

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
April 21, 2021

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on April 21, 2021, in the District Board Room, located in the Middle School. 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.

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

No comments were heard during Open Forum.

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 5-0. Consent items were: Minutes: March 10, 2021 work session and regular monthly meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports: March 2021; Resignations: Erica Guge – Elementary Associate, Haily Larson – Middle School Associate, Jessica Dane – Elementary Associate, Cassandra Bardole – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Kelley Gray – ¼ Prom Sponsor, Marla Orfield – Home School Assistance Coordinator, Doug Carman – Middle School Track Coach; Hiring: Anna Kozal – Middle School Special Education Teacher, Samantha Telleen – Middle School Girls Track Coach, Adrianna Vargas – ¼ Prom Sponsor, Lisa Garnett – ¼ Prom Sponsor; Contract Changes: Christine Louk – Custodian to Custodian/Activities Facility Supervisor, Erin Daniel - .5 FTE to .75 FTE Teacher, Sindee Heaning – Cook to Lead High School Cook, Kirsten Carman – Assistant 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball to Head 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Kirsten Carman – ¼ Prom Sponsor to ½ Prom Sponsor, Jill Lamoureux – Elementary Secretary to Administrative Office/Business Office Assistant.

The second reading of revised Board Policy 413.1 – Classified Staff Vacations & Holidays and Board Policy 413.8 – Classified Staff Personal Leave was approved on a motion made by Wilson and second by Dennhardt. Motion carried 5-0. Under these revisions bus drivers and cooks would receive the same number of paid holidays and personal days as the other classified staff.

The second reading to revise Board Policy 504.7 – Fundraisers and Board Policy 705.5 – Appropriate Use of Public Funds was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 5-0. These revisions are necessary to comply with audit comments about the use of Student Activity funds for student scholarships.

Fisher made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the second reading of revised Board Policy 905.1-Community Use of School Facilities. Motion carried 5-0. The revisions were based on similar policies from nearby schools with newer facilities.

COVID mitigation efforts, the mask mandate in particular, were discussed. Comments were heard from parents, board members, teachers, students and Public Health Director Becky Wolf. Director Wilson made a motion to move to “green” on the mask matrix in buildings and “yellow” on school buses. “Yellow” means masks are required when social distancing (six foot) is not possible. “Green” means masks are not required. Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2.

Ayes: Fisher, McConnell, Wilson; Nays: Dennhardt, Karber

Superintendent Christensen says the mask mandate change would not start until Monday, April 26, 2021. CDC quarantine guidance for exposure of unmasked individuals will be followed.

Brief committee reports were heard, with follow up later in the meeting, from the Facilities Committee and the Wellness Committee. Administrative Reports were heard from Principals Brian Phillips, Shawn Zanders, Scott Johnson, Director of Teaching and Learning/Special Education Karen Sandberg, District Reading Specialist Julie Neal, District Math Specialist Audrey Hinote, Activities Director Todd Gordon, Grounds Director Shawn DeMoss, Transportation Supervisor Robert Stofer and Technology Director Brent Gerzema.

Teacher and Ram Fanatic “sponsor” Kelley Gray, along with students Alex Roberts and Makala Kafer explained the social media class’s activities and paid internships with local retailers.

A fundraiser request was received from Accelerated Government students Clayton Peters, Connor Allender, Makala Kafer and Makenna Fox, Crystal Crichton – teacher, for collecting donations to create personal care baskets for families in need. Wilson made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the fundraiser as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Middle School Renovation change orders totaling \$396,754.50 were presented. These are for air quality improvements in the locker room, auditorium and the former office area and are allowable ESSER expenditures. ESSER is Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief federal funding in response to COVID. Fisher made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the change orders as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

As mentioned earlier in the meeting, the Facilities Committee had reviewed a ten year plan for improvements and purchases, included the air quality projects approved. Also on the list for summer purchase were a bus, van, JCB, tractor mower, carpet, carpet extractors, floor cleaning machines, walk in freezer, core switch (technology), heat pumps, Chromebooks, Clevertouch displays and carts. Fisher made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the list of summer project purchases. Motion carried 5-0.

A review of Board Policies 605.4-605.7 was approved on a motion made by Fisher, seconded by McConnell, with no changes being made. Motion carried 5-0.

A request for a leave of absence, due to medical treatment, was received from Cassandra Bardole. With her paid leave exhausted, she also requested her monthly pay be reduced for six weeks at the substitute teacher cost rate, rather than her per diem rate. Wilson made and McConnell seconded the motion to approve the request. Motion carried 5-0.

During his monthly Superintendent’s Report, with it being Administrative Assistants Day, Tim Christensen thanked the District Office staff for their work. He reported on 75 staff participating in the Catch Life 30 Challenge, ESSR funding and the scholarship application process going online.

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High School Guidance Counselor Ruth Broman spoke to the scholarship application process. She thanked Teresa Green and especially Brent Gerzema for setting up the electronic process.

President Karber declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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