

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2022

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on July 20, 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, John McConnell and Bonnie Silbaugh; Superintendent Brett Abbotts and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were also present.

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

No comments were made during Open Forum.

McConnell made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve the consent items. Motion carried 5-0. Consent items were: Minutes: June 15, 2022 regular meeting and June 23, 2022 special meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports: June 2022; Resignations: Judy Kolbeck – Cook, Cindy Herman – Home School Assistance Program Coordinator, Heather Davis – Elementary Secretary.

The second reading of revised Board Policy 406.2 – Certified Employee Contract Release was approved on a motion made by Daubendiek and seconded by Fields. Motion carried 5-0. The revision strikes the phrase “may be required to pay for expenses incurred to locate and hire a suitable replacement”; replacing it with “will be required to pay \$1,000 for employee related time/expense associated with finding a suitable replacement.”

Board Committee Reports: Cindi Daubendiek – upcoming Park & Rec Department meeting; Administrative Reports: New Superintendent Abbotts introduced himself and spoke on IASB legislative action priorities, new legislation affecting schools, Coffee & Conversation meetings, back to school plans and IASB Financial Focus Meeting held earlier in the week; Brief admin reports were also heard from High School Principal Brian Phillips, new Elementary Principal Audrey Hinote, new Activities Director David Wright, Director of Technology Brent Gerzema, Transportation/Buildings/Grounds Department Representative Shawn DeMoss and new Instructional Math Coach Karen Shannon; President Steve Fisher welcomed Superintendent Abbotts to the District and introduced special guests Jim and Joan Abbotts.

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 Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve school permits for Kacee Pittman, Lila Osterson, Ella Ostrander and Naphthali Hoyt. Motion carried 5-0. The Affidavit for Minor School License forms for each student were signed by Board President Fisher.

An out of state trip request was received from FFA Advisor Raelyn Harris. Members of the FFA Chapter would like to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 25-28, 2022. They would travel by charter bus with Glidden-Ralston, Ogden, Ames and Roland-Story FFA members. Silbaugh made and Field seconded a motion to approve the out of state travel request presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Nutrition bids for the 2022-23 school year were received. The low bidder for milk/dairy products was Anderson Erickson Dairy. Kemps Dairy was the losing bidder. The current provider of bread/bakery products, Pan-O-Gold Baking Company was the only bidder for those products. Silbaugh made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to accept the bids from Anderson Erickson and Pan-O-Gold. Motion carried 5-0.

Proposed meal prices, books fees and activity pass prices for the 2022-23 were presented. Fields made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve those as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Student meals were free during the last two school years through the federally funded American Recovery Plan. This school year students not qualifying for free or reduced meals will need to pay for meals. Meal prices: Student lunch - \$2.55, Student breakfast - \$1.20, reduced priced lunch - 40 cents, reduced priced breakfast - 30 cents; Adult lunch - \$4.15, Adult breakfast - \$2.50; extra milk – 40 cents; Books fees: Kindergarten - \$30, \$12 for reduced fee qualifiers, 1st-3rd grade - \$40, \$16 for reduced fee qualifiers, 4th-12th graders - \$45, \$18 for reduced fee qualifiers; Activity Season Ticket prices: Students \$50, Adults \$100, Senior Citizens (over age 55) - \$25, Paton-Churdan season passes for shared sports only: Students - \$25, Adults - \$50.

The 2022-23 Depository Resolution was approved with the following depository limits: Heartland Bank - \$1,500,000; Home State Bank - \$10,000,000, Peoples Bank - \$10,000,000, Iowa School Joint Investment Trust - \$1,000,000. Fields made the motion to approve the limits. Daubendiek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The following Board appointments were made: Legal Counsel – Mumma-Pederson Law Firm, Treasurer – Sid Jones, Secretary – Brenda Muir. The motion to appoint was made by Fields, seconded by Silbaugh. Motion carried 5-0.

Handbooks were presented for approval. After some discussion, Daubendiek made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the Middle School and High School Student & Parent Handbooks. Motion carried 5-0. Daubendiek made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the Employee Handbook. Motion carried 5-0. Daubendiek made and Silbaugh seconded a motion to approve the Coach & Director Handbook. Motion carried 5-0. Silbaugh made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve the Bus Driver Handbook. Motion carried 5-0. The Elementary Student & Parent Handbook will be presented for approval at the August 17, 2022 meeting.

The 28E Agreement and Food Services Agreement with New Opportunities Head Start, for the 2022-23 school year, was approved on a motion made by Silbaugh, seconded by Fields. Motion carried 5-0.

The 2022-23 School Year Sports Medicine Coverage contract with 21st Century Rehab was approved on a motion made by Fields and seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Abbotts presented a proposal for MAP (Measures of Annual Progress) Growth Assessment and asked the board to purchase a three year agreement from NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) for a total cost of \$46,655; the first year cost of \$17,955 could be covered with ESSER funding. Silbaugh made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve the three year contract for MAP Growth Assessment. Motion carried 5-0.

The following fundraisers were approved on a motion made by McConnell and seconded by Fields: Ram Football Cards and Annual Ram Football Classic golf outing, IJAG program – Home for the Holidays gift sales and Snackin’ in the USA food sales. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Policies 304.1-307 were reviewed. Silbaugh made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the review of those polices, with no changes being made, with the exception of policy 306.1. Motion carried 5-0.

Three policies were presented for a first reading on revisions. With the Open Enrollment deadline being removed, IASB recommended changes to policies to meet the law change. Board Policy 501.14 Open Enrollment Transfers – Procedures as a Sending District and Board Policy 501.15 Open Enrollment Transfers – Procedures as a Receiving District were rewritten and will be finalized for board approval at the next regular meeting. Silbaugh made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve the first reading on revised Board Policies 501.14 and 501.15. Motion carried 5-0. Board Policy 306.1 – Administrative Voluntary Retirement Benefits was presented with a revision to clarify the administrative positions that are eligible for the policy. Fields made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve the first reading of revised Board Policy 306.1 with that addition. Motion carried 5-0.

As part of the Superintendent Search process, McPherson & Jacobson will work with the board and new superintendent to establish performance objectives. The board tentatively scheduled a special meeting on October 5, 2022 for that purpose.

The board was also made aware that the Voted PPEL will expire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year and it will take an election to renew the levy.

President Fisher declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

President

Secretary