

January 27, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held January 27, 2025 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: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: Carol Heffron

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.

Approve minutes of previous meetings

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the January 13, 2025 minutes as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Approval of Baseball Field Sharing Agreement

The updated Baseball Field Sharing Agreement was presented with changes. Mr. Taylor addressed the questions that came up in the previous meeting and explained the changes that the attorney made.

The 28 E agreement calls for the District to contribute funds to the College in the amount of \$250,000, \$50,000 each year over a five-year period. The rental contract addresses the maintenance of the facilities.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the Baseball Field Sharing Agreement with Indian Hills Community College as presented. Motion passed 4-2 with Derek Carter and Kevin Wiskus voting against.

New Business

Student Representative

Kinley Harvey was present to report out on activities at the high school. Topics included: NHS Winter Dance, Girls' Wrestling tournament, upcoming drama plays, honor choir, and student athletic record achievement.

Resolution Tentatively Approving the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Total Cost for the Centerville Community School District 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement and Setting the Time, Date and Location for a Hearing Theron and Further Authorizing the Posting of a Notice Seeking Competitive Bids on said 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project

Bid opening will be February 20, 2025 at 10:00 am with the public hearing set for February 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Tom Johnson to adopt the "Resolution Tentatively Approving the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Total Cost for the Centerville Community School District 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement and Setting the Time, Date and Location for a Hearing Theron and Further Authorizing the Posting of a Notice Seeking Competitive Bids on said 2025 Howar Partial Roof Replacement Project as stated.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None
Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of FFA Fundraiser

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the FFA Fundraiser as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Purchase of Weight Room Equipment

A purchase order for weight room equipment in the amount of \$69,565.34 was presented for approval. The District will use \$24,539.90 of money received from the Mahaska agreement and CHS Sale proceeds towards the purchase. The remaining amount will come from the generous donations of \$35,025.44 from the Booster Club and \$10,000 from the Centerville Foundation. The Board thanked the organizations for their donations. It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Mike Moore to approve the weight room equipment purchase order of \$69,565.34 to PowerLift as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of National Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Procedures and Policies

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the National Criminal History Record Information Procedures and Policies document as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Summer Project List

Aaron Beeson presented the summer projects that he hopes to work on for the 2025 summer break. It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the estimates for projects from Lewellen Mowing and Painting for \$18,970 and Esco Electric for \$55,800 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Mike Moore to approve tentatively moving forward and approve engaging an architect to continue work on the bleacher project. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Creation of 4-Day Week Task Force for 2026-27 School Year

This Task Force would be to gather information on a 4-day week. It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the creation of a 4-Day Week Task Force for the 2026-27 year as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Reports

Mike Kincaid gave a report on the transportation department. He informed the board of his struggles with not having enough drivers. After a lengthy discussion, it was a consensus to advertise as much as possible and to try all avenues for getting drivers.

Kate Brauman reported out on the struggles of negative lunch account balances.

Other Director reports given were from Brad Warren, Cameron Oehler, Julie Caraccio, and Jarred Johnston.

Mike Moore left the meeting at 7:09 pm and returned at 7:10 pm.

Kevin Wiskus left the meeting at 7:22 pm and returned at 7:23 pm.

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.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent report topics included: good week covering admin at Howar, calendar committee meeting, budget workshop, appreciation for staff work on Facebook, and upcoming advertising.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Employment/Contracts

1. Taylor Shinn – HS Assistant Softball – 75 Days - \$2,951.58 – Replacing Taylor Shinn (Rehire) – Effective April 14, 2025
2. Maranda Houck Oliver – HS SPED Associate – 88 Days - \$13.17/hour – Vacant Position/New Student – Effective January 20, 2025

Resignations

1. Emmaretta Hermon – Resigning from position of Sp. Ed. Aide Specific at Lakeview effective January 27, 2025.
2. Rich Parker – Resigning from position of H.S. Head Boys’ Tennis Coach (offered position, decided to decline the contract)

Volunteer Agreements

1. Edward Cox – Mock Trial Coach – Effective January 17, 2025

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

Board Takeaways

Takeaway items included: appreciation for director reports, appreciation for the weight room equipment donations, appreciation to our staff for building security efforts after a comparison to another district traveled to, activities at the preschool, and new banners at the high school.

Adjourn

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President, Mike Thomas

Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts