

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
March 13, 2019

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on March 13, 2019 in the Administration Building Conference Room. President Mark Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and referenced the District Vision/Mission statement. Directors Mike Dennhardt, Steve Fisher, Sam Harding, John McConnell, and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. Steve Karber was absent.

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

A public hearing was held on the 2019-2020 School Calendar. Discussion included listing dates that snow days would be made up. The public hearing was closed. McConnell made and Harding seconded a motion to approve the calendar as presented and that snow days be made up at the end of the school year, as is present practice. Motion carried 6-0.

During Open Forum, Dick Wilcox, who passed away this week, was remembered for his years of service on the school board many years ago. His daughter Karen Lawton also is a past school board member. Conner Allendar presented on her participation in the Puppy Jake Foundation as a foster care handler.

Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Consent items were: Minutes – February 20, 2019 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – February 2019; Hirings: Sealeana Smith – Middle School Associate, Chantel Blair- Assistant Volleyball Coach.

Lawn care was discussed. Director John McConnell presented his thoughts on outsourcing the work versus hiring additional staff. McConnell made and Wilson seconded a motion to return our lawn care to in-house, hire two full time employees and purchase equipment as necessary. Motion carried 6-0.

Instructor Kirk Davis reported on the Student Construction Program. Director Steve Fisher reported on the County Conference Board meeting. Co-Presidents of the Greene County Education Association Heath Telleen and Darren Jackson presented the union's initial offer for revising the negotiated agreement. They proposed a \$1,345 increase to the base salary and another 5% increase in both the 2020-21 and 2021-2022 school years and also proposed putting permissive language back in the master contract. 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. Grounds Director Shawn DeMoss commended and thanked Raccoon Valley Lawn Care for their years of mowing service. Superintendent Christensen commended Greene County Secondary Roads for the great job they do and for working with district administrators as the decision was made to go to hard surfaces only this week.

Instructor Sara Stott had an out of state field trip request for the Art Club. They would travel to Kansas City for the weekend of April 17th. They will tour museums and visit the art district. Fisher made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the trip. Motion carried 6-0.

The discussion on the FFA farming the 22.9 acres on the south end of the site for the new High School/Career Academy continued. Fisher made and McConnell seconded a motion to allow the FFA to farm those acres and set cash rent at \$100 per acre to be paid by November 1, 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen gave a presentation on the proposed 2019-2020 Certified Budget in the work session. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to set a public hearing for April 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative Building Conference Room on the proposed 2019-2020 Certified Budget. Motion carried 6-0.

An amendment to the 2018-19 Certified Budget was presented. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to hold a public hearing April 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative Building Conference Room on the amendment presented. Motion carried 6-0.

West Marshall Community School District has made formal application to the Heart of Iowa Activities Conference beginning in 2020-2021. Harding made and Fisher seconded a motion in favor of West Marshall joining our conference. Motion carried 6-0.

Karen Sandberg presented an official recommendation to the board from the School Improvement Advisory Committee. They would like the Anti-Bullying and Harassment form easier to find on the school website and suggest it be a fillable online document. Wilson made and Harding seconded a motion to accept the recommendation. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen suggested a revision to Board Policy 606.3– Animals in Classrooms by adding a sentence stating the policy is not addressing service animals, assistive animals, therapy animals or emotional support animals. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the first reading of the revised policy as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

The first reading of new Board Policy 106 – Assistance Animals was approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 5-0 with Fisher abstaining.

Fisher made and Harding seconded a motion to contract with Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the 28E Agreement with Greene County for the Construction of the Career Academy. Motion carried 6-0.

The board is selling the final portion of the \$21,480,000 General Obligation Bonds approved in April 2018 by referendum. Harding made and Dennhardt approved the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,500,000 General Obligation Bonds and levying a tax for the payment thereof. Motion carried 6-0.

Harding also made and Dennhardt seconded a second resolution directing the sale of not to exceed \$5,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, approving electronic bidding procedures and approving the official statement. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 304.1-307. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the review of the policies as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Christensen reported buses are traveling on hard surfaces only this week, invited board members to the Grow Greene County awards program on April 1st, and announced a fundraiser with New Way Ford donating \$20 to the Activities Department for every test drive of one of their vehicles during the home track meet on April 15, 2019.

At 7:54 p.m. Harding made and McConnell seconded a motion to go into closed session as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for Superintendent evaluation. Motion carried 6-0.

The board came out of closed session and President Peters declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President

Secretary