

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
January 15, 2020

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on January 15, 2020 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Steve Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Directors Steve Karber, and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. Directors Mike Dennhardt and John McConnell were absent. Fisher referenced the District Mission and Vision statement.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

During Open Forum, Elementary Principal Johnson commended the custodial staff and their supervisors for stepping up during the staff shortage in his building.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 3-0. Consent items were: Minutes – December 18, 2019 regular and organizational meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – December 2019; Resignations: Marsha Snowgren – Middle School Associate (end of school year); Hirings: Joshua Carlson – Girls Golf Coach.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the Early Graduation Request from Scott Brown. Motion carried 3-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the second reading of revised Board Policies 605.6A-District Internet Safe and Responsible Use Policy and Regulations and 605.6B - Student Internet Safe and Responsible Use Policy. Motion carried 3-0.

The Advertising Committee recommended an increase in the advertising budget for radio, online and print ads promoting the School and the Regional Academy. Wilson made and Karber seconded a motion to increase the advertising budget by \$12,000 to accommodate this. Motion carried 3-0.

Instructor Kirk Davis updated the board on Student Construction house progress. Brief reports were given by Principals Brian Phillips, Shawn Zanders and Scott Johnson, Reading Specialist Julie Neal, Math Specialist Audrey Hinote, Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Sandberg, Technology Director Brent Gerzema and the Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Department. Activities Director Todd Gordon was absent but had a report for board review.

Three voluntary retirement applications and resignations were received. Karber made and Wilson 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 2019-2020 school year, after service in the Scranton, Jefferson, Jefferson-Scranton, East Greene and Greene County School Districts. Retiring are Marcia Roeder – custodian with 26 years of service, J. Mark Sawhill – currently Middle School Math Teacher, with 31 years of service and Kevin Richards – currently Elementary/Middle School Art Teacher, with 31 years of service. The Board thanks them for their many years of excellent service and wishes them well in their retirement. Motion carried 3-0.

The High School conversion to Middle School project will be on the February agenda. The project will be let out to bid and a public hearing must be held before approval of bids.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., as bond counsel in connection with the Sales Tax Revenue Bond redemption and sale. Motion carried 3-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the redemption of outstanding School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, dated June 29, 2016 and directing notice be given. Motion carried 3-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the Resolution fixing the date for a public hearing on the proposed issuance of approximately \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, on February 19, 2020 in the Administrative Building Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Karber made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 At-Risk Dropout Program Budget and to request a Modified Supplemental Amount of \$415,439 from the School Budget Review Committee to implement the plan, along with the required District match of \$138,480. Wilson seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve a request to the SBRC for Grandwood Administrative Costs, the Greene County CSD portion estimated to be \$12,931.43. Motion carried 3-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve a request to the SBRC for Woodward Academy Dayschool Administrative Costs, the Greene County CSD portion estimated to be \$1,756.71. Motion carried 3-0.

The Independent Contractor Agreement with ESSDACK for Kevin Honeycutt's services on February 3-4 and February 10-11, 2020 for \$3000 per day was approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.

Technology Director Brent Gerzema and Business Manager Brenda Muir explained the need to update the School Business Office financial software. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to accept the quote from Harris School Solutions for Implementation and Training of AptaFund and AAWeb Software for \$11,100. Motion carried 3-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve 2020 Soccer coaching contracts as follows: Carl Behne - Varsity Boys, Chad Black - Assistant Boys, Marilyn Tasler – Varsity Girls and Maribelle Hernandez – Assistant Girls. Head coaches will receive 6 units or \$3473; Assistant coaches will receive 4 units or \$2316; unit value being based on the current supplemental schedule. Motion carried 3-0.

Wilson made and Karber seconded a motion to approve contracts per the supplemental schedule for 2020 Baseball and Softball as follows: Matthew Paulsen – Varsity Baseball, Kevin Paulsen – Assistant Baseball, Tom Kennedy – Varsity Softball, Tiffany Hupp – Assistant Softball, Marissa Promes – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/Middle School Softball and Jacque Schirmbeck – Middle School Softball. Other positions are still open and available. Motion carried 3-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 500-501.8. Superintendent Christensen recommended revisions to Policies 501.2 and 501.13 involving enrollment and count dates and to Policy 501.5 adding a paragraph recommended by IASB referring to parental requests for siblings' classroom assignments. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the review with the revisions recommended. Motion carried 3 -0.

Fundraisers, for a Gay Straight Alliance bake sale and Middle School bake sale to help sponsor an animal in need, were both approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported on the School Nutrition review and upcoming: STEM Advisory Council, School Budget Workshop and lobbying.

At 7:25 p.m. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to go into closed session as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for Superintendent Evaluation.

The board came out of closed session at 7:44 and President Fisher declared the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary