

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2019

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session April 17, 2019 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Mark Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked everyone to remember the District Vision/Mission. Directors Steve Fisher, Sam Harding, Steve Karber, John McConnell, Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. Director Mike Dennhardt was absent.

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

No comments were made during Open Forum.

Matthew Gillaspie from Piper Jaffray explained the General Obligation Bond sale and reported the winning bidder to be Robert W. Baird & Co – Milwaukee WI; restructured purchase price of \$5,888,652.25, net interest cost of \$677,938.86, with a true interest rate of 2.371282%. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the resolution directing the sale of \$5,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 to the winning bidder, Robert W. Baird & Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried 6-0.

McConnell made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Consent items were: Minutes – March 6, 2019 special meeting and March 13, 2019 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – March 2019; Resignations: Sean Ostendorf - (2019) 9th grade baseball, Mavis Sawhill – Part Time Middle School Teacher, Zachery Beekman – Middle School Special Education Teacher, Aerial Hess – High School Associate, Sarah Lentz – Cook; Hirings: Mary Ambrose – Middle School Associate, McClain Holst – Middle School Science Teacher, Jacque Cunningham – Middle School Softball Coach.

Motion was made by Karber, seconded by Harding, to approve the second reading of revised Board Policy 606.3– Animals in Classrooms and new Board Policy 106 – Assistance Animals. Motion carried 6-0.

Greene County High School Agronomy Students gave a presentation on the FFA Farm project. , In Instructor Katie Akers' absence, Tanner Lawton attended with the students. Instructor Kirk Davis updated the board on the Student Construction Program. Board Committee reports were heard on the City Park & Rec Commission meeting, the Building Project and Negotiations. Brief reports were given by Principals Brian Phillips, Shawn Zanders and Scott Johnson, Reading Specialist Julie Neal, Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Sandberg and Acting Activities Director Tim Christensen.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve a three year agreement with Laborers' Local #177 (bus drivers) with total package increases of 2.5% for the 2019-2020 year, 2.35% for 2020-2021 and 2.2% for 2021-2022. Motion carried 6-0.

The following fundraiser requests were approved on a motion made by Fisher, seconded by Wilson: Save the Bees Bake Sale – 7th Grade Science, Pennies for Paws – Melanie Doran, Accelerated Government. Motion carried 6-0.

The first reading of revised Board Policy 505.5 – Graduation Requirements was approved on a motion made by Karber, seconded by Harding. Motion carried 6-0.

As allowed in Board Policy 207.3, Superintendent Christensen recommended waiving the second reading and approve revisions to Board Policies 303.2 – Administrator Contract and Contract Renewal and 404.4 – Certified Employee Continuing Contracts, to align with Iowa Code statutory timelines. Karber made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the revisions as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve proposals from Terracon for material testing and special inspection services at an estimated cost of \$92,550 and from Bolton & Menk for construction staking for a lump sum of \$30,600. Motion carried 6-0.

A rental agreement for the use of the Grand Junction Community Center for a Summer Lunch Program site was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to participate in the AEA Cooperative Purchasing Program in the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Karber made and Harding seconded a motion to approve continued class sharing and shared staff as listed: Curriculum Director with LuVerne and Media Specialist with Ogden and Paton-Churdan; We will not be purchasing math teacher services from Paton-Churdan; Southeast Valley – Student Construction, Certified Nurse Assistant and Medical Technology classes; All high school classes will continue to be open to Paton-Churdan students. Motion carried 6-0.

Business Manager/Board Secretary Brenda Muir gave a brief overview of the 2017-2018 Financial Audit performed by Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, P.C. and filed with the state in a timely manner.

A list of summer projects was presented. Technology equipment, a bus, a Suburban, heat pump update at the elementary and replacing rooftop HVAC units at the high school were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Harding. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 400-401.12. Two revisions were recommended; to Board Policy 400 – Role of and Guiding Principles for Employees and Board Policy 401.3 – Employee Complaints. The revisions reflect changes in Iowa Code on Collective Bargaining. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the review of the policies as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported on scholarship committee, Senior awards night, groundbreaking ceremony, Future Ready Iowa Summit, Career Academy upcoming announcement, drug dogs, and value engineering on the new construction project.

President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

President

Secretary