

April 3, 2017

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held April 3, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

Call to order and roll call

President Marty Braster called the special board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Roll call to determine quorum was taken as follows:

Present: Marty Braster, Larry Heffron, Brooke Johnson, Angela Ocker, Joe Sharp and Bob Thomas.

Absent: Travis Yeomans.

Also present were Superintendent Tom Rubel and Board Secretary Linda Henderson.

Welcome Visitors

Mr. Braster welcomed visitors.

Approve Agenda

It was moved by Larry Heffron and seconded by Angela Ocker to approve the agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Discussion on Pk-12 Restructuring Plan for 2017-18 and 2018-19

Tom passed out copies of the proposed Centerville CSD Restructure Plan for 2017-18 and 2018-19. The purpose of the restructuring plan is to enhance student achievement, provide high quality instruction, enhance communication and collaboration among all stakeholders, with equity, and fiscal efficiency. The proposal is to:

- 2017-18 Discontinue Preschool building lease with St. Mary's and move Preschool to Lincoln with four sections students: (17-18-18-16)
- 2017-18 Garfield School: Move Kindergarten (20 students) and First Grade (20 students) to Central and move Second Grade (20 students) to Lakeview. There will be discussion on the future of the Garfield Elementary School after closing in summer of 2017.
- 2017-18 Lincoln School: Move Kindergarten (20 students) and First Grade (23 students) to Central and move Second Grade (23 students) to Lakeview.
- 2017-18 Central School: There will be five section of Kindergarten (20-20-19-20-20) and five sections of First Grade (20-21-20-20-23). Move Second Grade (20-20-19) to Lakeview. Discussion on future of Central Elementary School after it closes in 2018.
- 2017-18 Lakeview School: There will be five sections of Second Grade; five sections of Third Grade; five sections of Fourth Grade; four sections of Fifth Grade; add ten classrooms to Lakeview and add a band room/multipurpose room.
- 2018-19 Lakeview School: Move Kindergarten and First Grades from Central to Lakeview.
- 2017-18 Howar Jr. High: move Sixth Grade from Lakeview to Howar Jr. High. Howar Jr. High will become a 6-8 grade center.
- 2017-18 CHS High School: Remain the same for grades 9-12.

Tom stated there are several advantages of this restructuring plan:

- Teacher proximity and collaboration have proven to increase student achievement.
- The use of support services will be more equitable and efficient due to the increase in proximity of students and staff. (Less travel time due to fewer buildings.)
- Increase teacher's access to one another and shared knowledge and resources.
- Restructuring plan better aligns with best practices and National Standards. (Currently there are 138 middle schools in Iowa; 28 Jr. High Schools.)
- All Pk-12 students will have access to on onsite computer lab in their building.

- Creating developmentally appropriate learning centers that all students will attend as a graduate of our district.
- Provides socio-economic equity throughout the district.
- Provides for a consistent communication with parents and community.
- Increase time and focus for instructional leadership as grade alignments are restructured.
- Better utilization of administration expertise and time.
- Provide more streamlined food service for Pk-12 students (breakfast and lunch for PK students daily.)

Tom stated this is still in the planning stages of this restructuring plan. The administrative team believes that this plan has great promise knowing that adjustments will need to be made as we continue to get feedback from the district's stakeholders.

Tom stated administrators reviewed positions from staff who have retired or resigned for the 2017-18 school year and believes the district has a high degree of potential savings of \$557,209 from the General Fund. The total cost is \$844,114 with General Fund, special education, Title I, and MAG-Drop Out included. This does not include any savings from preschool building costs for 2017-18.

The visitors discussed the proposed plan with board and administrators.

Adjourn

It was moved by Larry Heffron and seconded by Brooke Johnson to adjourn at 7:44 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.