

Greene County Community School District

Regular Meeting

October 21, 2026

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on October 21, 2026 in the District Board Room, located in the Middle School. President- Cindi Daubendiek called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the President reading the District Mission Statement and Strategic Priorities. Directors- Katie Nelson, Tim Riphagen, Connie Boyd & Megan Holz, Superintendent Brett Abbotts and Board Secretary- Laura Marshall were present.

Riphagen made and Holz seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried: 5-0. No comments were heard during open forum.

Riphagen made and Holz seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried: 5-0.

Consent items were:

Minutes: September 9, 2026 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting September 23, 2026 **Bills:** As Presented

Financial Report: September 2026

Hiring(s): Amanda Machado – Custodian, Stefanie Jorgensen – 7th Grade Girls Basketball, McKinley Robbins – Voluntary Coach

Resignation(s): Michael McGivney – Custodian, Tori Ogden – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, Sara Allen - Paraeducator

Transfer(s): Denny Bautista Fernandez – Custodian to Food Service Cook

Non-Renewal of Contract(s): None

Holz moved to reject all bids received on October 8, 2026 for the Linduska Field Restroom and Ticketing Project due to bid amounts exceeding the budget allocation, and to authorize district administration and the architect to review project scope and re-solicit bids at a later date. Riphagen seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0.

The President of the Board called up for consideration the Resolution Fixing the Date for a Hearing on the Proposed Use of SAVE Revenue for an Athletic Facility Infrastructure Project which requires that a public hearing be held on this proposal.

Director Holz introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Riphagen seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was:

Ayes: Nelson, Boyd, Riphagen, Holz, Daubendiek

Nays:

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
USE OF SAVE REVENUE FOR AN ATHLETIC FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund ("SAVE Revenue") pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 423F and an election duly held in accordance therewith on September 10, 2019, the Board of Directors is currently entitled to spend SAVE Revenue for school infrastructure purposes, including the construction of an athletic facility infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, before SAVE Revenue may be used for the construction of an athletic facility infrastructure project that is not physically attached to a student attendance center, the Board of Directors must comply with the provisions of Iowa Code Section 423F.3(6A) by adopting a resolution setting forth the proposal for the athletic facility infrastructure project, and holding a public hearing on the proposed construction of the athletic facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that it is necessary and advisable for the District to use SAVE Revenue for the following athletic facility infrastructure project that is not physically attached to a student attendance center: to build, furnish, and equip restroom facilities at Linduska Field; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the construction of this athletic facility infrastructure project is \$600,000; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public hearing must be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the public hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the District:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. A public hearing will be held in the Administrative Building Conference Room, 101 Ram Drive, Jefferson, Iowa, on November 11, 2026, at 5:15 PM., on the proposal to

use SAVE Revenue for the following athletic facility infrastructure project: to build, furnish, and equip restroom facilities at Linduska Field. The current estimated cost of this athletic facility infrastructure project is \$600,000.

2. The Secretary is authorized and directed to publish notice of this public hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the District. Such publication will be made not less than ten nor more than twenty days ahead of the hearing date, and be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED USE OF SAVE REVENUE FOR AN ATHLETIC FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

The Greene County Community School District, in the Counties of Greene and Boone, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing upon its proposed use of revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund for the purpose of the following athletic facility infrastructure project: to build, furnish, and equip restroom facilities at Linduska Field. The current estimated cost of this athletic facility infrastructure project is \$600,000. The hearing will be held in the Administrative Building Conference Room, 101 Ram Drive, Jefferson, Iowa, on November 11, 2026, at 5:15 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of October, 2026.

Administrative report slides were made available to the Board and included updates aligned with the district's strategic priorities.

Two students were present to request a school driving permit. Superintendent Abbotts explained the rules/laws surrounding school permits. Student(s) were asked to identify themselves, tell the board where they live and

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explain why they need a school permit. Riphagen made and Boyd seconded a motion to approve school permit(s) for Isabella Louk and Poppy Wetrich. Motion carried: 5-0. The affidavit for Minor School License form was signed by Board President Daubendiek.

Boyd made and Nelson seconded a motion to approve the fundraisers as follows;

Chuck a Duck - MS Student Council, Fall Fruit Fundraiser - FFA, Wooden Products – SkillsUSA and Bake Sale - iJAG. Motion carried 5-0.

Early graduation requests, pending completion of all requirements, was approved for 11 students on a motion made by Holz and seconded by Boyd. Motion carried 5-0. The request for graduation following the first semester was approved for - Wyatt Babcock, Corbin Bellinghausen, Kai Byerly, Caden Anderson, Makenna Dzuris, Bellah Hamann, Damien Hull, Grace Murphy, Josiah Taylor, Sophie Steel and Braxton Weeks.

Board treasurer Teresa Hoyle presented the 2025-2026 Annual Treasurer's Report, which reconciled with the Secretary's balance. Riphagen moved and Boyd seconded a motion to accept the report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

The 2025-2026 Certified Annual Report, Special Education Supplement and Annual Transportation was presented.

Motion was made by Riphagen, seconded by Holz, to approve the request for a Modified Supplemental Amount of \$682,369.93 related to the special education deficit balance for fiscal year 2025–26. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Holz made a motion to request \$41,673.98 in allowable growth from the SBRC for the 2025–2026 excess limited English proficient expenditures. Boyd seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Misty Bettley, International Club sponsor, presented a request for students to travel to London, Paris and Rome. Riphagen moved, and Nelson seconded, to approve the International Club's trip. Motion carried 5-0.

Boyd made a motion, seconded by Nelson to approve the invoice as presented for the Elementary Furniture Plan for 4th grade. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval of the following calendar changes: Move the end of Semester 1 from January 14 to January 15; Move the professional development day from January 15 to January 18 and begin Semester 2 on January 19.

The proposed changes respond to state legislation establishing a second certified enrollment count that closes January 15. Under the current calendar, students graduating early would exit the district on January 14 and would not be included in the second count. Moving the semester end date to January 15 would allow those students to be included. The two certified enrollment counts are averaged to determine the district's certified enrollment. Riphagen moved, and Boyd seconded, to approve the school calendar amendment as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Boyd moved, and Riphagen seconded, to adopt a resolution proposing the sale of District-owned property commonly known as the Grand Junction football field, as legally described in the resolution, and setting a public hearing for January 13, 2027 at 5:15 PM at the Greene County CSD District Board Room located at 101 Ram Drive Jefferson, IA 50129.

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The resolution identifies the property as no longer necessary or suitable for the district's current or reasonably anticipated educational operations and directs the Board Secretary or an authorized District representative to publish notice of the hearing. The

public will have an opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the proposed sale. Final approval of the sale and its terms will be considered following the public hearing.

The board discussed who will be attending the Iowa Association of School Board convention. Each board member will be responsible for signing up for the sessions they would like to attend.

Motion was made by Holz and seconded by Nelson to appoint Riphagen as the IASB delegate for the Assembly held in November prior to the School Board Convention. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the proposal submitted by Activities Director Dave Wright. Riphagen moved, and Boyd seconded, to approve Phase 1 of the Wrestling Room Facility Upgrade Project; authorizing a District Contribution not to exceed \$10,000 toward the wrestling room improvements. As well as an additional \$14,300 for HVAC replacement, for an authorized District Contribution not to exceed the total amount of \$24,300.00. Additionally, the proposal includes committed funding from the Activities Department [\$5,000] and Community Contributions/Sponsorships [\$9,700] for a total of \$14,700. Roll call vote: Ayes-Boyd and Riphagen. Nays Nelson and Daubendiek. Abstained-Holz. Motion failed on a tie vote.

The Board reviewed a request from Deb McGinn, representing Jefferson Matters and its Art Committee, for permission to place a mural on the south wall of the old middle school gymnasium. The project would proceed only if the necessary grant funding or opportunity is secured and would involve no cost or burden to the district. Riphagen moved, and Holz seconded, to approve the use of the south wall for the proposed mural under these conditions. Motion carried 5-0.

Riphagen moved, and Holz seconded, to approve DB Acoustics Inc for the Light Pole Press Box Sound System, including equipment and installation, at a total cost of \$39,193.10, excluding the optional under bleacher subwoofers. Motion carried 5-0.

Boyd made and Holz seconded a motion to approve the review of Board Policies 505 - 506.4. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:11 PM Riphagen made and Holz seconded a motion to go into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i): "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Motion carried 5-0.

The Board recessed at 7:11 PM and reconvened in closed session at 7:18 PM.

The board returned to open session at 8:58 PM.

President Daubendiek declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

President Secretary

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