

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2024

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on April 10, 2024 in the District Board Room, located in the Middle School. President Silbaugh called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the President reading the District Mission Statement and Strategic Priorities. Directors Tim Riphagen, Connie Boyd, Cindi Daubendiek and Michelle Fields; Superintendent Brett Abbotts and Board Secretary Laura Marshall were present.

Fields made and Boyd seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Bob Ausberger spoke during open forum about data and costs for installing a solar project at the Grand Junction Community Center. He encouraged the board to continue to pursue solar panels to reduce utility costs.

Boyd made and Riphagen seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Consent items were: Minutes: March 13, 2024 meeting, March 27, 2024 Proposed Tax Hearing, April 1, 2024 Special Meeting; Bills: as presented; Financial Reports: March 2024; Hirings: Dena Boyd – Student Council Sponsor; Shawon Zmolek – 7th Grade Science Teacher; Sara Huddleston – Multi-Cultural Family Resource Advocate; Tiffany Hoogestraat – Curriculum/MTSS Director; Shelby Mincy – 4th Grade Teacher; Resignations: Anna Kozal – Middle School Special Education Teacher; Nancy Eckley – Elementary Paraeducator; Shannon Black – Cheerleading Coach; Linda Redfern – Elementary Paraeducator; Jennifer Martino – High School Special Education Teacher; McClain Holst – 7th Grade Science Teacher; Kirk Davis – Industrial Tech Teacher; Jessica Goughnour – Elementary Paraeducator; Kathryn Farber – Elementary Guidance Counselor; Kyle Staudacher – High School Math Teacher; Transfers: Isaac Bebout from Assistant Middle School football to Head 7th Grade Football Coach; Debra Wolterman – Assistant Cheerleading to Head Cheerleading; Victoria Anderson - Assistant Cross Country to Head Middle School Cross Country Coach.

The second reading of revised board Policy 404.2 – Certified Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection was approved on a motion made by Daubendiek and seconded by Riphagen. Motion Carried 5-0.

Superintendent Abbotts presented the proposed 2024-2025 Certified Budget. His presentation included historical enrollment and tax levy data. The proposed budget is for an overall tax levy rate of \$14.11 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation; down \$0.21 from the previous year. The public hearing for the 2024-2025 Certified Budget will be held April 17, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in the District Board Room, 101 Ram Drive, Jefferson, Iowa.

Principals recognized selected staff and students for their service and hard work. Elementary principal Audrey Hinote honored students Linkyn Buenavista and Scarlett Alvarez along with staff members Lita Bauer and Brenda Roberts. Middle School Principal Cara Osborne honored students Ethan Helmrich and Tyler Pope, staff members Chelse Sanderson and Whitney Hoyle. High School Principal Karen Shannon honored students Emma Ewalt and Georgia Osterson, staff Sarah Stott and Mona Weltz.

Board Committee Reports: Silbaugh – School Foundation/BOOST; Fields Administrative Salary committee.

Administrative report slides were available, with alignment to strategic district priorities.

Three students were present to request school driving permits. Students were asked to identify themselves, tell the board where they live and explain why they need a school permit. Director Fields explained the rules/laws surrounding school permits. Fields made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve school driving permits for Carter Fowler, Rylee Tuhn and Chris Hankel. Motion carried 5-0. The Affidavit for Minor School License form was signed by Board President Silbaugh.

Fields made and Boyd seconded a motion to approve the fundraiser requests for Kona Ice at the Middle School, FCCLA Princess Tea Party, FCCLA Bake Sale, Volleyball Scratch Cupcake sales, Youth Volleyball Camp and FFA Community Breakfast. Motion carried 5-0.

Jason Schillig with MUSCO Lighting presented a quote for new stadium lights at Linduska Field. Daubendiek made and Riphagen seconded a motion to approve the quote from MUSCO Lighting not to exceed \$280,000. Motion Carried 5-0.

Daubendiek made and Boyd seconded a motion to approve a \$13,120 quote from Countrywide Electric for the electrical work portion of the new stadium light project. Motion Carried 5-0.

The following summer projects were discussed: Middle School Sidewalk, Elementary Roof Repair, Elementary/Middle School Carpeting and Elementary Heat Pumps.

A fertilizer contract with Raccoon Valley Lawn Care for \$20,450 for non-competition areas and \$11,222 for athletic competition fields was approved on a motion by Fields and seconded by Boyd. Motion carried 5-0.

Daubendiek made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the Engagement Letter with Piper Sandler & Co. to issue General Obligation School Capital Loan notes (i.e. "PPEL Notes) (to provide funds to renovate, remodel, repair or improve HVAC operations throughout the district and other projects the board may specify.) Motion carried 5-0.

Fields made and Riphagen seconded a motion to approve 2024-2025 administrative salaries as presented. Overall total district cost increase of \$41,725 or 3.128%. Motion Carried 5-0.

Board Policies 605.4-605.7 were reviewed. Boyd made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the review with the exception of striking out board policy 605.6A section 8C. Motion Carried 5-0.

President Silbaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

President

Secretary