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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held September 23, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the media center of Howar Middle School, 850 S. Park Avenue, Centerville.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to order and roll call

President Kevin Wiskus called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll call to determine quorum: Present: Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus Absent: Tim Burger

Also present were Superintendent Mark Taylor and Chief Financial Officer Lisa Swarts.

Approve Agenda

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Welcome Visitors

Kevin Wiskus welcomed visitors.

Public Forum

Jay Dillard was present to share comments about safety.

Closed Session authorized by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student. It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Derek Carter to go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student. Roll call:

Ayes: Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin

Wiskus Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The board moved into closed session at 5:36 pm. The board moved location to the choir room for privacy.

Other persons present for the closed session were:

Mark Taylor, Superintendent

Lisa Swarts, Chief Financial Officer

Jennifer Donels, High School Principal

It was a consensus of the board to move out of closed session and return to open session at 5:57 pm. The Board returned to the media center for regular session at 5:58 p.m.

Old Business

There were no old business items.

New Business

Consideration and Action on Student Disciplinary Agreement

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It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve Expulsion Consent Agreement with the student who was the subject of the closed session. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Thomas, Kevin

Wiskus Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously with Mike Moore abstaining from the vote.

Howar Presentations

Paige Warren gave a presentation on the MTSS model (multi-tier system of support). Tyler Baze presented on the new 5-star pass system for students being used by Howar.

Howar students gave a presentation on the recent GEARUP field trip to Stowe Heights and the team building activities that they participated in.

Lisa Aslesen presented on the GEARUP grant for Howar Middle School.

Approve 2nd Reading of Board Policies 500 Series

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the 2nd Reading of board policies 500 Series as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2nd Reading of Board Policies 200.4, 206.3, 401.6, 402.3, 603.1, 603.12, 607.2, 700, 708, 710.1, 801.3, 803.2, 905.3

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve 2nd reading of board policies 200.4, 206.3, 401.6, 402.3, 603.1, 603.12, 607.2, 700, 708, 710.1, 801.3, 803.2, 905.3 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel

Resignations

1. Katrina Susin – Cafeteria – Effective 9/26/24

Employment/Contract

2. Ryan Wagner – Model UN Sponsor – 188 Days - \$1,461.99 – Effective 9/23/24 – Vacant Position

Lane Change

1. Brenna Lind – MA+12 \$59,327 to MA+24 \$60,706

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Mike Moore to approve all personnel items as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Student Representative, Kinley Harvey reported out on both upcoming Pancake Day and Homecoming activities.

Principal Reports

In addition to the written reports, highlights during the meeting included: FAST testing, GEARUP grant, High School gym floor, summer reading program, PBIS, Big Red Lead Award, LETRS training, Lakeview newsletter, optional Teacher Quality PD day, and work on attendance letters and referrals.

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Kate McDonald gave an update on the Food Service Program. Her report included: work on negative balances, free and reduced application, and work on the mobile app for easier use for parents.

Buildings & Grounds Report

Aaron Beeson gave a construction update on the High School.

Transportation Report

Mike Kincaid reported out on: beginning of year sign-ups, annual transportation report, need for subs, student behavior, and process of getting license for bus drivers.

Financial Report

Lisa Swarts gave an update on reports finished and timelines of upcoming dates and reports.

Building Walkthrough

The Board began the building walkthrough at 7:33 pm and ended the walkthrough and returned to the meeting room at 8:01 pm.

Board Member Takeaways

Takeaway items included: appreciation for presentations and pictures, bus driver shortage, possible athletic name issue, need for more library books, appreciation for GEARUP presentation, appreciation for Howar staff and changes being implemented, appreciation for buildings and grounds crew for all of the changes and work over the summer, excitement over the 5-star pass system being used at Howar, and appreciation for work done by Emily Kozak.

Adjourn

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

President, Kevin Wiskus Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts Board

