

May 22, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held May 22, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to order and roll call

Vice President Mike Moore, chairing as president called the regular board meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Derek Carter, Kevin Wiskus (virtual), Mike Moore

Absent: Tim Burger

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

Welcome Visitors

Mike Moore welcomed visitors.

Public Forum

There were no public comments.

Approve Agenda

A recommendation was made to move “Item K and Item L” after “Item A.” It was moved by Kris Shondel and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve the agenda with changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There were no old business items.

New Business

District Celebrations

Lakeview PTO President Sarah Lind was present to discuss the organization’s recent activities. She reported out that the organization has officially gained 501c3 status. Recent activities have been setting up the foundational work, setting up the calendar, and work on a newsletter. Upcoming events include: Parents’ Night Out, Movie Night, and fundraising efforts for playground equipment.

Noelle Craver was present to report out on her recent 2023 Iowa Third Congressional Art Competition entry and win, for her piece called “Banana Phone.” The Board congratulated her on her talent and first place entry.

Approval of Centerville High School Project Change Order

High School Addition Change Order #3 was presented for approval.

1. Provide additional steel and electrical work for modified AHU - \$10,008.98
2. Increase storm pipe size - \$2,507.14
3. Unforeseen conditions, modify hydrant piping and location due to existing sanitary line - \$9,964.29
4. Unforeseen conditions, repair of Owner water line due to unknown location - \$2,678.57

Total - \$25,158.98 to be charged to the contingency.

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve Centerville High School Addition Project Change Order #3 for the total amount of \$25,158.98 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Centerville High School Project Value Engineering Item

There was a discussion about previously accepted value engineering item C-2. This value engineering item was to gravel and not pave the west parking lot. Rachelle Hines reported that there was approximately a \$30,000 difference from the previous estimates of savings for that particular item. After discussion from the board, it was a consensus that it made more sense to go ahead and pave the lot. It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to reject the previously accepted value engineering item C-2 (West parking gravel, not pavement) and to move forward with the paving. Motion passed unanimously.

Stronger Connections Grant Information

Mark Taylor reported out the District had applied for and was awarded the “Stronger Connections Grant.” The District will use the grant to support a social worker. The district applied for approximately \$100,000 and will know soon the exact amount awarded.

\$2,040,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of the Same Roll call vote.

Board Member Mike Thomas introduced the following Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAME” and moved its adoption. Board Member Derek Carter seconded the motion to adopt. The roll call was called and the vote was:

Ayes: Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Derek Carter, Kevin Wiskus, Mike Moore

Nays: None

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

\$2,040,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate. Roll call vote.

Board Member Mike Thomas moved that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate be placed on file and approved. Board Member Derek Carter seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the vote was:

Ayes: Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Derek Carter, Kevin Wiskus, Mike Moore

Nays: None

The president declared the Motion adopted.

\$2,040,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 Resolution Authorizing the Terms Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Roll call vote.

Board Member Mike Thomas introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF ISSUANCE AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF \$2,040,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023, OF THE CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 423E AND 423F OF THE CODE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS," and moved its adoption. Board Member Derek Carter seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was:

Ayes: Mike Thomas, Bob Thomas, Kris Shondel, Derek Carter, Kevin Wiskus, Mike Moore

Nays: None

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

Action on 2023-24 Virtual Academy

Mark Taylor led a discussion on the Virtual Academy. His presentation focused on the various options moving forward for the 2023-24 school year. While reviewing the data, he reported that a high percentage of virtual students are actually not succeeding at this point with completion of work. He recommended options including: ending the program, allowing all students to continue in some form, or limiting involvement to upcoming juniors and seniors, possibly using the VIBE program. Lisa Swarts noted the possible future financial impact of the program.

After a lengthy discussion and feedback from Mekca Wallace-Spurgin, it was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the Virtual Academy for one more year with staffing revisions to be made at the direction of Mr. Taylor. Motion passed 5-1 with Kris Shondel voting “No”.

Mike Thomas left the meeting at 6:47 pm and returned at 6:48 pm.

Approve 2nd Reading of Board Policies 700 Series

It was moved by Bob Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the 2nd reading of board policies 700 Series as presented with recommended changes from the 1st reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Kris Shondel left the meeting at 7:02 pm and returned at 7:03 pm.

Approve Superintendent Contract Renewal

A contract for Mark Taylor was presented for approval. The contract is for a term of three years beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026 with a starting salary amount \$160,000. Mr. Taylor had requested a freeze and took no increase in his salary for the 2023-24 school year. It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the Superintendent contract with Mark Taylor as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Matt Carver Training Invoice

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the Matt Carver Training invoice as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Resignations

1. Chad Koestner – Resigning from FCS Teacher at CHS and Howar effective at the end of the 2022-23 contract year.
2. Courtney Koestner – Resigning from Athletic & Transportation Secretary effective June 6, 2023.
3. Sonja Carson – Resigning from Sp. Ed. Teacher & ELL Teacher effective at the end of the 2022-23 contract year.
4. Darrin Carson – Resigning from Social Studies Teacher at CHS effective at the end of the 2022-23 contract year.
5. Lindsey Pettibone – Resigning from 1st Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year.
6. Jason Reed – Resigning from Head Girls’ Track & Field effective at the end of the 2022-23 contract year.
7. Tony Kurimski – Resigning from Head Girls’ Soccer Coach effective immediately.
8. Abby Drew – Resigning from Asst. Girls’ Soccer Coach effective immediately.
9. Amber White – Resigning from M.S. Girls’ Track effective at the end of the 2022-2023 contract year.
10. Elaine Surber – Resigning from Cafeteria effective May 12, 2023.

Transfers

1. Janee Carson – Transfer from 2nd Grade Teacher at Lakeview to Sp. Ed. Teacher at Lakeview effective for the 2023-24 contract year, replacing Sonja Carson.
2. Kylie Barber – Transfer from 5th Grade Teacher @ Lakeview to 2nd Grade Teacher @ Lakeview, effective for the 2023-24 contract year, replacing Janee Carson.
3. Ashley Knowles – Transfer from 3 Year Sp. Ed. Teacher @ Pre-K/Lakeview to 1st Grade Teacher at Lakeview, effective for the 2023-24 contract year, replacing Lindsey Pettibone.
4. Cassidy Schmell – Transfer from Sp. Ed. At Lakeview to 3-year-old preschool/Lakeview Sp. Ed. Teacher, effective for the 2023-24 contract year, replacing Ashlee Knowles.
5. Molly Felton – Transfer from 1st Grade at Lakeview to Sp. Ed. at Lakeview, effective for the 2023-24 contract year, replacing Cassidy Schmell.
6. Julie Caraccio – Transfer from Lakeview Asst. Principal to Curriculum Director/Sp. Ed. Director effective for the 2023-24 contract year, \$104,898, replacing Rhonda Raskie.
7. Andy Hotek – Transfer from Howar Middle School Dean of Students to K-8 Assistant Principal. Effective with the 2023-24 contract year, \$95,784.00, new position.
8. Alex Belloma – Transfer from Special Education @ CHS to Physical Education @ Howar, effective for the 2023-24 contract year, replacing Nic Belloma/Brian Koehler.

Employment/Contracts

1. Tabatha Inman – 1st Grade Teacher, BA, Step 3, \$44,748.00, 189 days replacing Molly Felton.
2. Mekca Wallace-Spurgin – Family & Consumer Science/Technology Teacher at CHS, MA+36 Step 24, \$80,762, new position.
3. Mekca Wallace-Spurgin – Yearbook Sponsor, Step 1, \$1,729.36, effective 8/16/2023, replacing Haidyn Albrecht.
4. Terri Schofield – Salary Increase from \$105,488.00 per year to \$107,488 per year to adjust closer to IASB's average for experience and # of students.

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

Adjourn

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President, Kevin Wiskus

Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts