



Centerville Community School District Names Mark Taylor Next Superintendent

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CENTERVILLE, IA — The Centerville Community School District School Board has named Mark Taylor as the school district's next superintendent.

On Thursday, May 19, four finalists were interviewed to become the next superintendent of the Centerville Community School District; they were interviewed by the Board of Education, the Administrative Team, and two Mixed Interview Teams which consisted of teachers, students, support staff, community members and parents; all candidates also took a district and community tour. In all, over 40 people submitted input to the Board on each of the four finalists. Following completion of the interviews, the Board reviewed all data from interview teams and discussed each candidate and ultimately offered the position to Taylor.

Mr. Taylor is currently the Principal at North Hill Elementary School in Burlington; he has served in that position for the past seven years. Previously, Mr. Taylor taught Instrumental Music at Centerville CSD for nine years and for one year at Adair County Schools in Novinger, Missouri. Beyond his principal duties, Taylor also serves as the District Title I Director, District Liaison and Secretary for the Burlington Education Foundation, and serves on the District Teacher Leadership Committee, Teacher Quality Committee, District School Improvement Advisory Committee, and chairs the District Calendar Committee. He also has been instrumental in building the efficacy of Professional Learning Communities throughout the Burlington school district. Multiple references mentioned his approachability, servant leadership, and ability to develop relationships, as well as his student-centered approach to instructions and timely and meaningful professional development. One reference commented, *"Mark is collaborative, positive, and focused on the well-being of those he serves. He is also goal-centered, willing to address challenges, positive, and an excellent relationship builder."*

After accepting the offer, Mr. Taylor stated. *"My family and I are absolutely thrilled to be coming home to Centerville! We are both honored and humbled by this awesome opportunity. The school district and community have so much pride and so many positive things going on. I'm excited to get there and start working with the outstanding staff and get to work on continuing the tradition of excellence at Centerville schools. My wife, Mary, and three kids (Katie (14), Kory (9), and Xander (7), are so excited to become part of Centerville again and immerse ourselves as a family in everything Centerville has to offer. Go Big Reds!"*

Board President Kevin Wiskus stated, *"The Board is absolutely thrilled to have Mark coming home to Centerville to be our next Superintendent of Schools. We ended up with four very strong finalists, but Mark rose to the top because of his sincerity, commitment to education, and love for the Centerville School District and community of Centerville. Mark and his family will make a wonderful addition to our community. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all the 40+ members of the interview teams. The data allowed us to analyze all four finalists at a much deeper level and the data was very clear - Mark Taylor is the right decision. Let's all welcome Mark and his family back home to Centerville!"*

The School Board has been working with [Grundmeyer Leader Services](#) to conduct the superintendent search. Taylor will officially begin serving as Superintendent of Centerville Community School District on July 1, 2022; however, he will be involved in transitioning between now and July 1 as much as possible, including being involved in hiring various district-level positions. A short introductory video with Mr. Taylor will be completed and shared with staff and community next week.