

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2019

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session May 15, 2019 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Mark Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked everyone to remember the District Vision/Mission. Directors Mike Dennhardt, Steve Fisher, Sam Harding, Steve Karber, John McConnell, Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

No comments were made during Open Forum.

Fisher made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Consent items were: Minutes – April 10 and April 29, 2019 special meetings and April 17, 2019 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – April 2019; Resignations: Sean Thompson-Middle School Lead Technology assignment, Zachery Beekman – Assistant Varsity Football coach, Chris Conner – Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Stephanie Wiskus – Elementary Associate, Chantel Blair – Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach; Hirings: Erin Aalfs – Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Lindsey Duncan – Middle School Special Education Teacher, Debra Marquardt – Middle School Cross Country Coach, Brenda Roberts - .5 Middle School Drama, Josephine Holmquist – 3rd Grade Teacher; Contract Changes: Cody Smith – from Middle School to High School Assistant Football Coach, Ron Pollock - from Middle School to High School Assistant Football Coach, Tammy Brophy – from Middle School Drama to .5 Middle School Drama.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the resolution appointing UMB Bank N.A. of Kansas City, Missouri, to serve as paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent, approving the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent agreement and authorizing the execution of the same. Motion carried 7-0.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the continuing disclosure certificate and tax exemption certificate on the \$5,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the resolution amending the resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, of the Greene County Community School District, State of Iowa, in the amount of \$5,500,000, and levying a tax for the payment thereof adopted March 13, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Karber, seconded by Dennhardt, to approve the second reading of revised Board Policy 505.5 – Graduation Requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Christensen and Director Fisher reported on the FFA Farm project. Board Committee reports were heard on the City Park & Rec Commission meeting and the Building Project. 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. Comments were also made by Technology Director Tim Buenz and Grounds/Transportation Director Shawn DeMoss.

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Christensen presented Board Directors with certificates and thanked them for their service to the school and community.

Representatives from the Greene County Early Learning Center were present and discussed their research on remodeling the present Administration Building versus building a new facility for their use. Directors Karber and Fisher volunteered to serve on a sub-committee to continue discussions with the Early Learning Center on the possible transfer of property.

A discussion was held on the remodel of the present High School into a Middle School. More information will be gathered from engineers, architects and financial advisors for the June meeting.

Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Teacher Leadership contracts. Motion carried 6-0 with Fisher abstaining.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Administrative contracts; Total district cost increase of \$2,818 or .245%, partially due to Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Sandberg's request for a .9 FTE contract. Motion carried 7-0.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Classified Staff contracts; Total district cost of \$58,862 or 2.53% overall. Motion carried 7-0.

Substitute rates and new hire rates beginning in the 2019-2020 school year were approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Wilson. Substitute teachers will receive \$120 per day and substitute associate will receive \$9 per hour. The entire list of rates is available in the Business Office during normal office hours. Motion carried 7-0.

The 2019-2020 books fees, meal prices and activity ticket prices were discussed. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve increasing adult lunch prices by ten cents to \$3.75, no change in book fees and changing student activity tickets from \$75 to \$25 for K-6 students and \$50 for 7-12 students. The practice of free senior citizen passes will be continued with a suggestion of a free will donation. Motion carried 7-0.

An independent contractor agreement with ESSDACK was approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 7-0. Keynote speaker/trainer and former educator Kevin Honeycutt will work with various groups throughout the day on October 30, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

The following fundraiser requests were approved on a motion made by Fisher, seconded by Karber: Blank Children's Hospital collection - Accelerated Government group and Shutterfly Storefront – percentage of sale to the district. Motion carried 7-0.

Instructor Heather Moody requested a name change from the Greene County Academic Achievement Center, formerly referred to as the Alternative School, to OHANA – Opportunity Happens for All Needing Assistance. Ohana loosely means family in Hawaiian. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the name change beginning the Fall of 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

The first reading of revised Board Policy 603.12 - Literacy was approved on a motion made by Harding, seconded by Karber. Motion carried 7-0.

The first reading of revised Board Policy 413.1 – Classified Employee Vacations and Holidays was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 7-0.

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The board reviewed Board Policies 402-402.6. Revisions were recommended to Board Policy 402.2 – Child Abuse Reporting, per IASB Policy Primer. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the revisions and review of the policies as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

In conjunction with New Business agenda item K – High School Attendance/Tardy Process, Director Harding moved that the board hold a closed session as provided in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Dennhardt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board went into closed session at 7:40 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:17 p.m. President Peters declared the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary