

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2021

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on January 20, 2021 in the Board Conference Room. President Steve Karber called the meeting to order at 5:15 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. Due to COVID-19 concerns, seating was limited and the meeting was live streamed for public access.

Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

No comments were heard in the Open Forum.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 5-0. Consent items were: Minutes: December 16, 2020 regular monthly meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports: December 2020; Resignations: Vicki Gustafson – High School Family Consumer Science Teacher, Todd Gordon – Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach; Hiring: Bailey Jones – Middle School Special Education Teacher; Peyton Paddock – Head Girls Soccer Coach; Termination: Emma Olson – Custodian.

A voluntary retirement application was received from Teresa Green – High School Business Education Teacher. Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to accept the application and resignation. She will retire at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, after 41 years of service in the Jefferson, Jefferson-Scranton and Greene County School Districts. The board wishes her well in her retirement. Motion carried 5-0.

Fisher made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the second reading of Board Policy 107 – Discrimination and Harassment Based on Sex Prohibited. Motion carried 5-0. This policy deals with Title IX regulations compliance.

Superintendent Christensen reported asbestos removal is currently in progress at the former Middle School and we are advertising for demolition bids on the gym. The board would like Nate Adams to come to the February board meeting before the formal decision to dispose of the property is made.

Superintendent Christensen reported the mask requirement is working well and there have been very few COVID cases since the return to in-person learning after the Thanksgiving break. The board will continue to monitor the situation monthly.

Owners Representative Sam Harding reported on the construction projects nearing final completion. President Karber and the Board thanked Harding for his dedication and service in seeing these projects through.

Superintendent Christensen reported he will meet with Representative Phil Thompson via ZOOM on Friday, January 22, 2021 to discuss the proposed school voucher legislation. He encouraged Dr. Steve Karber to join him, as the board's representative to the IASB delegate assembly. Karber reported on the Wellness Committee meeting.

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

Soccer coaching contracts for 2021 were approved on a motion made by Fisher, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 5-0. Contracts approved: Carl Behne – Varsity Boys, Chad Black – Assistant Boys, Peyton Paddock – Varsity Girls, Maribelle Hernandez – Assistant Girls.

Baseball and Softball contracts for 2021 were approved on a motion made by Wilson, seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 5-0. Contracts approved: Matthew Paulsen – Head Varsity Baseball, Kevin Paulsen – Assistant Varsity Baseball, Tom Kennedy – Head Varsity Softball, Marissa Promes – Assistant Middle School/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball. There are still several open positions for both baseball and softball.

Wilson made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to apply to the School Budget Review Committee to approve \$445.01 in Special Education administrative costs for the Academy Dayschool consortium and \$29,938.89 in Special Education administrative costs for the Grandwood consortium, to be paid from Special Education funding. Motion carried 5-0.

Fisher made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the first reading and to waive the second reading to revised Board Policy 503.5 – Corporal Punishment, Mechanical Restraint and Prone Restraint and new Board Policies 503.6 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students, 503.6A – Regulations: Use of Restraint and Seclusion with Students, 503.6B – Use of Physical Restraint and/or Seclusion Documentation Form, 503.6C – Debriefing Letter to Guardian of Student Involved in an Occurrence Where Physical Restraint and/or Seclusion Was Used, 503.6D- Debriefing Meeting Document – After Restraint and/or Seclusion Occurrence. Motion carried 5-0.

A review of Board Policies 603.1-603.12 was approved with changes to only BP 603.1- Basic Instruction Program, adding the financial literacy and computer science components, on a motion made by Fisher, seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 5-0.

The following list of fundraisers were approved on a motion made by Fisher, seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 5-0. Approved: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies – Taking Informed Action – donations for Water for Sudan Project; National Honor Society – Relay of Life daffodil sales; National Honor Society – bake sale during High School Musical.

Student Jackson Turner requested a School Permit, although he lives less than one mile from the High School. He noted wrestling and football practices/meets/games are all held at the Middle School, which is more than one mile from his home. Wilson made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the school permit request from Turner. Motion carried 5-0.

During his monthly Superintendent's Report, Tim Christensen reported in-house posting for open positions has been done and external advertising to fill positions will begin soon. He commended the custodial and district administrative staff for the hard work in moving of the offices to the Middle School.

The Early Learning Center is remaining in the former Administration Building. They will be responsible for utilities & maintenance of the building in lieu of rent. Vaccination of school staff will begin in the next few weeks. Forecast 5 will present at the February work session. The federal funding allocation for COVID relief to the district is more than \$796,000. The funds are to be claimed for reimbursement within 27 months. Plans are being made to spend the funds on summer school, mental health services and building air quality equipment updates.

At 6:35 p.m., McConnell made and Fisher seconded a motion to go into closed session for Superintendent evaluation as allowed in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i).

The Board came out of closed session at 6:56 p.m. and President Karber declared the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary