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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held January 22, 2024 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

President Pro-tem Lisa Swarts called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Thomas,
Kevin Wiskus – attending virtually

Absent: Mike Moore

Also present was Superintendent Mark Taylor.

Election of President Pro-tem

For purposes of running the meeting in the absence of both the President and Vice President, Lisa Swarts called for nomination of President Pro-tem.

It was moved by Tim Burger and seconded by Carol Heffron to nominate Derek Carter as President Pro-tem. Motion passed unanimously.

Welcome Visitors

Derek Carter welcomed visitors.

Public Forum

Jay Dillard was present to share comments and suggestions around safety planning.

Approve Agenda

It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Tim Burger to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Student Representative

Student Dylan Whisler was present with TAG teacher Kim Mitchell to present on the recent activities of the TAG group. He spoke about DNA extraction experiment, building catapult project, math ratio lemonade experiment, and water filtration project.

Students Mason Sloan, Calvin Ewing, and Xavier Jones were present with Robotics Sponsor Kim Mitchell to present on the recent activities of the Robotics Program. The students spoke about the recent middle school tri-ball competition, how the robot worked and what type they are, as well as how many teams there were and the upcoming championship.

Buildings and Grounds Report

Aaron Beeson gave an update on the High School Addition Project as well as a general update of other items in the district such as the re-key project.

Transportation Department Report

Mike Kincaid's report focused on road conditions and rescheduling of activity trips.

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Board Self-Assessment

Kevin Wiskus led a discussion on a board assessment tool provided by the Iowa Association of School Boards. The tool focuses on six standards for effective school boards. He asked that the board have the rubric filled out by the end of January so that the information can be compiled for the February work session with IASB workshop.

Financial Report

Lisa Swarts gave an update on the new budget process timelines.

Principal Reports

In addition to the written reports, items highlighted during principal reports were: instructional coach classes, new books on writing techniques, preschool family night, appreciation for Lakeview's social and at-risk support employees on their help with students, appreciation for staff helping to get the Howar library up and going, appreciation for high school staff for getting the second semester schedules figured out, FAFSA night, and report on various activities.

Approve Technology Bid

Cameron Oehler presented a bid for Samsung televisions for the new high school addition project from BlueAlly. The total bid was \$23,026 for seventeen 75 inch and seven 65 inch displays. It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the technology bid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Addition to Summer Projects

After review of the actual bid estimate for the bleacher project scheduled for this summer, it was decided that this project would be postponed and a project for the Howar kitchen/cafeteria/gym/library/classroom reconfiguring would replace. The total project was presented with an estimate of \$23,486. There was also an estimate included for wall-mounted tables at \$4,463.30 but there is not a need for approval for the tables at this time due to wanting to see final pricing for the project. It was moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the addition to summer projects for the Howar project as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Resignations

1. Brandi Ford – Resigning from preschool aide effective January 26, 2024.
2. Mallory Denny – Resigning from Varsity Girls' Tennis and Middle School Girls' Volleyball at the end of the 2023-24 contract year.

Employment/Contracts

1. Bryan Baker – Lakeview Elementary Principal, 261-day contract, \$102,000.00, replacing Terri Schofield.
2. Lauren Baker – Howar Middle School Guidance Counselor, 189 days + 10 extended days, Salary TBD

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

Board Takeaways

Takeaway items included: appreciation for all reports, town hall session concerning the AEA bill attended on Saturday, appreciation for the spoken part of principal reports, upcoming board development, robotics club, and High School addition tour with teachers.

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Adjourn

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Tim Burger to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:00 pm.
Motion passed unanimously.

Board President, Kevin Wiskus

Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts