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The 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held February 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

Public Hearing – Howar Partial ReRoof Project – 5:30 P.M.

Call to order and roll call

President Mike Thomas called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call to determine quorum: Present: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: None

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

Welcome Visitors

Mike Thomas welcomed visitors.

Approve Agenda

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

2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project

Mr. Taylor explained that this project is due to an insurance claim for hail damage to the Howar Roof. It will be fully funded by insurance. There were eight bidders for the project with three of them being irregular due to being incomplete or not submitted on time. The low base bid came from JC Roofing & Insulation.

Public Comments on 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to adjourn the public hearing at 5:32 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to order and roll call

President Mike Thomas called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Roll call to determine quorum: Present: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: None

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

Welcome Visitors

Mike Thomas welcomed visitors.

Public Forum

There were no public comments.

Approve Agenda

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the agenda as

stated. Motion passed unanimously.

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Approve Minutes of previous meetings

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the February 10, 2025 minutes as stated. 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. She reported out on sporting activities as well as student club activities.

Resolution Formally Approving and Adopting the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimated Total Cost of the 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to adopt the “Resolution Formally Approving and Adopting the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimated Total Cost of the “2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project” as stated after meeting all public hearing requirements. Roll call vote: Ayes: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus Nays: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution to Award Bid on 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Derek Carter to adopt the presented “Resolution Making Award of Construction Contract” as stated, accepting the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project from JC Roofing & Insulation out of South Sioux City, Nebraska for the base bid amount of \$433,671. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Fundraiser

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the track fundraiser as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 1st Reading of Board Policy 710.4

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of board policy 710.4 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve One-Year 28E Sharing Agreement for Golf & Trap with Seymour CSD

This particular agreement has never been officially brought to the board for approval. This will serve as a one year agreement so that Seymour can plan for the next year. There was a brief discussion among board members about discussing all sharing agreements at a future board meeting.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the one-year sharing agreement with Seymour CSD for Golf and Trap as presented. Motion passed 6-1 with Derek Carter voting against.

### Approval of Commencement for Exchange Student

It was moved by Carol Heffron and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the exchange student to participate in the graduation commencement. Motion passed unanimously.

### Approve Summer Project Bids

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Summer projects presented were:

Factory Direct - \$17,000 – carpeting for preschool

Esco Electric - \$32,900 – updates fire alarm system for preschool

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the summer projects as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### AEA Services Update

Mark Taylor provided a quarterly report to the board on current expenses. Administration has been frugal and are considering more services for the remainder of the year. There were discussions on the administrative costs and if expenses will look the same next year.

### Preliminary 2025-26 Budget Discussions

Lisa Swarts and Mark Taylor discussed preliminary FY26 budget numbers. Ms. Swarts spoke about an advance surplus levy for General Obligation debt. She spoke about moving forward with those plans unless the Board had objections. This will save the taxpayers approximately \$50,000 in interest. The Proposed Tax Statement will be mailed out to taxpayers after March 10<sup>th</sup>. This will have to be done with an estimate for the Supplemental State Aid because the State has not set that amount yet, even though it is required by law.

### Approve Personnel Business Procedures

#### Resignations

1. Brad Warren – HMS Football & Head Girls Wrestling – Effective Immediately

#### Employment/Contracts

1. Daniel Hargrave – Head HS Boys Tennis Coach - \$2,989.50 – Effective March 17, 2025 – Replacing Richard Parker

#### Volunteer Agreements

1. Bryan Baker – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach Volunteer – Effective March 17, 2025
2. Matthew Harryman – Trap Shooting Volunteer – Effective February 25, 2025
3. Shannon Johnston – Trap Shooting Volunteer – Effective February 10, 2025

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

#### Director Reports

Director reports were given by Kate Brauman, Brad Warren, Mike Kincaid, Aaron Beeson, Cameron Oehler, Jarred Johnston, and Julie Caraccio.

#### Principal Reports

All Principals reported out on the activities of their buildings with a focus on: student achievement,

programs & culture, professional development & training, and families & community.

The board recessed for a short break at 6:53 pm and came back to open session at 6:59 pm.

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 Derek Carter and seconded by Tim Burger 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:

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Ayes: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus  
Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The board moved into closed session at 6:59 pm.

Other persons present for the closed session were:

Mark Taylor, Superintendent

Lisa Swarts, Chief Financial Officer

Jennifer Donels, High School Principal

Student, Guardian of Student, and Mother of Student

All persons except for Lisa Swarts and members of the Board left the closed session and the Board began to deliberate at 7:28 pm. All persons were brought back into closed session at 7:49 pm.

It was a consensus of the board to move out of closed session and return to open session at 7:52 pm.

Consideration and Action on Student Expulsion or Disciplinary Agreement

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the Agreement to Intervene in Lieu of Expulsion Tier One with amendments discussed in closed session with the student who was the subject of the closed session. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus  
Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

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It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Carol Heffron 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: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus  
Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The board moved into closed session at 7:55 pm.  
Other persons present for the closed session were:  
Mark Taylor, Superintendent  
Lisa Swarts, Chief Financial Officer  
Terri Schofield, Howar Middle School Principal  
Student and Guardian of Student

All persons except for Lisa Swarts and members of the Board left the closed session and the Board began to deliberate at 8:35 pm.

It was a consensus of the board to move out of closed session and return to open session at 8:39 pm.

Consideration and Action on Student Expulsion or Disciplinary Agreement

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the Agreement to Intervene in Lieu of Expulsion Tier One with amendments discussed in closed session with the student who was the subject of the closed session. Roll call vote:

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

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Nays: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Taylor reported out on student activities and the recent advertising campaign.

Board Takeaways

Takeaway items included: future possible changes to the agenda, exchange student program, possible board workshop for looking at elective board policies, exciting times for kids today, appreciation of principal reports and meetings with families, desire to discuss all sharing agreements.

Adjourn

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Carol Heffron to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.  
Motion passed unanimously.

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President, Mike Thomas Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts Board

