

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2018

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on November 19, 2018 in the Administration Building Conference Room. President Mark Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read 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.

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

The public hearing on the Instructional Support Levy was opened. Superintendent Christensen explained this is a continuation of the levy in place. A board approved ISL is in place for five years. No comments were heard from the public and the hearing was closed.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Levy for a period of five years and annually set the levy limits with a combination of property tax and income surtax within Iowa code parameters. Motion carried 7-0.

No comments were heard during Open Forum.

Harding made a motion to pull Sharon Stalder's resignation from the consent items and to approve the remaining items. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – October 3, 2018 Special Meeting, October 17, 2018 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – October 2018; Hirings: Trey Tucker – 9th grade Boys Basketball Coach, Kirk Davis – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, Jessica Dane – Elementary Associate, Brittany Harmeyer – Elementary School Associate; Contract Change: Spencer Bauer – from Assistant Varsity Wrestling to Middle School Wrestling Coach. Volunteer: Chad Morton – Boys Basketball.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Sharon Stalder with commendation; thanking her for 21 years of service to the district and wishing her well in her retirement. Motion carried 7-0.

Reverend Devin Wolters was present asking for support to move forward with the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Program. This is a national program with volunteers in the school buildings, providing positive role models and an "extra set of eyes". They have already raised \$850 to go toward the startup of the program. Board members felt background checks needed to be done on all volunteers. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the Watch D.O.G.S. program in the Elementary and Middle Schools. Who would pay for the cost of the background checks has yet to be determined. Motion carried 7-0.

Instructor Kirk Davis reported on the Student Construction program. Brief reports were given by Principals Brian Phillips, Shawn Zanders and Scott Johnson, Reading Specialist Julie Neal, Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Sandberg. Activities Director Mitch Moore was not present but did have a report for the board. Tim Buenz commented on technology plans in the new building.

Fundraising requests from the National Honor Society, Wrestling, Boys Basketball and the 7th grade were approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 7-0.

Harding made a motion to approve School Budget Review Committee requests for Modified Supplement Amounts for Open Enrollment Out not on the Fall 2017 count and for English Language Learning weighting beyond 5 years. The maximums are requested: \$153,272 for Open Enrollment Out and \$2,994.20 for ELL. Fisher seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the Education Standards Exemption Application 2019-20 – Offer and Teach – Grades 9-12 – Physical Education. This is a renewal of the current waiver which only requires students to take PE for two trimesters each year as that is the equivalent of a full year of PE on a semester system. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen asked the board to “table” agenda item 2019 Soccer until more work can be done.

Fisher made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the list of Winter Sports Officials as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen recommended, due to declining enrollment, to reinstate Board Policy 406.7 Employee Voluntary Retirement. He feels it is something to review each year and reminded the board, staff and public that it is a financial tool that should not be thought of as an incentive always available upon retirement from the district. Karber made and Harding seconded the motion to reinstate the Employee Voluntary Retirement Policy with the same parameters as the previous year. Applications are due December 17, 2018 for retirement at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 205.1-207.8. No changes were recommended. Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the policies as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

An amendment to the 2018-19 Budget was presented to account for BOOST donation funds and for the new construction. Harding made and McConnell seconded a motion to hold a public hearing at the next regular board meeting, December 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room. Motion carried 7-0.

Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Sandberg reported on the School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting and presented a membership list for board approval. Wilson made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the SIAC committee membership list. Motion carried 7-0.

Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to move forward with advertising for bids on the demolition of the Grand Junction school building and to hold a public hearing, December 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room on disposal of the property. Motion carried 7-0.

A new cooling system is needed for the server room housed in the Administration Building. Buildings Maintenance Director Adam Snowgren priced a 5 ton, 2 stage unit for \$12,500. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the purchase. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported on bus inspection, financial audit and a large donation to the School Foundation from the Floyd Dunlap Estate. The \$912,118 donation is to be used for scholarships.

The board closed with positive thoughts about things happening in the district and President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

President

Secretary