

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2021

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on August 18, 2021, in the District Board Room, located in the Middle School. President Steve Karber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the District Vision/Mission statement. Directors Mike Dennhardt, Steve Fisher, John McConnell and Catherine Wilson; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were all present.

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

A public hearing on the use of ESSER funds was opened. No comments were heard from the public. Superintendent Christensen presented a list of proposed spending of the ESSER funds. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds are federal funds offered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Air quality improvements, technology, summer school to address learning loss, math interventionist and home/school liaison positions, professional development including mental health first aid were some of the items listed. Larger items are approved by the Department of Education before purchases are made but all expenditures are made and claims for funds, to cover those expenditures, can be made quarterly. The public hearing was closed at 5:20 p.m.

A public hearing was opened on the sale of property, near the former administration building and former middle school. The detailed description of the property on Vine Street was published with the public hearing notice. The land would be sold to the Greene County Early Learning Center for the purpose of constructing a new building on that property. Jacque Andrews, representing the GCELC Board, updated the School Board on the progress of bid letting. No other comments were heard from the public. The public hearing was closed at 5:26 p.m.

No comments were made during Open Forum.

Consent items were approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0. Consent items were: Minutes: June 16, 2021 regular monthly meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports: June 2021; Resignations: Janelle Brophy – Middle School Associate, Lauren Swain – High School Associate, Stephanie Hall – Elementary Media Center Associate, Beth DeMoss – Foodservice Cook; Hirings: Kyle Kinne - ¼ E-Sports Coach/ Coordinator, Robert Palmer ¼ E-Sports Coach, Jeff Whyte - ¼ E-Sports Coach, Josef Miller – ¼ E-Sports Coach, Kelley Gray – 10 extra days as Ram Fanatic sponsor, Heather McDowell – Elementary Associate, Gene Dillavou – Custodian.

McConnell made and Wilson seconded a motion to sell the Vine Street property to the Greene County Early Learning Center for one dollar. The real estate is described as Parcel 'A' in Block 35, and also in part of the vacated Monroe Street, all in the original town of Jefferson, Greene County, Iowa. Motion carried 4-0.

The second reading of new Board Policies 705.1A – Suspension and Debarment of Vendors and Contractors Procedure and 705.1B – Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

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No board committee reports were given. Principal Shawn Zanders was available for board questions. A brief report was given by Reading Specialist Julie Neal with a public thank you to BOOST for sponsoring an end of summer school trip to the zoo. Technology Director Brent Gerzema and Shawn DeMoss, representing the Transportation/Buildings/Grounds departments, updated the Board on summer projects.

Nutrition bids for the 2021-22 school year were received: Anderson-Erickson Dairy and Pan O'Gold were the only bidders on dairy and bakery products, respectively. Both were accepted on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 4-0. Complete bid documents are available for review in the Business Office during normal office hours.

The 2021-2022 Depository Resolution was approved on a motion made by Wilson and seconded by Fisher. The maximum depository limits are as follows: Home State Bank - \$14,000,000; Peoples Bank - \$14,000,000; Iowa School Joint Investment Trust - \$750,000. Motion carried 4-0.

Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to reappoint Brenda Muir as Board Secretary, Sid Jones as Board Treasurer and Mumma-Pedersen Law Firm as legal counsel for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 4-0. Oath of Office to the Secretary and Treasurer will be held in a later meeting.

The 2021-2022 Handbooks, with no major revisions, were presented. The Student & Parent Handbook, Employee Handbook, Coach & Director Handbook and Bus Driver Handbook were all approved on a motion made by McConnell and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Christensen presented and explained small change orders to the Middle School Renovation Project. They were for the insulation portion of the mechanical room duct work for \$2,305.33 and one half the cost of a VAV (variable air volume) Zone Controller for \$2,043.23. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the change orders as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The 28E Agreement and the Foodservice Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year with New Opportunities Head Start program was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2021-2022 Sports Medicine Contract with 21st Century Rehab was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Wilson. The base cost for athletic trainer/physical therapy is \$8,500 with additional services available at additional cost. Motion carried 4-0.

A fundraiser request was received from Coach Caden Duncan for an Annual Ram Football Classic golf outing. Fisher made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the fundraiser. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Policies 705.5-708 were reviewed. Motion was made by Fisher, seconded by Wilson to approve the review of the policies with no changes. Motion carried 4-0.

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IASB Legislative Priorities were discussed. On a motion made by Fisher, seconded by McConnell, the board chose the following as priorities: mental health supports, sufficient and timely school funding, teacher recruitment and preschool funding expansion. Motion carried 4-0.

During his monthly Superintendent's Report, Tim Christensen reported on a request received from Inspire Our School, for a community event, not school sponsored, on school building property to be held August 15, 2021; and plans for a Dedication Program and Open House to be held August 22, 2021 – program at 1:30 p.m. with Open Houses at the new High School and the renovated Middle School from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. that day. He also passed on an iJAG Business Alliance invitation, updated the board on some professional development, and reported on mediation being held with Heart of Iowa Conference School and Grandview Park Christian School. The BOOST event will be held at the fairground this Saturday, July 24, 2021. He also wanted to remind the public asking about a possible mask mandate to start the school year, that the Iowa Legislature banned schools from requiring masks.

At 6:02 p.m. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to go into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Motion carried 4-0. These session are held quarterly as part of an ongoing evaluation process.

The board came out of closed session at 6:32 p.m. and President Karber declared the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary