

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2019

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on February 20, 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, Sam Harding, Steve Karber, John McConnell, and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present.

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

A public hearing was held on the new High School/Career Academy project. Superintendent Christensen presented the bids received, Henkel Construction Company was the low bid of \$31,573,000; He suggested waiting until the March 13, 2019 regular board meeting to officially accept that bid. He also presented the project budget summary with costs running over the original estimate. He will meet with Henkel and work through some value engineering. The public hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

No comments were heard during Open Forum.

Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – January 3, 2019 special meeting, January 16, 2019 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – January 2019; Resignation: Patty Fisher – Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, Abby Davis - Elementary Associate, Melissa Belthius – Middle School Associate, John Kennedy - Middle School Softball Coach, Spencer Bauer – Middle School Science Teacher; Hirings: Brent Gerzema – District Director of Technology, Todd Gordon – Activities Director, Caden Duncan – Middle School Physical Education Teacher, Head Varsity Football Coach, Strength & Conditioning Coach, Baily Godwin – Elementary Special Education Teacher, Kirsten St. Clair – Middle School Associate, Carl Behne – Head Boys Soccer Coach, Marilyn Tasler – Head Girls Soccer Coach, Chad Black – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Maribel Hernandez – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Shawn Zanders – Girls Golf Coach, Doug Carman – Middle School Boys Track Coach; Contract Change: Kirsten Carman – from Boys to Girls Middle School Track Coach; Termination: Jessica Chrystal – Middle School Associate.

Board committee reports were heard on the County Conference Board, the FFA farm, the Wellness Committee, Jefferson Park & Rec, BOOST, and Driver Negotiations. Brief reports were given by Principals Brian Phillips and Scott Johnson and Reading Specialist Julie Neal. Principal Zanders and Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Sandberg were absent but had reports for the board to review.

Greene County School Foundation Board Member Keith Pedersen reported the use of Dunlop Scholarship Funds for \$300 to every graduate of the district. He encouraged the board to turn over the Halcyon Dixon Funds to the Foundation increasing the amount each graduate could receive. Funds are put into an endowment fund and can earn higher interest rates than the bank CD's the school district has the funds invested in. Karen Lawton and Bruce Bahnson also spoke as GC Foundation Board Members in favor of gifts to graduates. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to turn the Dixon funds over to the Foundation as the present CDs mature. Motion carried 7-0.

Mowing specifications and bids were presented. Rather than outsource all the mowing, the district could hire staff for mowing the school buildings' grounds along with sub custodial and bus driving. The specs bid out were in three packages: 1) mowing, fertilizer, weed control, trimming of the Grand Junction and Jefferson football fields and the baseball field, 2) mowing and trimming areas surrounding the Jefferson baseball and football fields, 3) fertilizer and weed control of all district grounds except the football and baseball fields. Raccoon Valley Lawn Care bid on packages 1 & 3. Spring Green bid on package 3. No bids were received on package 2. After some discussion, more details will be put in the specifications. Mowing will be on the March agenda.

Principal Brian Phillips suggested the board revise Board Policy 604.8 – Foreign Students, setting out district expectations for placement of foreign exchange students and enrollment in the district. The board approved the changes as presented on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Fisher. Motion carried 7-0.

A revised District Developed Service Delivery Plan was presented for board approval. The way a special education teacher's load is calculated, based on their roster, was changed. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A draft 2019-2020 calendar was presented. The first day of school being August 23, 2019; the last day being May 28, 2020; early dismissal at the end of each trimester; Winter break from December 23rd to January 3rd; Spring Break March 16th -20th. Wilson made and McConnell seconded a motion to set a public hearing on March 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Building Conference Room, at 204 W. Madison, Jefferson Iowa. Motion carried 7-0.

The Heart of Iowa Conference has proposed increasing all admission prices to \$5. Presently adult admission is \$5 and student admission is \$3. Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to leave the admission prices at the present rates. Motion carried 7-0.

The following fundraising requests were presented: Girls Basketball Pink Out Game, Ram Relay Sponsors, National Honor Society sponsored Ram Restaurant takeout meal, Elementary Color Run and bake sale at the Musical. All fundraisers were approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 303.1-303.10. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the review of the policies as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen reminded board members the March meeting is on March 13th, a week earlier than normal due to Spring Break. He reported on an upcoming meeting with IJAG – Iowa Jobs for American's Graduates, a meeting with Iowa Central CC and advanced manufacturing employers on curriculum for the Career Academy and a meeting with Iowa Central, Pillar and surrounding school districts.

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At 7:56 p.m. Karber made and McConnell seconded a motion to go into closed session as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) – discussion with legal counsel regarding imminent litigation. Motion carried 7-0.

The board came out of closed session and President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

President

Secretary