

October 26, 2020 minutes

October 19, 2020

Two public hearings and the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held October 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville. Patrons that wished to attend virtually were given the option of logging into the meeting.

Public Hearing – Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

Call to order and roll call

President Marty Braster called the public hearing to order at 6:31 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Marty Braster, Brooke Johnson, Kevin Wiskus, Kris Shondel, Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas

Absent: Mike Moore

Also present were Superintendent Tom Rubel and Chief Financial Officer Lisa Swarts

Welcome Visitors

Marty Braster welcomed all visitors. With the help of the technology director, he explained that if anyone had any public comments they were to type their questions into the chat box. Also, if they wanted to speak, we had the ability to un-mute them.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

This item has been spoken about many times in previous meetings during discussions about the Master Facility Plan. The proposed issuance of these bonds would be used for the improvements at Howar Middle School, the Preschool, and the Athletic Complex. The estimate for these particular projects are 6.6 million. The balance would potentially be available at a later time.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment to Athletic Facility Public Hearing

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to adjourn the public hearing at 6:37 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Proposed Use of SAVE Revenue for an Athletic Facility Infrastructure Project

Call to order and roll call

President Marty Braster called the public hearing to order at 6:37 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Kris Shondel, Bob Thomas, Brooke Johnson, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus, Marty Braster

Absent: Mike Moore

Also present were Superintendent Tom Rubel and Chief Financial Officer Lisa Swarts

Welcome Visitors

Marty Braster welcomed visitors again.

Approval of Agenda

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It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Use of SAVE Revenue for an Athletic Facility Infrastructure Project

The proposed improvements to the track would necessitate improvements also be made to the football field and the area surrounding. This item has also been reviewed at earlier meetings when discussing the Master Facility Plan.

Public Comment

Eric Monaghan asked if the district would talk a little bit about the SAVE fund. Matt Gillaspie from Piper Sandler Companies was available and he explained the SAVE revenues and the different types of SAVE expenditures.

There were no further public comments or questions.

Adjournment to Regular Board Meeting

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to adjourn to the regular meeting at 6:43 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Hearing

Call to order and roll call

President Marty Braster called the regular meeting to order at 6:44 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Kevin Wiskus, Bob Thomas, Marty Braster, Brooke Johnson, Kris Shondel, Mike Thomas

Absent: Mike Moore

Also present were Superintendent Tom Rubel and Chief Financial Officer Lisa Swarts

Welcome Visitors

Marty Braster welcomed visitors.

Public Forum

There were no public comments.

Approve Agenda

A change to the agenda to say “regular meeting” instead of “regular hearing” was recommended. It was also recommended to add the words “roll call vote” to the end of “Item C under New Business.”

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes of previous meetings

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve the September 14th and September 28th minutes as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There were no old business items.

New Business

Resolution Supporting the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Roll call Vote

The following resolution was presented for adoption:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$10,000,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund ("SAVE Revenue") pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 423F and an election duly held in accordance therewith on March 3, 2020 approving a revenue purpose statement (the "Revenue Purpose Statement"), the Board of Directors is currently entitled to spend SAVE Revenue for school infrastructure purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is in need of funds for the following school infrastructure project(s): to build, furnish, and equip an addition to and to remodel, repair and improve its existing Preschool building and site; to remodel, repair, and improve its existing Middle School building and site; to construct track and field site improvements at Lakeview Elementary; and, contingent upon voter approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds, to build, furnish, and equip an addition to and to remodel, repair and improve its existing High School building and site; including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has deemed it necessary and advisable that the District issue School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, which may be issued in one or more series over multiple fiscal years pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2 and 423E.5, in the approximate amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to build, furnish, and equip an addition to and to remodel, repair and improve its existing Preschool building and site; to remodel, repair, and improve its existing Middle School building and site; to construct track and field site improvements at Lakeview Elementary; and, contingent upon voter approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds, to build, furnish, and equip an addition to and to remodel, repair and improve its existing High School building and site; including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser. Any bond proceeds remaining after completion of this project will be used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School District's Revenue Purpose Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has complied with the provisions of Iowa Code Section 423F.4 by providing notice and holding a public hearing on the proposal to issue such Bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. The Board of Directors supports the proposal to issue approximately \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, which may be issued in one or more series over multiple fiscal years pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2 and 423E.5, for the purpose of providing funds to build, furnish, and equip an addition to and to remodel, repair and improve its existing Preschool building and site; to remodel, repair, and improve its existing Middle School building and site; to construct track and field site improvements at Lakeview Elementary; and, contingent upon voter approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds, to build, furnish, and equip an addition to and to remodel, repair and improve its existing High School building and site; including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser. Any bond proceeds remaining after completion of this project will be used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School District's Revenue Purpose Statement.

2. Eligible electors of the school district have the right to file with the Board Secretary a petition pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.4(2)(b), on or before close of business on November 2, 2020, for an election on the proposed bond issuance. The petition must be signed by eligible electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of those voting at the last preceding election of school officials under Iowa Code Section 277.1, whichever is greater.

3. In the event a petition containing the required number of valid signatures is filed with the Secretary of the Board on or before close of business on November 2, 2020, the President shall call a meeting of the Board to consider withdrawing the proposed Bond issuance, or directing that the question of the proposed Bond issuance be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District.

If the Board determines to submit the question to the electors, the proposition to be submitted shall be as follows:

Shall the Board of Directors of the Centerville Community School District in the County of Appanoose, State of Iowa, be authorized to issue approximately \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, which may be issued in one or more series over multiple fiscal years pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2 and 423E.5, in the approximate amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to build,

furnish, and equip an addition to and to remodel, repair and improve its existing Preschool building and site; to remodel, repair, and improve its existing Middle School building and site; to construct track and field site improvements at Lakeview Elementary; and, contingent upon voter approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds, to build, furnish, and equip an addition to and to remodel, repair and improve its existing High School building and site; including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser; with any bond proceeds remaining after completion of this project used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School District's Revenue Purpose Statement?

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve and adopt the Resolution Supporting the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Bob Thomas, Kevin Wiskus, Kris Shondel, Mike Thomas, Brooke Johnson, Marty Braster

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Supporting the Proposed Use of SAVE Revenue for an Athletic Facility Infrastructure Project.
Roll call vote

The following resolution was presented for adoption:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED USE OF SAVE REVENUE FOR AN ATHLETIC FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund ("SAVE Revenue") pursuant to Iowa Code § 423F.2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 423F and an election duly held in accordance therewith on March 3, 2020, the Board of Directors is currently entitled to spend SAVE Revenue for school infrastructure purposes, including the construction of an athletic facility infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has considered potential uses of the District's SAVE Revenue including use for secure entries for the District's attendance centers and has determined that it is necessary and advisable for the District to use SAVE Revenue for the following athletic facility infrastructure project that is not physically attached to a student attendance center: constructing track and field site improvements at Lakeview Elementary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has complied with the provisions of Iowa Code § 423F.3(6A) by adopting a resolution setting forth the proposal for the athletic facility infrastructure project, and holding a public hearing on the proposed construction of the athletic facility:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

4. The Board of Directors hereby supports the proposed use of SAVE Revenue for the following athletic facility infrastructure project: constructing track and field site improvements at Lakeview Elementary. The estimated cost of the construction of this athletic facility infrastructure project is \$2,500,000.

5. Eligible electors of the school district have the right to file with the Board Secretary a petition pursuant to Iowa Code § 423F.4(2)(b), on or before close of business on November 2, 2020, for an election on the proposed use of SAVE Revenue. The petition must be signed by eligible electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of those voting at the last preceding election of school officials under Iowa Code § 277.1, whichever is greater.

6. In the event a petition containing the required number of valid signatures is filed with the Secretary of the Board on or before close of business on November 2, 2020, the President shall call a meeting of the Board to consider rescinding this Resolution supporting the proposed use of SAVE Revenue or directing that the question of the proposed use of SAVE Revenue be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District.

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If the Board determines to submit the question to the electors, the proposition to be submitted shall be as follows:

Shall the Board of Directors of the Centerville Community School District in the County of Appanoose, State of Iowa, be authorized to use revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund for the purpose of constructing track and field site improvements at Lakeview Elementary, with the estimated cost of construction being \$2,500,000?

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve and adopt the Resolution Supporting the Proposed Use of SAVE Revenue for an Athletic Facility Infrastructure Project. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Brooke Johnson, Marty Braster, Kevin Wiskus, Mike Thomas, Kris Shondel, Bob Thomas

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to Authorize the Sale and Issuance of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds and Approving the Official Statement

The following resolution was presented for adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020, AND APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. That this Board authorizes the sale and issuance in the manner required by law of approximately \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2020.

Section 2. The Secretary is authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the School District with the sale and issuance of said Bonds, to select a date for the sale thereof, to cause to be prepared such notice and sale information as may appear appropriate, to publish and distribute the same on behalf of the School District, and otherwise to take all action necessary to permit the sale of said Bonds on a basis favorable to the School District and acceptable to this Board.

Section 3. That the preliminary Official Statement in the form presented to this meeting be and the same hereby is approved as to form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, subject to such revisions, corrections or modifications as the Superintendent and Secretary, upon the advice of the District's Financial Advisor, shall determine to be appropriate, and is authorized to be distributed in connection with the offering of the Bonds for sale.

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve and adopt the Resolution to Authorize the Sale and Issuance of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds and Approving the Official Statement. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Bob Thomas, Kevin Wiskus, Kris Shondel, Mike Thomas, Brooke Johnson, Marty Braster

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Financial Services Agreement with Piper Sandler

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to approve the financial services agreement with Piper Sandler as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Dissemination Agent Agreement with Piper Sandler

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the Dissemination Agent Agreement with Piper Sandler as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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Approve 2020-21 Fundraising Calendar

It was recommended to add the “Big Red Invite” to the calendar. It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the 2020-21 Fundraising Calendar as presented with the addition of the “Big Red Invite.” Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Annual Depository Amount

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve the annual depository amount as 18 million. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve SBRC Request for Allowable Growth for LEP

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve submitting allowable growth request for LEP excess cost in the amount of \$260.83 to School Budget Review Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Request for Allowable Growth & Supplemental Aid for Negative Special Education Balance

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve requesting allowable growth and supplemental state aid for negative special education balance in the amount of \$10,386.65 on June 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve 1st Reading of Board Policy

Board policy 411.3 was being reviewed for support staff hiring practices. The language was provided by the attorney. After discussion, it was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to table the first reading of board policy 411.3. Motion passed unanimously.

Information and Discussion on School Attorney

A letter was provided by the District’s attorney Rick Engel. He will be retiring at the end of December. It was a consensus that a committee will work to bring a recommendation to the full board. Committee members will be Bob Thomas, Mike Thomas, and Marty Braster.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Personnel items presented for review were:

Resignations

1. Tino Terrones – Resigning from 8th Grade Volleyball effective immediately.
2. Tino Terrones – Resigning from Head Boys’ Soccer effective immediately.
3. Gabe Harbour – Resigning from Sp. Ed. Aide Specific at Lakeview effective October 21, 2020.
4. Jason Reed – Resigning from M.S. Girls’ Track effectively immediately.

Employment/Contracts

1. Alex Belloma – Head Bowling Coach, Step 2, \$1,856.15 replacing Nick Howe.
2. Neal Caylor – Shared National Honor Society, 50% of Step 1, \$263.09, effective September 30, 2020, replacing Tatum Marcussen for 2020-21 only.
3. Josh Brice – Asst. H.S. Basketball Coach, Step 1, \$2,650.27 replacing Tom Hill.
4. Jonathan Kovacevich – 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball, Step 12, \$3,144.17, replacing Alex Belloma.
5. Jason Reed – H.S. Girls’ Head Track Coach – Step 6, \$4,803.42, replacing Tom Hill.
6. Amber White – H.S. Asst. Girls’ Track Coach – Step 1, \$2,327.46, replacing Kristy Demry.
7. Abigail Davis – Sp. Ed. Aide Specific/ACC Classroom Aide – Level II, Step 2. \$10.47/hour, 8 hours/day, replacing Melissa VanDusseldorp.

Lane Change – Macey Oden BA+12 step 8 to MA step 8

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Sports Officials Contract – as listed

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve all personnel items as presented with the exception of contracts for Alex Belloma. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Brooke Johnson to approve the contract for Alex Belloma as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Kris Shondel abstaining.

Financial Reports

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the bills, pay per diem, and financial reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Work session will be October 26th with a Facilities Committee meeting before. Topics discussed should include the five-year financial plan and the remote learning plan.

Adjourn

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Mike Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President, Marty Braster

Chief Financial Officer, Lisa Swarts

