

December 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held December 9, 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 Mike Thomas called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: Tim Burger, Derek Carter

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

Welcome Visitors

Mike Thomas welcomed visitors.

Public Forum

There was no public comment.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve minutes of previous meetings

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the November 11, 2024 minutes as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There were no old business items.

New Business

Update from Opaal Food Service Management Company

Belinda Potter was present to give the Opaal presentation. The main focus of her report included breakfast and lunch participation numbers, what Opaal's goals for those are, and what they can do to increase those numbers.

Student Representative

Kinley Harvey was present to report out on activities at the high school. Items included: state dance competition, band concert, Operation Santa, cookie decorating and eating contests, and Mock Trial.

Presentation and Acceptance of FY23 Audit

Paul Beetner with Nolte, Cornman & Johnson joined the meeting virtually to present the district's FY23 audit.

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to accept the FY23 district audit as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Safety Update Presentation

Mark Taylor presented an update of student and staff safety improvements and practices. Safety items included:

1. annual review with administrative team for review of district-wide plan
2. annual emergency drills such as fire, storm, ALICE, and lockdown

3. review safety plan with new staff members each year
4. mandatory trainings related to safety (bloodborne, right to know, etc...)
5. installation of panic buttons that will make calls directly to dispatch
6. re-key project, keyless entry project, and addition of push-button locks for faster access
7. new camera system that contains IP protocol in all buildings allowing access to police department and live views for administration at all times
8. AED's, Stop the Bleed kits, and Narcan spray kits in all buildings as well as training of staff for those items
9. "man trap" safety vestibules in each building
10. sharing agreement with Centerville Police Department for an SRO (school resource officer)
11. upcoming project for panic button that will disengage magnetic fire doors and play audible alert for lockdowns
12. upcoming project for installation of window films allowing students and staff to see out but limit sight access to those on the outside
13. Preschool fencing around entire Preschool playground
14. all Preschool staff CPR certified
15. Preschool installation of new Addressable Fire Panel
16. Preschool keypad at backdoor for safer recess accessibility
17. parking project in front of Preschool building for safer drop off/pick up
18. Lakeview De-Escalation Room
19. Lakeview upgraded fire panel and fire devices
20. Lakeview fence barrier by the playground
21. Lakeview meeting with Centerville PD during summer to assess high needs concerns
22. Lakeview updated fire/tornado safety signs in every room
23. added cones at Lakeview for pick-up time
24. Howar asbestos abatement
25. Howar "Go Bags" per Centerville PD recommendations and emergency folders for each room
26. High School Addition that provided secure entries, more open space to allow for more student supervision
27. High School CPR training offered for staff during PD
28. High School safety presentations for students on vaping
29. High School upgrade to our practices on locked exterior between 8am and 3:20pm including only 2 entrances before and after the day begins and ends with only 1 entry (front door) during the school day
30. High School increased supervision between class periods and in restrooms
31. nursing staff in each building
32. possible upcoming outside lighting project

Approve Snow Removal Bid

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Mike Moore to approve the snow removal bid from Cicco Construction for the amount of \$950 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve List of Early Retirees

The names and applications of early retirement applicants were submitted for board approval. Applicants that applied and were accepted by the administration for the \$50,000 early retirement incentive into a tax sheltered 403b annuity as well as payout of leaves effective the end of the 2024-25 school year were as follows:

1. Sharon Brice
2. Brad Warren
3. Paige Warren

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the list and applications of early retirees for the end of 2024-25 school year as submitted and recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Early Graduates for 2024-25

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the list of early graduates for 2024-25 as presented pending completion of final requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Window Safety Project – CHS & Lakeview

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the window safety project with Lashier Graphics & Signs. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve SBRC Request for Allowable Growth & Supplemental Aid for Late Open Enrollment

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid for the amount of \$193,174.21 for open enrolled out students on the Fall 2024 Certified Enrollment report that were not on the Fall 2025 Certified Enrollment count. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve SBRC Request for Allowable Growth & Supplemental Aid for EL Instruction Beyond Five Years

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Mike Moore to approve the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid for the amount of \$4,945.50 for EL Instruction Beyond Five Years. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Review of Board Policy 103

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the review of Board Policy 103 as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

IASB Convention Highlights

IASB Convention Highlights included: discussion on the sessions on poverty, artificial intelligence, Perry CSD de-briefing, and school finance.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Resignations

1. Darrin Carson – MS Cross Country Coach & HS Cross Country Coach – Effective Immediately

Transfers

Makinzey Bates – Transfer from Study Hall Aide to SPED Strat 1 Teacher – 123 Days – \$31,077 – Effective 11/18/24 – Replacing Molly Felton

Volunteer Agreements

1. Abigail Sells – Assistant Dance Team Coach Volunteer
2. Michael Farrell – FFA Driver Volunteer

Sports Officials Contracts – as listed

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

Financial Reports

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve all prepaids, list of bills, additional bills on the table, financial reports, and pay per diem as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Principal & Director Reports

Principals and Directors submitted written reports to the board.

Mike Moore left the meeting at 7:06 pm and returned to the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent report topics included: upcoming addition of Behavior Disability classroom at Lakeview, appreciation to Dave McCann and City workers for their help with the water main break at Lakeview, upcoming job fair at Northwest Missouri State, work with Denise Schares, and Lakeview no longer with an ESSA designation.

Board Member Takeaways

Takeaway items included: rotary “student of the month” process, IASB Convention, appreciation for Safety Presentation, being a hero for students, request for legal updates on FERPA for staff, and request to hear from Bi-State on date for completion of High School Addition.

The Board took a recess at 7:23 pm. until 7:28 pm.

Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose hiring, performance, appointment or discharge is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable harm to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.” Roll call

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Carol Heffron to go into closed session under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose hiring, performance, appointment or discharge is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable harm to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll call:

Ayes: Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously. The board moved into closed session at 7:28 pm.

Other persons present for the closed session were:

Mark Taylor, Superintendent

Lisa Swarts, Chief Financial Officer

It was a consensus of the board to move out of closed session and return to open session at 8:08 pm.

Adjourn

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Carol Heffron to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President, Mike Thomas

Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts