

Greene County Community School District  
Regular Meeting  
January 18, 2023

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on January 18, 2023 in the District Board Room, located in the Middle School. President Bonnie Silbaugh 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 statement and Strategic Priorities. Directors Cindi Daubendiek, Steve Fisher, Michelle Fields and John McConnell, Superintendent Brett Abbotts and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were also present.

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

No comments were made during Open Forum.

Fisher made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Consent items were: Minutes: December 21, 2022 regular meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports: December 2022; Resignations: Derek Merk – Middle School Assistant Football Coach, Wade Adcock – High School Associate, Joshua Carlson – High School Industrial Arts Teacher; Hirings: Heather Schmidt – Middle School Full Time Instructional Coach (2023-24), J.J. Hoyle – Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Bryce Stalder – Head Middle School Baseball Coach & Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Kyle Stalder – Head Varsity Baseball Coach.

The middle school roof replacement project timeline was reviewed with a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held January 26, 2023, bids due on Friday, February 10, 2023, Board review and approval of winning bid on February 15, 2023 during the regular monthly board meeting.

The second reading of new Board Policy 804.07/804.07-R(1) - Radon Mitigation was approved on a motion made by Daubendiek made and seconded by Fields. Motion carried 5-0.

Due to the weather, staff and student recognition was not held.

Superintendent Abbotts reported that Stop Finder GPS app will be pushed out soon to parents, an adult Canva class was held at the Career Academy, the school will be a part of the IASB sponsored Summit on Student Success, the School Safety Grant is on hold until we receive the official assessment results, Career Exploration Camps being held at the Academy for younger students are well attended and a School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting will be held soon. Administrative report slides were reviewed. The reports now are to align with strategic district priorities.

Due to weather conditions, students requesting school driving permits were allowed to attend virtually. Requests were approved for Eyezayah Scheuermann, Bryce Timmons and Colton Crouse on a motion made by Daubendiek, seconded by Fisher. Motion carried 5-0.

Fields made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve a fundraiser for an Eighth Grade bake sale, to raise money for cancer victims. Motion carried 5-0.

Fisher made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to approve the issuance of 2023 Softball and Baseball contracts as follows - Softball: Tom Kennedy – Head Varsity, J. J. Hoyle – Assistant Varsity, Head Middle School – Jacque Schirmbeck, Assistant Middle School - Heather Patrick; Baseball: Kyle Stalder – Head Varsity, Bryce Stalder - Assistant Varsity & Head Middle School. Motion carried 5-0.

The Heart of Iowa Activities Conference has asked member districts to consider an increase in admission prices beginning with the 2023-24 season. The current prices are \$5 per person for High School events and \$3 for adults to attend Middle School events. Student admission is free to Middle School events. HOIAC proposed \$6 admission to High School events, \$5 for adult admission to Middle School events; Students would continue to attend Middle School events at no cost. Fisher made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the new admission prices as proposed. Motion carried 5-0.

A new revision to Board Policy 505.5 – Graduation Requirements was presented. Daubendiek made and Fields seconded a motion to approve the first reading of revised Board Policy 505.5. Motion carried 5-0.

Fisher made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to request School Budget Review Committee approval for special education administrative costs to be billable for the Grandwood Consortium, Greene County CSD's share being \$17,211.33. Motion carried 5-0.

Fisher made and McConnell seconded a motion to request School Budget Review Committee approval for special education administrative costs to be billable for the Woodward Academy Day School Consortium, Greene County CSD's share being \$754.93. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Abbotts presented a draft 2023-2024 official school calendar. He had earlier taken this to the Superintendent Advisory Committee meeting and also has polled staff. The draft calendar presented calls for teacher professional development and work days August 15-22, with school starting on August 23, 2023; Spring Break would be held March 11-15, 2024; two hour early dismissals would be held for school days scheduled on Mondays. After some discussion, Fisher made and Daubendiek seconded a motion to hold a public hearing on the 2023-2024 official calendar at the next regular monthly board meeting: February 15, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in the District Board Room located in the Middle School at 101 Ram Drive, Jefferson Iowa. Motion carried 5-0.

Fields made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the review of Board Policies 406.1-407.3 with no revisions Motion carried 5-0.

The current Voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy will expire on June 30, 2024. The board will continue to discuss VPPEL in future meetings, knowing they will need to hold a special election or have a ballot question in a general election, to approve a continuance of this levy.

A recess was held from 6:05 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

When the meeting reconvened, Fisher made the following motion: “I move that we hold a closed session as provided in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance/hiring is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session.” Daubendiek seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

The board came out of closed session at 7:50 p.m. and President Silbaugh declared the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary