

January 24, 2022

The regular meeting and work session of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held January 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to order and roll call

President Kevin Wiskus called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Brooke Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Tim Burger, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: None

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

Welcome Visitors

Kevin Wiskus welcomed any visitors.

Public Forum

There were no public comments.

Approve Agenda

It was recommended by the administration to remove one contract from the list of employment contracts. It was moved by Brooke Johnson and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There were no old business items to consider.

New Business

Approve Transportation Lease Purchase

Preliminary numbers for a transportation lease were presented by Transportation Director, Tim Kaster. The lease would be with Hoglund Bus Company for five buses for five years. Buses would consist of three route buses, one trip bus, and one special needs bus. Final lease documents will be brought to the board at a future meeting.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the preliminary bus lease purchase with Hoglund Bus Company as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Resignations

1. Timothy Brown – Resigning from Night Custodian at Lakeview, effective 12/16/2021.
2. Matt Harnisch – Resigning from High School Football Coach at CHS effective 1/18/2022.
3. James Dodge – Resigning from Night Custodian at Lakeview, effective 1/20/2022

Transfers

1. Mallory Denny – Transfer from 4th Grade at Lakeview to 6th Grade Math at Howar effective 2022-23 school year, replacing Peggy Kauzlarich
2. Jennisha Oden – Transfer from Associate at ACC to Sp. Ed. Aide Specific at CHS, replacing Mindy Novotny
3. Mindy Novotny – Transfer from Sp. Ed. Aide Specific at CHS to Study Hall Supervisor/Library Associate at CHS, replacing Kele Cossel.

Employment/Contracts

1. Emily Mason – Special Education Teacher at Howar, effective 8-22-22, MA+24, Salary TBD, replacing Tina Bauman
2. Gavin Boughner – Custodian at Lakeview, Level 2, Step 3, \$12.97/hour, 8 hrs/day, effective 1/20/22, replacing Tim Brown
3. Jennie Castor – Associate at ACC, Level 2 Step 1, 12.17/hour, 7.5 hrs/day, effective 1/11/22, replacing Jennisha Oden

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Tim Burger to approve all personnel items as presented with the exception of the previously stated omitted contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Work Session

Operational Sharing

Information was provided on operational sharing. It is an incentive for districts to reduce costs and receive additional weighting. Each position generates a set number of weighting in pupils for each district participating. 255 Iowa districts and 4 AEAs are utilizing this function now. Centerville participated in operational sharing in the past with Moulton-Udell but does not currently share any of the identified positions. With decreasing enrollment and low supplemental state aid projections, Mr. Rubel reported that it was just another item to consider.

Update on Supplemental State Aid

Supplemental State Aid discussions have generated discussions of a preliminary number of 2.5%. Just for informational purposes, calculations would be that new money would be \$98,130. These are just preliminary numbers because the SSA has not been set yet, but Mr. Rubel wanted the board to be aware of the potential financial impact.

Facilities Maintenance Budget

The board was updated on the status of the \$600,000 maintenance budget. Currently there is an approximate remaining balance of \$231,000 with some small projects and expenses still outstanding.

Kevin Wiskus asked to see a plan for the remaining balance. Tim Kaster is also working on the Summer 2022 project list as well.

There was also discussion about holding back as much as we can due to the unknowns with the High School Project, although it was mentioned we don't want to fall behind on regular maintenance items that we've already put off.

Lisa Swarts spoke about having the Finance Committee have a session with bonding attorney, James Wainwright from Ahlers to discuss the timing of projects and use of different bond issues. They will schedule a meeting on February 14th.

School Board Work Sessions Proposed Topics

Kevin Wiskus and Tom Rubel included a list of proposed topics for upcoming work sessions. Board members were asked to provide more topics for discussion. Some topics brought up were: security/life security issues, student activities funds, AEA services provided, updating board policies.

Update on Food Nutrition Program

The meeting scheduled with food service management companies on January 31st has now been postponed.

The district is working with Department of Education Nutrition Consultant Shea Cook to gather all information for the Request for Proposal and to follow all guidelines established for the bidding process.

Bob Thomas provided a handout about Food Justice – One Serving at a Time.

Principal Reports

Each principal highlighted parts of their reports to include: Preschool Family Fun Night, significant growth in reading at Lakeview with new curriculum, Howar Drama Club’s program on the March 11th weekend, great numbers for P/T conferences at middle school and secondary level, Program with Alliant for High School students to enter internships, update on meetings with virtual students.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Rubel continues to work with Appanoose County Public Health. Principals are prepared if there becomes an issue and classes have to be cancelled.

Adjourn

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Mike Thomas to adjourn the work session at 7:59 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Wiskus, Board President

Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts