

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
October 17, 2018

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

Karber made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

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 – September 19, 2018 work session and regular meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – September 2018; Resignations: Christine Schulze -Middle School Associate; Hirings: Angela Murphy – Elementary Associate, Jessica Chrystal – Middle School Associate.

Harding made and Wilson seconded a motion to terminate the existing athletic and academic sharing agreements with Paton-Churdan at the end of the current school year. The intent is to have a new agreement ready for both school boards' consideration at their December regular board meetings. Motion carried 6-0.

Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing, to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program, to be held on November 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, 204 W. Madison, Jefferson, Iowa. Motion carried 6-0.

The following committee reports were given: Tim Christensen reported on the Student Construction Program, Steve Karber on the construction project and Sam Harding 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. Activities Director Mitch Moore was not present but did have a report for the board.

Early graduation requests were received from Matthew Pena, Allison Dudley, Tosha Harvey, Ambrosia McMullen and Devin Villabos. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the early graduation requests. Motion carried 6-0.

Fundraising requests from the Junior Class and the National Honor Society were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Fisher. Motion carried 6-0.

A Drug & Alcohol Testing Consortium Service Agreement with Medical Enterprises, Inc. was approved on a motion made by Karber, seconded by Harding. Motion carried 6-0. This is to meet Department of Transportation regulations for random drug testing of bus drivers.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the Agreement to include agricultural land, now owned by the district, in the Greene County Beaver Creek Wind Farm Urban Renewal Area. Chuck Wenthold, County Planning and Zoning Officer, was in attendance to answer questions. Motion carried 6-0.

Sixth grade teacher Cassandra Bardole requested special consideration from the board due to medical treatment that will prevent her from teaching for 6-8 weeks. She requested that additional days of leave for personal illness beyond her accumulated sick leave, be deducted from her pay at substitute teacher costs, rather than per diem. Harding made and Wilson seconded a motion to grant up to 8 weeks of leave, with the reduction in salary at the substitute teacher cost rate, after sick leave is exhausted. Motion carried 6-0.

The new building construction steering committee discussed the need for an Owner's Representative to oversee the building project due its size and scope. The cost projected by OPN Architects for this position is \$100,000. Sam Harding has told the committee he would donate his services in the Owner's Rep capacity. Karber made and Fisher seconded a motion to accept Harding's offer. Motion carried 5-0, with Harding abstaining.

A proposal was received from Storey Kenworthy for design services on the new facility. The services, for furnishing, fixtures and equipment purchasing, is billed at \$65 per hour, with a maximum fee of \$12,350. Storey Kenworthy holds the State of Iowa Furniture contract until 2023, which all state and local government entities are able to use. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to accept the design services proposal from Storey Kenworthy. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 200.1-204. Superintendent Christensen recommended changes to policies 201.1 and 202.3, reflecting the changes in school elections from September to November. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the policies as reviewed and revised. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported Certified Enrollment being down 29.47 students. He reminded the public that certified enrollment is not the same as the student numbers served.

Superintendent Christensen gave his monthly report and the board closed with positive thoughts about things happening in the district.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to go into closed session for Superintendent Evaluation as allowed under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). The board went into closed session at 7:24 p.m. They returned to open session at 7:51 p.m. and President Peters declared the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary