

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2022

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on May 18, 2022 in the District Board Room, located in the Middle School. President Steve Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the President reading the District Vision/Mission statement. Directors Cindi Daubendiek, Michelle Fields and Bonnie Silbaugh; Superintendent Tim Christensen and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were also present. John McConnell was absent

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

May is School Board Recognition Month. During Open Forum, Superintendent Christensen thanked the Board Members for their service and presented them with certificates of appreciation. Board members commented on the value of service to the District as a Board Member.

Fields made and Silbaugh seconded a motion to approve the consent items. Motion carried 4-0. Consent items were: Minutes: April 13, 2022 regular meeting, April 1 and 27, 2022 special meetings; Bills as presented; Financial Reports: April 2022; Resignations: Matthew Paulsen – 7th Grade Boys Basketball, Alex Morales Gomez – Custodian, Sara Ostrander – Cook; Hiring: Bobby Hunt – Custodian, Caden Duncan – Assistant Boys Track (current year), Kristin Wright – 5th Grade Teacher, Laurin Lyons – 4th Grade (second semester), Amy van der Meer – High School Teacher Leader: Mentor, Maigan Haley – Middle School Teacher Leader: Instructional Technology. Contract Change: Karen Murphy – from Elementary Math Interventionist to 4th Grade Teacher (first semester)/ Math Interventionist (second semester).

Board Committee Reports: Bonnie Silbaugh – School Foundation, Cindi Daubendiek and Michelle Fields – Awards Night, Scholarships.

Administrative Reports: Principals Scott Johnson, Shawn Zanders, Brian Phillips, Director of Teaching and Learning & Special Education Director Karen Sandberg, Reading Specialist Julie Neal, Instructional Math Coach and School/Family Liaison Audrey Hinote, Activities Director Todd Gordon, Shawn DeMoss – representing the Transportation/Grounds/Building Departments, Technology Director Brent Gerzema.

A fundraiser follow up report was received from the iJAG program for earbud sales.

Kyle Kinne reported on the E-Sports program.

Four students were present requesting school permits. Silbaugh asked each student to identify themselves and explain why they need a school permit. She then explained the rules/laws surrounding school permits. Silbaugh made and Fields seconded a motion to approve school permits for Eli Schroeder, Emma Ewalt, Keegan Lawrence and Savannah Lansman. Motion carried 4-0. The Affidavit for Minor School License forms for each student were signed by President Steve Fisher.

The Student Construction Program was discussed. Instructor Kirk Davis was not present. Silbaugh made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to table approval of construction of a house in the 2022-23 until the June meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Family Consumer Science Teacher and Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) sponsor Ashley Havens was present to request permission to travel to San Diego for FCCLA National Leadership Conference, with five students, June 30-July 4. The Greene County FCCLA is now active and fundraising has been done throughout the year. Those funds as well a BOOST grant and other private donations will cover the students' costs. Havens requested district funds be used to cover her travel costs for this year. Fields made and Daubendiek approved the out of state trip and covering the sponsors costs for the conference, including hotel and airfare. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Christensen discussed negotiations with the bus drivers' union. He recommended approval of the new agreement for 2022-23 which moves driver pay from contracted salary routes to hourly driving. Route driving would pay \$41.93 per hour and other driving, including activity driving, would be paid at \$18.52 per hour. Daubendiek made and Fields seconded a motion to ratify the 2022-23 Negotiated Agreement with LIUNA Laborers' Local #177 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The summer project list was reviewed. The following projects were added to the list on a motion made by Fields and seconded by Silbaugh: Middle School Ceiling Replacement- Janning Ceiling Systems - \$102,255, Middle School carpet – Excel Flooring - \$15,387 and Elementary School carpet – Excel Flooring - \$26,763. Motion carried 4-0.

The following fundraiser requests were received: Chris Heisterkamp – Volleyball – Youth Camp, Scratch Cupcake sales, Ashley Havens/FCCLA – Pie in the Face fundraiser. Silbaugh made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the fundraisers. Motion carried 4-0.

Daubendiek made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the 28E Agreement for the Regional Education Partnership between Iowa Central Community College and Greene County Community School District (Career Academy) for a period of ten years. The agreement includes minimum tuition of \$144,000 for 5 program offerings: Advanced Manufacturing-Welding, Agriculture Information Technology, Computer Science/Programming, Culinary/Hospitality and Health Care; and \$15,000 toward Career Academy Specialist services to be paid by Greene County CSD. With Career Academy occupying approximately 15% of the building, Iowa Central agrees to pay 15% of the utility and custodial costs each year. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2022-23 Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates (iJAG) Memorandum of Understanding for the 9-12 program was presented. The total program costs to the district for the year are \$47,500. Silbaugh made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The first reading of revised Board Policy 409.4 was approved on a motion made by Silbaugh and seconded by Daubendiek. Motion carried 4-0. The revision pays long term substitute teachers

BA base per diem pay after 10 consecutive days in the same position. The policy previously increased the sub rate after 15 consecutive days.

The sharing agreement with Paton-Churdan CSD for academic, extra-curricular and co-curriculum programs for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 schools was approved on a motion made by Daubendiek and seconded by Silbaugh. Cheerleading was added to the shared activities list. Tuition remains at 95% of the District Cost per Pupil for general classes and 100% for upper level classes. Student participation costs per activity per student is \$597.76. Motion carried 4-0.

Fields made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve the 2022-23 Shared Special Education Director agreement with Paton-Churdan. Greene County will hold the contract and Paton-Churdan will purchase 20% of the Director's time. Motion carried 4-0.

A quote from McGraw Hill for the Elementary reading curriculum "Wonders" was presented. ESSER Learning Loss funds will be used for \$62,248.84 of the curriculum and \$87,398.83 would come from regular districts fund. This is a K-6 program for six years with no reoccurring costs. Daubendiek made and Silbaugh seconded a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Policies 300-302.5 were reviewed. Fields made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve the review of those polices, with no changes being made. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Tim Christensen's Monthly Report: Last day of school for Elementary and Middle School students is May 24. June 1 is the last day for High School students. Youth Mental Health training will be offered in June for staff. The Middle School and High School buildings will be open for tours during Bell Tower Festival weekend on Sunday. As a fun fact, it was reported that retiring Bus Driver Meladee Graven has driven nearly 500,000 miles in a yellow school bus during her 23 years of driving.

President Fisher declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

President

Secretary