

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
February 19, 2020

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on February 19, 2020 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Steve Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Directors Steve Karber, Mike Dennhardt and John McConnell; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. Director Catherine Wilson was absent. Fisher referenced the District Mission and Vision statement.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

A public hearing was held on the proposed issuance of approximately \$10,000,000 in School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. No comments were heard from the public.

During Open Forum, Heath Telleen, Chief Negotiator for the Greene County Education Association, officially informed the Board of the Association's intent to bargain for changes to the Master Contract between the entities for the 2020-2021 school year. They suggest the first and second bargaining sessions be held in open session during the March 11, 2020 regular monthly board meeting; with the rest of the bargaining to be closed to the public.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 4-0. Consent items were: Minutes – January 15, 2020 work session and regular monthly meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – January 2020; Resignations: Jennifer Weaver – Elementary Associate, Tyler Lowmiller – Elementary Associate, Amy McGinn – Pre-Kindergarten Teacher; Hirings: Chelsie Lawrence – Elementary Associate.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the proposed issuance of approximately \$10,000,000 in School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Christensen discussed the conversion of the current High School into the Middle School. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to set a public hearing for March 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room, 204 W. Madison, Jefferson IA, on the proposed drawings, specifications, form of contract and proposed cost of the furnishing of all necessary labor, material and equipment for the conversion. Motion carried 4-0.

Instructor Kirk Davis updated the board on the Student Construction house progress. Director Fisher reported on the County Conference Board and the School Foundation meetings. Shawn DeMoss reported on the grounds committee meeting. Director Karber reported on the Wellness, BOOST and Visioning Committees. Brief reports were given by Principals 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. Principal Brian Phillips and Activities Director Todd Gordon were absent but had reports for board review.

Following up from the board work session Forecast 5 presentation, Business Manager Brenda Muir presented a 2020-2021 proposed budget summary for publication and asked the board set a public hearing for March 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room, 204 W. Madison, Jefferson IA. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to set a public hearing as recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

A voluntary retirement application and resignation was received from Kay Sesker, Co-Food Service Director. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to accept the application/resignation. Motion carried 4-0.

A proposed 2020-2021 school calendar was presented. Due to construction projects, the High School would begin classes on August 27, 2020 with the Elementary and Middle School classes beginning on September 8, 2020. All teacher contracts will continue to be 190 day contracts with more professional development days for the Elementary and Middle School staff. There would be no early out Wednesdays and there will be a data day for all teaching staff most months. The last day of school would be May 28, 2021. The District Leadership Team helped develop the proposed calendar. Karber made and McConnell seconded a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar at the regular March 11, 2020 board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Administration Building Conference Room, 204 W. Madison, Jefferson IA. Motion carried 4-0.

An agreement with IKM-Manning School District for enrollment in Rising Hope Academic Therapeutic Classroom was approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 4-0.

A service agreement with Home Town Ticketing.com was discussed. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to table any action on the agreement until the March regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

McConnell made and Karber seconded a motion to re-appoint Tim Christensen to the Bell Tower Foundation Board. Motion carried 4-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 501-9-501.16. Superintendent Christensen recommended revisions to Policy 501.10A – High School Attendance Policy. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the review with the revisions recommended. Motion carried 4-0.

Fundraisers, for the Track teams, the Boys Golf team, Girls Track and a Middle School art show were all approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 4-0.

Consideration to purchase a weather monitoring service from Earth Networks was tabled on a motion made by Karber, seconded by Dennhardt, until the March regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported on legislative lobbying and encouraged others to advocate for operational sharing for Work Based Learning Coordinators.

President Fisher declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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President

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Secretary