

April 10, 2023

The public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held April 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

FY24 Budget Hearing (2023-2024) 5:30 PM

Call to order and roll call

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

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

Absent: Derek Carter

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

Approve Agenda

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of budget information to Board of Directors

Review proposed budget for 2023-2024

Proposed and published tax rate is \$16.98534 which is a decrease of \$.13086 from last year's rate of \$17.11621. No changes were made since the presentation at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Comments from interested visitors on the budget

There were no comments from members of the public.

Board discussion on the budget

There was no further discussion from the board.

Adjourn

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Tim Burger to adjourn the budget hearing at 5:33 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to order and roll call

President Kevin Wiskus called the regular meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

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

Absent: Derek Carter

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 Tim Burger and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve minutes of previous meetings

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the March 13, 2023 and March 27, 2023 minutes as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There were no old business items.

New Business

Timeline Discussion for 2023 School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds

Matt Gillaspie with Piper Sandler joined the meeting via Zoom. He went over the timeline and process for the final Sales Tax Revenue Bond issuance. He believes that this issuance can be done as a private placement like a previous bond issue. After discussion, he informed the board he would move forward with the process.

Approve Engagement Letter with Piper Sandler (Placement Agent)

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the engagement letter with Piper Sandler for Placement Agent services for the 2023 School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Engagement Letter with Ahlers & Cooney (Bond Counsel)

This item was tabled due to the letter not being available for review yet.

Approve Howar Phase II Change Orders #1 and #2

Two change orders for the Howar Phase II Project were presented for approval.

CO #1 – *\*add bulkhead additional cafeteria ceiling - \$2,065.63*

*\*unforeseen existing condition, reroute domestic water pipe in mechanical room and vent pipe in art room - \$1,920.60*

*\*modify duct work and add trim in music storage - \$2,111.51*

*\*unforeseen existing condition, condensate line in music storage to be lowered - \$902.76*

TOTAL #1- \$7,000.50

CO #2 - *\*credit the remaining balance of the Contingency to Owner – (\$42,999.50)*

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve Howar Phase II Change Orders #1 and #2 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Tentatively Approving the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Total Cost for the Centerville Community School District Howar Roof Replacement Project and Setting the Time, Date and Location for a Hearing Thereon and Further Authorizing the Posting of a Notice Seeking Competitive Bids on said Howar Roof Replacement Project

It was noted that the time for the public hearing in the documents needed to be changed from 6:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Tentative costs for the Howar Roof Replacement Project were projected at \$240,735. Bid opening will be May 2nd at 2:00 pm with the public hearing set for May 8th at 5:30 pm.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded Tim Burger to adopt the “Resolution Tentatively Approving the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Total Cost for the Centerville Community School District Howar Roof Replacement Project and Setting the Time, Date and Location for a Hearing Theron and Further Authorizing the Posting of a Notice Seeking Competitive Bids on said Howar Phase II Project” as stated with amending the public hearing time to 5:30 pm. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Tim Burger, Kevin Wiskus

Nays: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

Approve and Certify 2023-24 Budget. Roll Call.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve and certify the 2023-2024 budget at a total tax rate of \$16.98534. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Tim Burger, Kevin Wiskus

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on 2022-23 Budget Amendment and Approving to Set Public Hearing Date and Time for May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve and set the public hearing date for the 2022-23 budget amendment hearing as May 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Updated Transportation Lease Agreement

A lease was approved by the board in March 2022. That bus ended up not being available for the district until now. The leasing company has amended the lease documents due to the interest rates. The language in the original documents was reviewed and allowed for this change. Total principal and interest amount is \$136,125.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the transportation lease with Santander as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Participation in Iowa Local Government Risk Pool

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the agreement and to continue participation in the Local Government Risk Pool. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2023-24 Teacher Leadership Positions

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the 2023-24 Teacher Leadership positions as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Mike Moore abstaining.

Approve Student Teaching Agreement with Graceland University

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the Graceland Student Teaching Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Employment/Contracts

1. McKinley Lain – Spanish/Math Teacher grades 6-12, B.A., Step 1, new grant funded position – one-year contract.
2. Cassidy Robinett – Social Worker at Lakeview, \$45,000, 189 days, replacing Cindy Fluegge, effective for the 2023-24 contract year.
3. Arianna Weilbrenner – Correction to original contract from B.A. Step 3 to B.A. Step 5.

Sports Officials Contracts – as listed

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve all personnel business items as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Tim Burger to approve all prepaids, list of bills, financial reports, and pay per diem as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Superintendent Report

Superintendent report topics included: preparation for upcoming Assistant Principal/Athletic Director interviews, and upcoming work on handbooks and business procedures manual.

#### Board Member Takeaways

Takeaway items included: levy rates, construction projects and contractors, positive comments on superintendent work, possible board discussion on school safety, board retreat/work session.

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 Tim Burger and seconded by Kris Shondel 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, Kevin Wiskus

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously. The board moved into closed session at 6:43 pm.

By consensus the board moved back into open session at 7:44 pm.

#### Adjourn

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Bob Thomas to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

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Board President, Kevin Wiskus

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Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts