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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held November 11, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

### Regular 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: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore (virtually), Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: None

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

#### Welcome Visitors

Kevin Wiskus welcomed visitors.

#### Public Forum

Jay Dillard made public comment.

#### Approve Agenda

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

#### Approve minutes of previous meetings

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the October 28, 2024 minutes as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

There were no old business items.

#### Election of President and Vice-president

President Pro-tem Lisa Swarts called for nominations for President.

Tom Johnson nominated Mike Thomas for President. Carol Heffron seconded that nomination. Derek Carter nominated Kevin Wiskus for President. Tim Burger seconded that nomination. Derek Carter called for nominations to cease. Tom Johnson seconded that the nominations cease.

Roll call vote for President:

Tim Burger – Kevin Wiskus

Derek Carter – Kevin Wiskus

Carol Heffron – Mike Thomas

Tom Johnson – Mike Thomas

Mike Moore – Kevin Wiskus

Mike Thomas – Mike Thomas

Kevin Wiskus – Mike Thomas

Mike Thomas was named Board President with the vote being 4-3.

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President Pro-tem Lisa Swarts called for nominations for Vice President.

Mike Moore nominated Derek Carter for Vice President. Tim Burger seconded that nomination. Mike Thomas nominated Carol Heffron for Vice President. Tom Johnson seconded that nomination. Mike Thomas called for nominations to cease. Tom Johnson seconded that the nominations cease.

Roll call vote for Vice President:

Tim Burger – Derek Carter  
Derek Carter – Derek Carter  
Carol Heffron – Carol Heffron  
Tom Johnson – Carol Heffron  
Mike Moore – Derek Carter  
Mike Thomas – Carol Heffron  
Kevin Wiskus – Derek Carter

Derek Carter was named Vice President with the vote being 4-3.

Administer oath of office to President, Vice-president

Lisa Swarts administered the oath of office to both the President and Vice

President. New Business

Student Representative

Kinley Harvey was present to report out on activities at the high school. Topics included: upcoming FFA auction, Student Council Operation Santa, and student request for paper towels in the high school restrooms versus hand blowers.

Set Board Meeting Dates and Times

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Derek Carter to approve board meeting dates and times as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Board Attorney and Chief Negotiator

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the Board's attorney as Ahlers & Cooney with general contact, Danielle Haindfield and Aaron Hilligas as the Chief Negotiator as well as Nicole Cox with Cox Law Firm. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve High School Addition Project Change Order #9

Change order items included:

1. provide additional pot holing at subgrade for additional testing needed at addition - \$1,954.32
2. provide additional soil needed at building demolition due to unsuitable soils on site - \$19,500.00
3. owner request, removal of all remaining hazardous materials at building area demolition - \$156,018.38
4. provide high moisture glue at gym due to unforeseen moisture in slab - \$5,196.43
5. owner request,

remove remaining slab on grade at storage rooms - \$91,753.63 It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve High School Addition Change Order #9 in the total amount of \$274,422.76 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approval of Lakeview Gym Custom Wall Pads

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve custom gym wall pads for the amount of \$10,575 from Dannco as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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Approval of Southern Iowa Mental Health Center Care Coordination Agreement It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the Southern Iowa Mental Health Center Care Coordination Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approval of Early Retirement Policy and Application

Mr. Taylor spoke about the need for savings due to decreased certified enrollment this year. He proposed that some of those savings could come from the early retirement policy presented.

It was recommended that the board offer an early retirement incentive for the 2024-25 school year. Recommendation included an incentive of \$50,000 to a tax-sheltered annuity with the Iowa Retirement Investor's Club for the 2024-2025 school year with a cap of four participants. Sick and flex leave payouts will be paid out the same as past years as taxable income.

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the early retirement policy and application as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Review of Five-Year Forecast

Lisa Swarts and Mark Taylor reviewed the five-year forecast with the board.

Mike Moore, who was attending virtually, left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

#### Approve Personnel Business Procedures

##### Resignations

1. Molly Felton – Resignation as a Teacher – Mr. Taylor has reported that he has found a suitable replacement.

##### Volunteer Agreements

1. Erynn Couchman – Assistant Dance Team Coach Volunteer
2. Colleen Theis – iJag Event Transportation Volunteer
3. Connie Micetich – LKV Printing

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

##### Financial Reports

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the financial reports, bills, prepaids, and pay per diem as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

##### Superintendent Report

Mr. Taylor's report included: appreciation for members that are Veterans, Veterans' Day activities, and employee handbook work.

Board Member Takeaways

Takeaways included: contingency for the High School Addition Project was too low to begin with, positivity for working together as a board and the upcoming convention, appreciation for student representative, appreciation for five-year forecast work, appreciation for board members over last three years, and compliments from "over 60 homecoming group" regarding our students for homecoming activities.

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Adjourn

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Derek Carter to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

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President, Mike Thomas Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts Board

