

March 10, 2025

The Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held March 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

Public Hearing – 2025-2026 Calendar

Call to order and roll call

President Mike Thomas called the public hearing to order at 5:37 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

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

Absent: Derek Carter

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

Welcome Visitors

Mike Thomas welcomed visitors.

Approval of Agenda

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

2025-2026 Calendar

Mark Taylor reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 calendar. The calendar somewhat mirrors this year's calendar in structure.

Public Comments on 2025-2026 Calendar

There were no public comments.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tim Burger to adjourn the public hearing at 5:40 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to order and roll call

President Mike Thomas called the regular meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

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

Absent: Derek Carter

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 Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Mike Moore to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes of previous meetings

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the February 24, 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.

Student Celebrations – Mock Trial

Katie Taylor was present to report out on the Mock Trial activity. The group will be headed to Marshalltown for the first competition.

Staff Presentations

Jill Whisler was present to report out on the upcoming Career Day at the High School. Over eighty vendors are expected to participate.

Approve Ottumwa Radio Group Advertising Campaign

Derek Carter entered the meeting by telephone at 5:55 pm.

Sara Jane Douglas was present to go over her proposal for an annual advertising campaign with Ottumwa Radio. The campaign consisted of radio announcements and Facebook postings. There was a lengthy discussion among board members. Some of the items mentioned were:

- Have we seen our open enrollment numbers change since the last campaign?
- Are we the only school that would advertise with Ottumwa Radio?
- Does the targeted group listen to the radio?
- Is the cost of this campaign fiscally responsible?

After discussion, it was a consensus of the group that the advertising campaign needs to be a decision by the group as a whole and there needs to be more discussion. The item will be added to the March 24th meeting for discussion.

There was no action taken for this item.

Derek Carter left the meeting by telephone at 6:29 pm.

Approve 2024-2025 Calendar Adjustment

The District has two student days to make up including the water main break earlier in the year as well as the most recent weather related closing. Support staff employees have those days to make up as well as the five virtual days. Mr. Taylor recommended forgiving the water main break day for students and support staff and making up the weather related closing day on May 16th. The last day of school would still be May 23rd. There was discussion from board members and the administration group on the make-up days for support staff. That will be an item at the next meeting.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the 2024-25 Calendar adjustment proposal as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Wednesday Night Band Concert

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the Wednesday night band concert as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2025-2026 School Calendar

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the 2025-26 School Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2nd Reading of Board Policy 710.4

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the 2nd reading of board policy 710.4 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 101% Budget Guarantee Resolution. Roll Call.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve and adopt the 101% budget guarantee resolution: Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Centerville Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Roll Call vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2025-26 Teacher Leadership Positions

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the 2025-26 Teacher Leadership positions as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Iowa LGRP Participation Agreement

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Participation Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Resignations

1. Anthony Endress – Middle School Football Coach – Effective Immediately
2. Jolan Bishop – CHS Quiz Bowl – Effective Immediately
3. Courtland Garr – Custodian – Effective March 14, 2025
4. Karen Matherly – Retiring from PreK Secretary – Effective at the end of the 24-25 school year
5. Regan Steffen – Retiring from Bus Driver – Effective at the end of the 24-25 school year
6. Marty Sias – Retiring from Custodian – Effective June 30, 2025

Employment/Contracts

1. Ana Lanphier – MS Volleyball Coach - \$TBD – Effective August 25, 2025 – Replacing Elizabeth Zintz
2. Krystal Bronson – Substitute Bus Driver - \$18.50/hour – Effective March 3, 2025
3. Alex Groff – Substitute Bus Driver - \$18.50/hour – Effective March 3, 2025

Volunteer Agreements

1. Joseph Hawkins – Off Season Baseball Open Gyms – Effective February 3, 2025
2. Rich Parker – Assistant Boys’ Golf – Effective March 17, 2025
3. Abby Drew – Assistant Girls’ Soccer – Effective March 17, 2025

Sports Officials Contracts – as listed

It was requested by Mike Moore to pull out the resignation of Marty Sias from the personnel motion.

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Mike Moore to approve all personnel items as presented with the exception of the resignation of Marty Sias. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the resignation of Marty Sias as presented with an award of a lifetime activity pass presented as well. Motion passed unanimously. The board showed appreciation for his commendable service to the district.

Building Walkthrough

The building walkthrough began at 7:00 pm and ended at 7:54 pm.

Financial Reports

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve all prepaids, list of bills, financial reports, and pay per diem as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Taylor's report included: appreciation for employee sub bus drivers, appreciation for calendar work, excitement about Facebook ads, upcoming Career Fair, and Robotics competition.

Board Takeaways

Takeaway items included: excitement about soccer numbers, appreciation for discussion on advertising, encouraging the chain of command with issues, excitement for Career Day, and the need for a board retreat.

Adjourn

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Mike Moore to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President, Mike Thomas

Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts