000 in GO Bonds will take place in late summer.

Technology Director Tim Buenz explained the need to purchase technology technician services from Prairie Lakes AEA. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to purchase 20 days of service in the 2018-19 fiscal year as recommended. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 800-802.6. Rescinding of policy 801.4 and revisions to policies 801.2, 802.2, 802.4 were suggested. Karber made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the policies as reviewed and revised. Motion carried 7-0.

A boys' basketball fundraiser was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 7-0.

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Superintendent Christensen discussed releasing the retainage to Badding Construction with the elementary addition being virtually complete. He asked for volunteers for the Paton-Churdan sub-committee to discuss the academic and athletic sharing agreements for 2019-2020 year. An annual board sub-committee meeting with a Paton-Churdan board sub-committee is scheduled for June. Directors Fisher, Harding and Dennhardt volunteered.

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

President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

President

Secretary