

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2020

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on September 16, 2020 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Steve Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the District Vision/Mission statement. Directors Steve Karber, John McConnell and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present. Director Mike Dennhardt was absent. Due to COVID-19 concerns, seating was limited and the meeting was live streamed for public access.

McConnell made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

During Open Forum, Superintendent Christensen reported we have our first positive COVID19 cases in staff and students. Both the Elementary and Middle School buildings are now “in the red” which means masks are required.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0. Consent items were: Minutes: August 19, 2020 work session and regular monthly meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports: August 2020; Resignations: Cynthia Thurman – High School Associate, Brenda Miller – Custodian; Hirings: Janelle Brophy – Middle School Associate, Jill Colpitts – Middle School Associate, Sarah Nicholson – Middle School Associate, Jessica Sharpe – High School Associate, Lorelle Hinote – Elementary Secretary, Katelyn McDowell – Custodian, Emma Olson – Custodian.

Karber made and McConnell seconded a motion to hold a public hearing on the possible sale of the Middle School property at the next regular board meeting: October 21, 2020 in the Administration Building Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 4-0. Superintendent Christensen was also instructed to receive bids on gym demolition along with asbestos and lead abatement.

Administrative Reports were given remotely by Principals Shawn Zanders and Brian Phillips, Director of Teaching & Learning Karen Sandberg, Reading Specialist Julie Neal, Instructional Math Coach Audrey Hinote, Activities Director Todd Gordon, Technology Director Brent Gerzema and Buildings & Maintenance Supervisor Adam Snowgren.

Board Treasurer Sid Jones presented the 2019-2020 Annual Treasurer’s Report, which reconciled with the Secretary’s balance. President Fisher administered the oath of office to Treasurer Sid Jones and Secretary Brenda Muir, who were both appointed to the Board at the July meeting.

Business Manager/Board Secretary Muir presented the 2019-2020 Certified Annual Report, the Special Education Supplement and the Annual Transportation Report.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to request \$717,077.78 in allowable growth from the SBRC for the 2019-2020 Special Education Deficit and \$51,514.37 for the 2019-2020 Limited English Proficient excess costs. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Steve Karber was appointed as the board’s representative to the Iowa Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly, to be held remotely in 2020, on a motion made by Wilson and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 4-0.

28E agreements for Grandwood and also Woodward Academy, both located within the boundaries of the Woodward-Granger District, were approved for 2020-2021 school year on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

Change orders for the Middle School renovation, \$32,500.25 for the Chorus Room and \$16,736.93 for the Wrestling Room were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 4-0.

A bid from Resilite for a 4062 square foot wrestling practice room mat for \$28,027.80 was approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

A review of Board Policies 504.1-504.10 was approved, with no changes made, on a motion made by Karber, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

A fundraiser for Student Council Homecoming Tee Shirts was approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2020-2021 Board Goals were presented: Prioritize the physical, mental and emotional health and safety of all staff and students; Develop a 3-5 year facilities plan through committee; Explore new ways to effectively interact and communicate with students, staff, parents, and public; Continue implementation of District Career Guidance Plan – 100% graduation rate, using IJAG and Career Academy to help reach this goal; Continue to monitor & maintain \$1,000,000 in Unspent Balance Authority; Create an environment that encourages student enrollment and attracts/retains quality staff, including recruitment of students from other districts to the Iowa Central Career Academy. Karber made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the goals as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

During his monthly Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Christensen commended all staff for their hard work. The staggered start to the school year and the COVID-19 pandemic has overwhelmed all staff. He informed the board that Friday, September 25, 2020 will be a remote learning day at the High School only. This along with a Professional Development Day on Monday, September 28, 2020 would allow for some additional construction work to be done. On October 9th and 23rd school will dismiss at noon districtwide for staff to connect with their remote learners. Technology Director Gerzema answered questions about Clever Board displays being used for remote learning.

President Fisher declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

President

Secretary