

October 24, 2022

The work session and regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held October 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

### Work Session

#### Call to order and roll call

President Kevin Wiskus called the work session to order at 5:30 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: None

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

#### Approve Agenda

A recommendation was made to add a public forum to the agenda. It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

### Work Session

#### Student Representative

Breckyn Carney and Emma Weber from Student Council were present to give an update on student activities.

#### Student Presentations

6-12 Band Director Christopher McCutchan was present along with students: Lydia Oldfield, Luka Smith, Avery Bishop, Megan Lamb, and Olivia Miller. The group performed three pieces from the upcoming musical, Matilda.

Olivia Miller reported out to the board on her experience with the ESports program.

TAG Teacher Tara Terrones was present to describe a project that she assigned to her Howar Middle School students. Two of those students were present to give their presentations. Brynlee Carney gave a presentation on Accelerated Classes and Isla Avery gave a presentation on Field Trips.

#### Public Forum

State Senate candidate Matt Greiner introduced himself to the board.

#### Review of Board Policies 601.1, 602.1, 602.2, 602.3, 603.10, 603.13, 603.15, 605.1, 605.3, 605.5, 605.6, 605.7, 605.9, 606.10

During the initial review Bob Thomas had a comment about policy 601.1. He would like to see language about a calendar committee added due to past practice. Mr. Taylor cautioned against specific language for the process so that the administration has greater flexibility for input.

#### Review of Student Data

Mr. Taylor, along with principals for each building reviewed district student data and shared a Powerpoint presentation. The data included the annual review for each attendance center and course enrollment data disaggregated by race, national origin, gender, and disability.

#### Preschool Project Discussion

Preliminary drawings were presented from Rachelle Hines with FRK Architects. Plans are for a secure

entrance to the building that will meet the bond language requirements. Administration will seek out local bids and present a recommendation to the board.

#### Financial Report

Lisa Swarts presented preliminary Certified Enrollment numbers with the related financial information. Preliminary numbers show the district with an increase of 5.39 students.

#### Buildings and Grounds Report

Aaron Beeson reported out on: high school elevator repair, progress on long term facilities plan, and the High School Addition Project.

For the High School Addition Project, during the excavation portion of the upper lot, the contractor dug into what appears to be the walls, foundation, and boiler of the old Junior High building. The architect communicated to administration that there was some sort of expectation that something was going to be there but they didn't know the extent. Part of the project bid was a unit price for over-excavation. Mr. Taylor spoke about the board giving him grace to say yes to a change order if it was needed to move forward with the project. More than \$50,000 would warrant a special meeting. The architect and contractor are working on final plans and numbers.

#### Transportation Department Report

Mike Kincaid reported that fall sports are almost complete with the district being able to provide transportation for 50 of the 51 activities. He has ordered three of the Traverses that the board gave preapproval at a previous meeting for and is waiting for one of the new buses to arrive. He is also gathering quotes for other buses.

#### Principal Reports

In addition to the written principal reports that were provided, Rhonda Raskie reported out on the Indian Hills 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day field trip in Ottumwa.

#### Adjourn

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Mike Moore to adjourn the work session at 8:11 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Regular Board Meeting

##### Call to order and roll call

President Kevin Wiskus called the regular meeting to order at 8:12 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: None

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

##### Welcome Visitors

Kevin Wiskus welcomed visitors.

##### Public Forum

There were no public comments.

##### Approve Agenda

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the agenda as stated. Motion

passed unanimously.

### New Business

#### Consideration of Open Enrollment Varsity Sports Athletic Waiver Request

Kelly Howard was present to request an athletic ineligibility waiver for her child that is open enrolled into the Centerville District from the Moulton District. According to Iowa Code, if the board of directors of both districts agree, the athletic ineligibility period can be waived.

Mr. Taylor recommended that the board should waive the ineligibility period for a student as long as it was the first request in a year. There was a discussion amongst the superintendent and the board that it should be waived for future requests of both students entering or leaving the district in order to ensure all students have opportunities.

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the open enrollment ineligibility waiver request as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Snow Removal Bid

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the snow removal bid from Cicco Construction for the amount of \$850 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Exceeding Limit Purchase

An estimate for grading and site preparation with seeding and fertilizing for the area west of the gym at the High School was presented for approval. This estimate is for \$12,588.80 for Cicco Construction to prepare an area for the marching band to practice on during construction time. This area is intended to be used after the project is complete as well.

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Mike Moore to approve the estimate from Cicco Construction as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Board Policies 401.14, 408.1, 402.2, 802.4, 802.4R1, and 802.4R2

Mr. Taylor reported that necessary changes noted from the previous meeting had been corrected. Administration left the capitalization threshold at \$2,500. There was a question and subsequent discussion as to who is ultimately responsible for inventory items but no language was changed.

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the first reading of board policies 401.14, 408.1, 402.2, 802.4, 802.4R1, and 802.4R2 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Board Policies, 100 Series

Mr. Taylor reported that he had included an option for policy 102R1 with language to give the board the final decision. It was a consensus to leave the language the same, leaving the final decision to the superintendent.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve the second reading of board policies, series 100 as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Tim Burger to go into a recess at 8:48 pm. Board came back from recess at 8:58 pm.

Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Roll call

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll call:

Ayes: Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Kevin Wiskus  
Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously. The board moved into closed session at 8:58 pm.

By consensus the board moved back into open session at 9:56 pm.

Adjourn

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tim Burger to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:57 pm.  
Motion passed unanimously.

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Board President, Kevin Wiskus

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Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts