

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2018

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on July 18, 2018 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Mark Peters called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and referenced the District Vision/Mission statement. Directors Steve Fisher, Sam Harding, John McConnell, and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. Directors Mike Dennhardt and Steve Karber were absent at roll call.

Harding made a motion to amend the agenda to remove items V & VI, student hearing items and approve the agenda as amended. Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Karber arrived at 5:01 p.m., after this action.

No comments were heard during Open Forum.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0. Consent items were: Minutes – June 20, 2018 regular meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – June 2018; Hirings: Kirk Davis – High School Industrial Technology Teacher, Arianna Vargas – High School Math Teacher, Debra Marquardt – 7th grade girls basketball, Mary Pedersen – 8th grade girls basketball.

The Superintendent's 360° Evaluation process and questions were presented by committee member Steve Fisher. A survey for the board and a survey for staff, students and community were both presented. Survey Monkey would be used for the staff, student community survey. The committee will select the list of those requested to complete the survey. A timeline had been established earlier. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the process and questions as recommended by the committee. Motion carried 6-0.

The lease with the Jefferson Fieldhouse was discussed. The board liked paying for the facility fee as we used it. The Fieldhouse felt they needed a minimum to reserve our time there. The proposal was for \$15,000 for the wrestling season, \$3,750 for the wrestling off season and \$5,000 minimum for other team uses; the rental fee being \$50 per hour. Therefore, the district will pay \$23,750 upfront for the use of the Fieldhouse, with an additional bill for use above the minimum. Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to approve the agreement as proposed. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board Q & A sessions, which were not well attended last year, were discussed. With board meetings being held in Jefferson, Superintendent Christensen recommended holding Q & A sessions twice a year – November 7, 2018 in Scranton and March 6, 2019 in Grand Junction, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. A non-quorum of members, to be determined at a later date, will attend. Karber made and McConnell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

After some discussion on bag searches at activity events, the board agreed we should start with signage prohibiting drugs, alcohol, tobacco and firearms at events and in facilities and reserving the right to search bags if deemed necessary.

Superintendent Christensen reported meeting with the new Industrial Technology Instructor and the AEA Chief Administrator at the AEA building which will be the 2018-19 remodeling project for the Student Construction Class;

Director Harding reported on the Jefferson Park and Rec Commission meeting. The building committee reported on the new high school construction plans. Brief comments were made by Principals, the Athletic Director Mitch Moore and Reading Specialist Julie Neal. Technology Director Tim Buenz updated the board on summer projects.

Nutrition bids were reviewed. Bimbo/Earthgrains Baking Company was the only bidder on bakery products. There were three bidders on dairy products with Hiland Dairy coming in as the low bid. Co-Food Service Director gave the board a written recommendation to remain with Anderson-Erickson Dairy citing their high quality product, reputation and service. Harding made and Wilson seconded a motion to accept the bids from Anderson Erickson and Bimbo/Earthgrains for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

The 2018-19 Handbooks were presented. Principal Zanders presented changes recommended by his staff at the Middle School to the Student/Parent Handbook. They included restrictions on cell phones and wording changes on the length of skirts and shorts. The Employee Handbook and Coaches Handbook were also presented with only updates to staff lists. The Bus Driver Handbook was created to move items formerly in the Negotiated Agreement to a handbook similar to the Certified Staff. Superintendent Christensen pointed out the section dealing with staff reduction also following the teachers' format. All four handbooks were approved as presented on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Harding and seconded by Karber to approve a resolution directing the advertisement for sale of Not to Exceed \$16,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, approving the electronic bidding procedures and approving the official statement. Motion carried 6-0.

A 2018-19 sharing agreement the Prairie Valley CSD, for high school construction and nursing classes, was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0. The agreement and tuition rate is identical to the Paton-Churdan agreement.

The 2018-19 28E Agreement with Iowa Central Community College for Project Earlybird Concurrent Enrollment Courses and Placement Testing was approved on a motion made by Harding, seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 900-903.5A. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the policies as reviewed with no revisions. Motion carried 6-0.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to update and approve the following board goals for 2018-19:

- Evaluation/assessment of facilities
- Increased interaction and communication between the board and students, staff, parents, and public;
- Implement District Career Guidance Plan – 100% graduation rate;
- \$1,000,000 in Unspent Balance Authority in four years;
- Create an environment that encourages student enrollment and attracts/retains quality staff.

Action plans to achieve these goals will be on the August 15, 2018 agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported on applying for a Computer Science Professional Development grant, RAGBRAI, mentoring, joint subcommittee meeting with Paton-Churdan, and the Vision 20/20 Three Block Plan.

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

Harding made and McConnell seconded a motion to go into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a). A recess was called at 6:25 p.m. and the board went into this closed session at 6:28 p.m.

The board came out of closed session and President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

President

Secretary