

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
July 15, 2020

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on July 15, 2020 in the Administrative Building Conference Room. President Steve Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and read the District Vision/Mission statement. Directors Mike Dennhardt, Steve Karber, 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.

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

The consent items were approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 5-0. Consent items were: Minutes – June 17, 2020 regular monthly meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports – June 2020 and the 2018-19 audit; Hirings: Todd Gordon- Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Jim Duncan – Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Kyle Kinne – Assistant Middle School Football Coach; Contract Change: Bob Allen – from volunteer to ½ time Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

The 2020-2021 Depository Resolution was approved on a motion made by Karber, seconded by Dennhardt. The maximum depository limits are as follows: Home State Bank - \$14,000,000; Peoples Bank - \$14,000,000; Iowa School Joint Investment Trust - \$500,000; UMB Bank - \$500,000. Motion carried 5-0.

McConnell made and Karber seconded a motion to reappoint Mumma-Pedersen Law Firm as board legal counsel, Sid Jones as Board Treasurer and Brenda Muir as Board Secretary for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Motion carried 5-0. Oath of office for the Secretary and Treasurer will be administered at a later board meeting.

As recommended by Elizabeth Grob, Attorney at Ahlers Law Firm, the Bond Disclosure Policy, as a procedural manual when issuing financial obligations, was approved on a motion made by Karber made and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 5-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the request from Henkel Construction for the contractor to apply for the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction allowable for both the High School/Career Academy and High School to Middle School renovation projects. Motion carried 5-0.

Revisions and adoption of new board policies are recommended by the Iowa Association of School Boards, most due to COVID-19. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to adopt the new policies, approve the revised policies and to waive the second reading of them. Motion carried 5-0. The policies are: 415.1 – Employee Leaves of Absence, 415.1A – Emergency Paid Sick Leave Request Form Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, 415.1B – Expanded Family and Medical Leave Request Form Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, 501.9 – Student Absences – Excused (revised),

501.9A – Request for Remote Learning Form, 604.10 – Appropriate Use of Online Learning Platforms, 907.1 – District Operation During Public Emergencies, 907.1A District Operations During a Public Health Emergency Regulation, 408.8A – Employee Family and Medical Leave Request Form, 413.3A – Employee Family and Medical Leave Request Form. These policies will be put on the district website under the Board of Education tab or are available in the Business Office.

The first reading of revised Board Policy 904.2 – Advertising and Promotion and 904.2A – Trademark License Agreement for Vendors and Promotional Use was approved on a motion made by Wilson and seconded by Dennhardt. Motion carried 5-0. Revisions relate to the use of the District's name, letterhead, logo, web design, buildings and sites for advertising or promotion.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the FFA annual fruit, meat, cheese sales fundraiser. Motion carried 5-0.

Dairy and bakery bids were solicited and received. Foodservice Director Dalieth Johnston recommended purchasing dairy products from Anderson-Erickson and bakery products from Pan-O-Gold for the 2020-2021 school year. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the bidders as recommended. Motion carried 5-0.

The 2020-2021 handbooks were presented: Bus Driver Handbook, Coach and Director Handbook, Employee Handbook and Student & Parent Handbook. Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the handbooks as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Karber made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve a change order from Site Services for \$7,200 for additional asbestos abatement. Motion carried 5-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the furniture and equipment purchase from Storey-Kenworthy for \$380,543.96 for the Career Academy/High School. Motion carried 5-0.

A contract with IMEG for commissioning services for the Middle School renovation for \$32,800 was approved on a motion made by Karber and seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Christensen explained the Return to Learn Plan required by the state and the plans to reopen school in the fall. A large committee worked together to come up with the plan. The plan calls to open in the fall with onsite attendance. Students not able to attend will be provided virtual learning. Use of masks are strongly encouraged. Hand sanitizer stations will be available and proper handwashing will be taught and practiced. Enhanced cleaning protocols will be in place. The full communication will be sent out to staff and parents. Questions and concerns should be sent to [questions@greenecountycsd.net](mailto:questions@greenecountycsd.net). The plan may change as needed.

Guidance will be continue to be sought from the Public Health Department. Wilson made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

The 2020 Iowa Association of School Board Legislative Resolutions were reviewed. On a motion made by Wilson, seconded by Dennhardt the board chose the following as priorities: mental health supports, sufficient and timely school funding, teacher recruitment and preschool funding expansion. Motion carried 5-0.

Karber made and Wilson seconded a motion to table the setting of 2020-2021 Board Goals until August. Motion carried 5-0.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to approve the 28E Agreement with Iowa Central Community College for Project Earlybird Concurrent Enrollment Courses and Placement Testing for the 2020-2021 School Year. Motion carried 5-0.

During the Superintendent's Report, Tim Christensen discussed non-quorum School Board, County Supervisor and Grow Greene Board tours of the new High School/Career Academy in early August. The best way to host a community open house and/or recognition ceremony was also discussed.

Karber made and Dennhardt seconded a motion to table the Superintendent Evaluation for goal setting until August. Motion carried 5-0.

President Fisher declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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President

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Secretary