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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held October 28, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville and in the Preschool Building, 603 N. 10th St., 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 Thomas, Kevin Wiskus Absent: Mike Moore

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

Welcome Visitors

Kevin Wiskus welcomed visitors.

Public Forum

There were no public comments.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve minutes of previous meetings

Corrections to October 14, 2024 minutes were:

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Mike Moore to approve the memorial at Paul Johnson Field for Mr. Kovacevich. Motion passed ~~4-1~~(3-2) with Tim Burger (and Kevin Wiskus) voting against.

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Mike Moore to adjourn the meeting at ~~7:14~~(9:14) pm. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the October 14, 2024 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There were no old business items.

New Business

Student Representative

Kinley Harvey was present to report out on activities at the high school. Topics included: State Student Council Conference focusing on kindness and change, and the upcoming high school musical.

Approval of Vehicle Purchase

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van for the amount of \$45,677 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Centerville High School Change Order

Information on a change order was presented to the board by Brian Bartlett with FRK Architects. Floors in two of the remaining rooms in the old high school were settling more than previously realized. Options

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include to leave them as is since they aren't considered a hazard or dangerous or to repair them so that the rooms could still be usable. Costs were presented as \$91,753.63.

Discussion items included:

- Costs of the subgrade fill seem high. Bartlett said that he could double-check and ask for detail.
- With expected upcoming asbestos change order the contingency of \$250,000 has already been used. Wiskus thought that this amount was too low to begin with.
- Finish of the floor would be exposed concrete.
- Costs could be more if we decided to fix in the future.

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve moving forward with change order for "cost associated with floor pour back" in the amount of \$91,753.63 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Community Update on State Indicators

Julie Caraccio presented the annual community update on state indicators. This report centered on work that the SIAC committee helped with and focused on topics of: literacy data and goals, math data and goals, science data and goals, ACT data, graduation rates, dropout rates, postsecondary education/training, attendance, and bullying and harassment prevention data.

Approval of SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Committee) Goals

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the School Improvement Advisory Committee Goals as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Lau Plan (ELL) Plan for Serving English Learners (ELs)

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the Lau Plan for Serving English Learners as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2nd Reading of Board Policies 800 Series

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the 2nd reading of board policies Series 800 with one grammatical correction as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of November Regular Meeting Date

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Derek Carter to approve November 11, 2024 as the November regular meeting date. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Early Retirement Policy

Mr. Taylor discussed that Certified Enrollment is down by approximately 66 students and that cuts will be needed. It is a hope that some savings can be made through an early retirement policy. In the past the district has given \$50,000 incentives and early notification incentives but other ideas were presented in the form of a possible HRA account for insurance premiums. Questions were raised on the qualifications of staff to be approved for an early retirement

incentive. Administration will continue to seek guidance from the attorneys on options and answers to the questions raised. It was a consensus of the board for Mr. Taylor to move forward.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Employment/Contracts

1. Brad Warren – HS Girls’ Wrestling Coach - \$6,541.05 – 75 Days – Effective 11/4/24 – Replacing Mark Mosley
2. Aaron Beeson – HS Girls’ Asst. Wrestling Coach - \$2,830.89 – 75 Days – Effective 11/4/24 – New/Vacant Position

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3. Debbie Colwell – Bus Driver (4 hours) - \$11,178.00 – 138 Days – Effective 10/29/24 – Replacing Lynn Gilbert

Volunteer Agreements

1. Brandy Hampton – Concession Stand – Approved 10/17/24

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve all personnel items as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Principal Reports

Highlights of the principal reports included: student achievement, programs and culture, professional development and training, and families and community.

Director Reports

In addition to written reports, Director reports highlights included:

Athletic Director – fall sports ending and winter sports gearing up.

Buildings & Grounds – high school construction update, Lakeview roof project update. Transportation – recent activities and field trips, good behavior report, bus evacuation drills. Technology – recent technology updates.

Attendance – emphasis on attendance numbers so far this year, continued learning of legal changes, costs for certified letters for school districts.

Special Education and Curriculum – special education count, state reports, curriculum mapper. Financial – update on high school addition project finances.

Superintendent Report

Highlights of the report were: state reports and new requirements for those reports, ISFIS five-year forecast workshop, upcoming Veteran’s Day activities.

The Board recessed to travel to the Preschool at 7:47 pm.

The Board came out of recess once everyone was present at the preschool at 7:54 pm.

Preschool Building Walkthrough

The Board toured the preschool building from 7:54 pm until 8:18 pm.

Board Member Takeaways

Takeaway items included: appreciation for Julie Caraccio’s presentations, emphasis on the importance of reading to students in the home, impact of decrease in certified enrollment, excitement for upcoming winter sports, appreciation to participate on the SIAC Committee, and Board focus on “Culture and Student Achievement.”

Adjourn

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Derek Carter to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

President, Kevin Wiskus Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts

Board

