

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
June 19, 2019

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session June 19, 2019 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. Vice President Steve Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and read the District Vision/Mission Statement. Directors Mike Dennhardt, Sam Harding, Steve Karber, John McConnell, Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. President Mark Peters was absent.

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

No comments were made during Open Forum.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Consent items were: Minutes – May 23, 2019 special meeting, May 15, 2019 work session and regular meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – May 2019; Resignations: Deborah Boldt – High School Special Education Teacher, Michael Schnoes – High School Industrial Arts Teacher, Brittany Harmeyer – Elementary Associate, Shawn Zanders – Girls Golf Coach, Cody Smith – Assistant Varsity Football Coach; Hirings: Brenda Lingren – Third Grade Teacher, Raelyn Harris – High School Agriculture Education Teacher, Jill Mills – High School Special Education Associate, Kirsten Carman – ¼ Prom Sponsor, Kyle Kinne – Head Middle School (7th) Football Coach, Kirk Davis – Assistant Middle School Football Coach.

The board discussed the remodel of the High School, which will become the Middle School after the new construction is complete. The process of selling the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds as originally planned and the amount to sell was also discussed. The general consensus was to move forward.

The second reading of revised Board Policy 603.12 - Literacy was approved on a motion made by Harding, seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0. The policy change is adopted.

The second reading of revised Board Policy 413.1 – Classified Employee Vacations and Holidays was approved on a motion made by Harding and seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0. The policy change is adopted.

Director Harding reported on the new construction and City Park & Rec Commission meeting. Directors Karber and Fisher reported on the meeting with the Early Learning Center Board. 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.

Karen Kelley, representing the American Heart Association, honored Lori Danner for her years of leadership in fundraising with district students. This year she helped raise almost \$15,809 with the Kids Heart Challenge, formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart. She encouraged students and they raised over \$108,000 in the years she has organized the events for the District. Lori retired at the end of this school year. She received a Certificate of Appreciation from the AHA and also was thanked from the Board for her years of service.

Teacher Lisa Garnett requested the formation of a new student club at the Middle School, iStep, Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention. The Middle School Student Council and Principal Zanders are in support of the club. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the iStep Club for Middle School students. Motion carried 6-0.

Teacher Kirk Davis addressed the board on the Student Construction Program. He would like to build a house in the 2019-2020 school year. He has been in discussions with former teacher Dan Benitz and with Tri-County Lumber for guidance. Harding made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to allow the students to construct a house this coming school year. Twelve Greene County and seven Southeast Valley students are currently enrolled in the program this fall. Motion carried 6-0.

The District Emergency Operations Plan was discussed. This is a confidential document not available to the public. In Open Session, the table of contents was shared with the board. Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Service Agreement with Region XII Council of Governments and its affiliate Western Iowa Transit System for limited student transportation in handicap/wheelchair accessible vehicles. Motion carried 6-0.

A fundraising request from Boys Basketball – Full Court Press - was approved on a motion made by Wilson, seconded by Karber. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reviewed Board Policies 403.1-403.5B. Revisions were recommended to Board Policy 403.1 – Employee Physical Examinations. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to approve the revision recommended and the review of the other policies as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A discussion was held on graduation credits. This will be an ongoing discussion with input from teachers, administrators and the school board members.

Building Maintenance Director Adam Snowgren recommended replacing seven roof top units (heating/cooling) at the High School. Harding made and Karber seconded a motion to accept the quote from Drees Co. totaling \$113,714. Motion carried 6-0.

Snowgren also had received bids to replace a heat pump at the elementary. A bid from GEM Services for \$6077 for the heat pump and installation and a bid from Drees for control conversion on the system for \$715 were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Harding. Motion carried 6-0.

Brent Gerzema, Technology Director beginning July 1, 2019, requested replacing the K-2 iPads with Chromebooks and Chrome Tablets at a cost of \$57,428. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the K-2 mobile device replacement. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Tim Christensen reported on meeting with a solar energy provider, yearend professional development held, researching nurse practitioner services for mental health treatment and the Governor's visit and announcement of education/technology partnerships in the region.

Vice President Fisher declared the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

President

Secretary