

Greene County Community School District
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2023

The Greene County Community School District Board of Directors met in regular session on May 17, 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 Mission Statement and Strategic Priorities. Directors Steve Fisher, Michelle Fields and John McConnell, Superintendent Brett Abbotts and Board Secretary Brenda Muir were also present. Cindi Daubendiek was absent.

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

No comments were heard during Open Forum

Fisher made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Consent items were: Minutes: April 19, 2023 regular meeting; Bills as presented; Financial Reports: April 2023; Resignations: Nicole Murphy – Custodian, Jill Wanninger – Middle School Nurse/Nurse Aid Instructor, Angela Murphy – Associate; Hirings: Tiffanie Flack – Elementary Teacher Leader, Whitney Hoyle – Middle School Teacher Leader, Matthew Paulsen – Middle School Teacher Leader, Tansie Hoskins – Elementary School Counselor, Victoria Anderson – Assistant Cross Country Coach; Transfers – Victoria Anderson from High School Special Education Teacher to Middle School Vocal, Brenda Roberts from Middle School Vocal to Elementary Music Teacher, Tiffanie Flack from Third Grade to Three Year Old Preschool Teacher, Andrea Fester from Middle School Special Education Associate to High School Media Center Associate, Kirk Davis from Assistant Varsity Wrestling to Head Varsity Wrestling Coach.

Summer mowing was discussed. Fisher made and Fields seconded a motion to set the pay rate for mowers at \$15 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.

With May being School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Abbotts thanked the board members for their work, dedication and service to the community as School Board Directors. He presented each of them with certificates of appreciation.

Principals recognized selected staff and students for their service and hard work. Elementary Principal Audrey Hinote honored students Aiden Gerzema and Haley Fouch, along with staff members Heather Patrick, Stormy Fish, Amanda Huff, Laurin Lyons, Paige Berns and Karen Murphy; High School Principal Brian Phillips honored students Ilse Hooper, Michael Mills and Gabe Fincel, staff Emily Gannon and Chad Morton. Middle School Principal Shawn Zanders was absent. Middle School recognitions will be given at another time.

A short recess was called at 5:33 p.m. for recognition pictures. The meeting resumed at 5:37 p.m.

Board Committee Reports: Silbaugh – School Foundation, Fisher – County Conference Board. Administrative report slides were available, with alignment to strategic district priorities. Questions were answered.

Student Construction Instructor Kirk Davis reported on the current project, a storage shed being constructed at the high school. He suggested next year's project be new or renovated restrooms north of the football field/track. These could also be used for the baseball facility. The board directed Davis to develop a plan and an estimate costs.

A fundraiser follow up report was available informationally.

Six students were present to request school driving permits. Students were asked to identify themselves, tell the board where they live and explain why they need a school permit. Director Fields explained the rules/laws surrounding school permits. Fields made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve school driving permits for Ethan Carstens, Payton Scheuermann, Alaina Heard, Chance Sanderson, Sophie Kirk and Alivia Cornell. Motion carried 4-0. The Affidavit for Minor School License forms were signed by Board President Silbaugh.

A fundraiser request from National Honor Society to sell popsicles at baseball games was approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by Fields: Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Fisher, seconded by McConnell to add Bowling as a shared sport with Paton-Churdan to the current sharing agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

Activities Director David Wright explained that the Heart of Iowa Activities Conference is moving to cashless gate entry. Bound is used now for scheduling, facilities, transportation and registration needs. The conference wants to begin the "path to cashless" next school year. Fisher made and Fields seconded a motion that Greene County CSD follow the rest of the conference and use the new Bound platform. Motion carried 4-0.

Fields made and McConnell seconded a motion to approve the out of state trip for FFA to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in November. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Abbotts explained the need to change wording on the Extra Curricular Payment Schedule. Assistant Middle School/High School Music Supplement should be Elementary Music Supplement. The pay rate would continue to be 6 units on the scale. Fields made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve that change. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2023-2024 Service Agreement with Region XII Council of Governments/Western Iowa Transit System was approved on a motion made by Fields, seconded by Fisher. Motion carried 4-0.

In Principal Zanders' absence, teachers Samantha Telleen and Matthew Paulsen, along with Superintendent Abbotts, presented a Middle School Playground Proposal. This for outdoor equipment which will be used mostly for 5th and 6th grade students' recess. Although the equipment would also be available to 7th and 8th grade students. Installation cost could be avoided if enough community volunteers are found. Fields made and Fisher seconded a motion to approve the recess equipment with costs not to exceed \$65,000. Motion carried 4-0.

Additional capital expenditures have been approved by the Iowa Department of Education, as required for the use ESSER funds in that capacity. Motion was made by Fields, seconded by Fisher to add the purchase of a floor scrubber, elementary heats pumps and carpet to the list of capital expenditures, using carryover ESSER funds, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Four other summer projects/purchases were approved on a motion made by Fisher and seconded by McConnell: Neese Inc. – Dixie Chopper Mower - \$14,500, Murphy Construction – demolition of four buildings south of the Middle School and the concrete under them - \$9,450, LD Services – Elementary walk in cooler/freezer - \$46,286, Drees Co. – walk in cooler/refrigeration – Middle School - \$8,374. Motion carried 3-0 with Silbaugh abstaining.

The review of Board Policies 500-501.8 was approved, with no changes, on a motion made by Fields, seconded by McConnell. Motion carried 4-0.

President Silbaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

President

Secretary