

July 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held July 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the FCS room of Centerville High School, 600 CHS Drive, Centerville.

### Regular Meeting

#### Call to order and roll call

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

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

Absent: Tim Burger

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 Derek Carter and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve minutes of previous meetings

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve the June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> minutes as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

There were no old business items.

#### New Business

##### Consideration of Electric Line Easement

Jennifer Ackerson with Mi-Tech Services, Inc. was present to discuss an electric line easement request on behalf of Interstate Power and Light Company. The easement would be a perpetual easement with a ten-foot wide easement area in front of the bus barn extending from North 10<sup>th</sup> to North 12<sup>th</sup>. The easement would be a strictly underground easement. If the board chooses to move forward with the process, it is possible that a special meeting would need to be held to accommodate timelines regarding the public hearing process.

Board members voiced concerns about the language “other parties right to use” and requested for it to be removed.

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the language change suggestions and approve moving forward with the process to set a date for a public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Out of consideration of people who were in attendance, Kevin Wiskus suggested moving Item D “Approve Athletic Transfer Eligibility” ahead of the next Items B and C.

##### Approve Athletic Transfer Eligibility

Two students who are open enrolling out of the Centerville District have requested athletic ineligibility waivers. Under Iowa Code, if the board of directors of both districts agree, the athletic ineligibility period

can be waived. Earlier in the year the board had approved a waiver for a student open enrolling into the district and had a discussion about reciprocating if a student was leaving. It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Bob Thomas to approve the open enrollment ineligibility waivers for the two named students as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

#### CHS Showcase Presentations

Brad Warren and Jennifer Benz used the technology “Book Creator” to give a presentation of staff members in their building and all of the unique ways that they serve the students at Centerville High School. Christopher McCutchan, Catherine Lechtenberg, and McKinley Lain were present in-person to showcase their own programs and activities.

#### Building Walkthrough

The building walkthrough began at 6:07 pm and ended at 7:02 pm. Representatives from both FRK Architects and Bi-State led the group through the new high school addition site that is currently under construction. The group then toured parts of the old high school that will remain once the project is finished.

#### Approve 2024 IASB Legislative Priorities

During discussion the following priorities were recommended for approval.

1. School Funding
2. Early Childhood/Preschool
3. Sharing & Reorganization
4. Teacher Professional Development and Retention

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the 2024 IASB Legislative Priorities as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Bid for Garbage Pickup for 2023-24

It was moved Mike Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the 2023-24 garbage pickup bid from Hill’s Sanitation: Basic Bid \$1045/per month and Summer Pickup \$30.00/container. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Approve 2023-2024 Fuel Bids

2023-2024 Fuel Bids were presented as follows:

MFA Oil Company – Unleaded - \$.18 above IDOT Rack; Red Diesel - \$.18 above IDOT Rack based on OPIS Daily Rack Average for the Des Moines Terminal, as determined by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Bratz Oil Corporation –Gasoline and diesel at street price.

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Kris Shondel to approve the Transportation Director’s recommendation to accept the bid for the 2023-2024 school year from MFA Oil Company as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Induction Coach Contract Agreement 2023-24

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the contract with Joan Mobley for Induction Coach services for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Activity Fund Transfers within for Negative Accounts

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the recommended activity fund transfers for negative accounts as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Iowa Local Government Risk Pool FY23 Amendment and FY24 Invoice

An amendment to the Local Government Risk Pool FY23 premium for the amount of \$22,702.50 was presented for approval as well as the FY24 premium amount of \$103,250.59. Time was taken to research the reason for the FY23 amendment. The increase was verified through checks of the meters with Alliant as well as analysis on the way that the average usage was determined. Additions to buildings and HVAC equipment were not factored into the averages by the Pool when the District first started their participation. The District will continue reviewing and monitoring usage.

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the Local Government Risk Pool FY23 premium amendment for \$22,702.50 and the FY24 premium invoice for \$103,250.59 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Technology Purchase

A purchase order for BlueAlly Technology Solutions for the amount of \$29,999 was presented for approval. The equipment is for a new firewall router that is vital for the security of the district. A certain percentage of the purchase will be discounted through E-Rate funding.

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Mike Thomas to approve the BlueAlly purchase order for the amount of \$29,999 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve 2023-24 Handbooks for Buildings

Howar Middle School and High School handbooks were presented for approval. There had previously been discussions on combining all handbooks but Mr. Taylor explained that there were too many differences in policies to make it work at this time. He highlighted the changes in both of the presented handbooks.

It was moved by Mike Thomas to approve the handbooks as presented. Motion died for lack of a second.

Some discussions about the handbooks were: should all handbooks be approved at the same time, how does the Alternative High School fit into a handbook, and need for updates regarding emergency intruder drills. Mr. Taylor will look into those things and bring back for approval at possible special meeting for easement so that they will be ready for registration.

Kris Shondel left the meeting at 7:34 pm and returned at 7:36 pm.

It was moved by Derek Carter and seconded by Bob Thomas to table the approval of the handbooks. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Homeschool Assistance Program

Mr. Taylor reported out on how a homeschool assistance program works and how it could be implemented in Centerville. The District would utilize the new Virtual Academy instructor, Jolan Bishop to help run the program and would begin by capping the program at ten students but could possibly expand to twenty.

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve a Homeschool Assistance Program. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Personnel Business Procedures

#### Resignations

1. Charlie Rodriguez – Resigning from Bus Driver and Campus Mail positions effective 6/30/2023.
2. Amber White – Resignation from M.S. Track effective immediately.

#### Transfers

1. Taylor Lawson – Transfer from Asst. Volleyball Coach to Head Volleyball Coach for the 2023-24 contract year, step 4, \$4,854.60

Employment/Contracts

1. Addison Westercamp – Asst. Volleyball Coach, step 3, \$2,664.53, effective 8/7/2023, new position.
2. Abby Drew – Head Soccer Coach, Step 2, \$4,593.30, effective March 12, 2023 for 75 days, replacing Tony Kurimski.
3. Regan Steffen – Bus Driver, Level III, Step 3, \$18.20/hr, 5 hrs/day, 186 days effective Aug. 23, 2023, replacing Charlie Rodriguez.

Sports Officials Contracts – as listed

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

Financial Reports

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve all prepaids, list of bills, financial reports, and pay per diem as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent report topics included: service on the RSAI legislative committee, several meetings with Julie Caraccio and Buffy Campbell from the Department of Education on the topic of Home School Assistance, and recent hosting of Koffee Klatch.

Board Member Takeaways

Takeaway items included: topic of exit interviews, appreciation for seeing the progress with the building walkthrough for the new high school, importance of technology, raising standards for our furniture for the new high school and getting what our budget allows.

Kris Shondel left the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Adjourn

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

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Board President, Kevin Wiskus

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Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts