

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
December 19, 2018

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on December 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.

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

The public hearing on an amendment to the 2018-2019 Certified Budget was held. Superintendent Christensen explained the need for the amendment and that it is not a property tax increase. No comments were heard from the public and the hearing was closed.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

No comments were heard during Open Forum.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – November 19, 2018 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – November 2018; Resignation: Mitchell Moore – Head Varsity Football Coach; Hirings: Chris Conner – ½ Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, Clint Flack – ½ Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach.

Three voluntary retirement applications and resignations were received. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to accept the applications/resignations with commendations for their many years of service. They will all retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year, after service in the Scranton, Jefferson, Jefferson-Scranton and Greene County School Districts. Retiring are Tim Buenz – currently the Technology Director with 33 years of service, Ann Ostendorf – currently a Kindergarten teacher with 35 years of service and Lori Danner – currently the Elementary Physical Education teacher with 32 years of service. The Board thanks them for their many years of service and wishes them well in their retirement. Motion carried 7-0.

Three bids were received for the demolition of the Grand Junction school building. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to accept the lowest bid which was from Lansing Brothers for \$154,600. Motion carried 7-0. Per specifications, the demolition is to be complete by May 24, 2019.

Greene County High School FFA officers reported on their trip to the 2018 National Convention. Student Crawford Petterson reported on his 2018 Global Youth Institute World Food Prize experience. Instructor Kirk Davis reported on the Student Construction program. Brief reports were given by Principals Brian Phillips, Shawn Zanders and Scott Johnson and Reading Specialist Julie Neal. Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Sandberg was not present but did have a report for the board. Board committee reports were heard on the construction project, the Paton-Churdan agreement and the Superintendent Evaluation process.

An early graduation request was received from Ozzi Smithson effective at the end of the second trimester. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the application. Motion carried 7-0.

Fundraising requests from Lori Danner for the Kids Heart Challenge, National Honor Society for Valentine candy sales and a French trip fundraiser of Tupperware sales were all approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen presented the plans for the 2019-2020 At Risk and Dropout Prevention program. Karber made a motion to approve the plans and to request \$411,839 in modified supplemental amount and supplemental aid from the School Budget Review Committee to implement the 2019-2020 plan. Dennhardt seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the applications to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$1,647.46 for special education administrative costs associated with the Woodward Academy Dayschool and in the amount of \$11,176.71 for special education administrative costs associated with the Grandwood Program. Motion carried 7-0.

A discussion was held on School Permits and possible exceptions from the “one mile from the school of attendance” limitation. Mark Peters and John McConnell agreed to meet as a sub-committee and come back to the board with recommendations.

Naming of school facilities was also discussed. Ahlers Cooney Law Firm guidance discouraged the practice.

The parameters for a new sharing agreement with Paton-Churdan (PC) for athletic and academic sharing were presented, after negotiations in sub-committee and administration. Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve a two year agreement with PC for \$597.76 per athlete in each sport; 95% of statewide District Cost per Pupil (DCPP) per student for each general high school class taken and 100% DCPP per student for Career Technical classes and upper level math and science courses taken. Once a sports program is shared, it will remain a shared program. The agreement would begin with the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Motion carried 6-1.

Ayes: Dennhardt, Fisher, Harding, Karber, McConnell, Peters; Nay: Wilson

The 2019 Soccer program was discussed. Superintendent Christensen recommended issuing Head Coaching contracts for 6 units or \$3413 each, for two head coaches. Comments were heard and the subject will be on the January 2019 regular board meeting agenda.

The board reviewed Board Policies 208.1-209.4. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to change the organizational meeting from September to November in Board Policy 280.2, to align with the new election date, and to approve the review of the remaining policies as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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Superintendent Christensen and Teacher Teresa Green publicly thanked Bob Hamilton for sponsoring radio ads with live interviews of students by Doug Rieder. Superintendent Christensen also reported on New Opportunities/Headstart applying for a grant to expand the 3 year old preschool program offered jointly with the district; and a trip to Pella to visit their Regional Career Academy with local businesses interested in the Advanced Manufacturing/Welding program.

The board closed by sharing positive thoughts. President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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President

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Secretary