

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2019

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on January 16, 2019 in the Administration Building Conference Room. 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, Steve Karber, John McConnell, and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. Director Sam Harding was absent.

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

No comments were heard during Open Forum.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Consent items were: Minutes – December 19, 2018 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – December 2018; Resignation: Mary Pedersen- Middle School Cross Country and Middle School Girls Basketball; Contracts – Baseball: Head Varsity- John Hupp, Assistant Varsity - Matthew Paulsen, 9th grade – Sean Ostendorf, Middle School – Kevin Paulsen and Matthew Paulsen; Softball: Tom Kennedy – Head Varsity, Tiffany Hupp-Assistant Varsity, Marrison Promes – 9th grade, Middle School- John Kennedy and Hannah Promes.

Directors McConnell and Peters, serving on a sub-committee, shared their thoughts on exceptions to the one mile rule for school permits. McConnell made a motion that students living less than a mile from their attendance center, participating in school sanctioned before or after school activities or clubs, may ask the board for special individual consideration of their request for a school permit. Karber seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

The board discussed paying Soccer coaches beginning with this Spring season. Increased revenue from the updated sharing agreement with Paton-Churdan should help pay for this. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to pay for two head coaches at six units each and two assistant coaches at four units each. Motion carried 6-0.

Instructor Kirk Davis reported on the Student Construction program. Board committee reports were heard on the Superintendent Evaluation process and the Wellness Committee. Brief reports were given by Principals Shawn Zanders and Scott Johnson, Reading Specialist Julie Neal and Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Sandberg. High School Principal Brian Phillips presented information on Blended Learning. Tim Christensen gave a report as the Acting Activities Director. Shawn DeMoss reported on ground maintenance considerations.

The board discussed the FFA farming the ground south of the new high school. Director Fisher agreed to work on developing a plan for that.

The High School/Career Academy project specifications are ready to go out to bidders. Wilson made and McConnell seconded a motion to let the project out for bids. Motion carried 6-0. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to set a public hearing on the project bids at the regular meeting on February 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room. Motion carried 6-0.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve a Consulting Agreement for technology services with Tech Zone – Central Iowa Systems, beginning June 25, 2019 and ending September 1, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Tim Christensen was reappointed as the school representative to the Bell Tower Foundation on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 300-302.5. Karber made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the review of the policies as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

An interfund loan resolution was presented, allowing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Project funds, not to exceed \$1,000,000, bearing an interest rate of 2%, as necessary to cover expenses until Certificates of Deposit come to maturity. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Fundraising requests from the Middle School Student Council for the sale of art pieces and the FFA for strawberry sales were approved on a motion made by Wilson and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported on possible changes to the mowing bid specifications, working with Region XII on a house building grant, interviews being held for the Director of Technology position, applications on other open positions are due Friday and researching an apprenticeship program.

The board closed by sharing positive thoughts before Karber made and Fisher seconded a motion to go into closed session as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Motion carried 6-0.

A brief recess was called at 7:31 p.m. The board reconvened and went into closed session at 7:34 p.m. The board came out of closed session and President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

President

Secretary