

April 28, 2025

The 2025-26 Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Centerville Community School District was held April 28, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the board room of the Administration Office, 634 North Main, Centerville.

2025-26 Budget Hearing 5:30 PM

Call to order and roll call

President Mike Thomas called the 2025-26 budget hearing to order at 5:31 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: None

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

Approve Agenda

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget information to Board of Directors

Proposed and published tax rate is \$16.71481. No changes were made since the last budget presentation.

Comments from interested visitors

There were no comments from interested visitors.

Board discussion on the budget

There was no further discussion from the board.

Adjourn

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Derek Carter to adjourn the 2025-26 Budget Hearing at 5:34 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to order and roll call

President Mike Thomas called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Roll call to determine quorum:

Present: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Absent: None

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

Welcome Visitors

Mike Thomas welcomed visitors.

Public Forum

There were no public comments.

Approve Agenda

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

Old Business

There were no old business items.

New Business

Student Presentations

Ander Rosol was present to report out on activities at the high school. He reported out on sporting activities as well as student club activities.

Director Reports

Director reports were given by Cameron Oehler, Mike Kincaid, Jarred Johnston, and Brad Warren. Mr. Taylor gave Aaron Beeson's written report.

Principal Reports

Principals reported out on the activities of their buildings with a focus on: student achievement, programs & culture, professional development & training, and families & community.

Approve and Certify 2025-26 Budget. Roll Call

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve and certify the 2025-2026 budget at a total tax rate of \$16.71481. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Nays: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Lakeview Band Room Project Bid & Contract

A bid from First Onsite from Iowa City, Iowa for the amount of \$521,278.35 was presented for approval for the Lakeview Band Room Project. This project was approved by the AEA to exceed the competitive bid threshold under Chapter 26 of the Iowa Code.

The contract was not available as it was still under review with the attorney. It will be available at the next meeting for approval.

It was moved Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Carol Heffron to approve the Lakeview Band Room project bid from First Onsite for \$521,278.35 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Window Safety Project – Howar & Preschool

Two bids were presented for approval.

Preschool Window Project - Lashier Graphics & Signs - \$2,729.94

Howar Window Project - Lashier Graphics & Signs - \$15,675.53

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the Howar and Preschool Safety Window Project bids as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Summer Concrete Project

A bid for summer concrete project at the Fleet Maintenance Building was presented for approval:

Clarks Landscaping - \$79,935

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Tom Johnson to approve the Summer Concrete Project bid as presented. Motion passed unanimously

Approve Fundraiser

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the Pickleball tournament to benefit CHS Volleyball as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Resignations

1. Kim Mitchell – 6-8 Robotics Sponsor – Effective at the end of the 2024-2025 School Year
2. Garrett Owens – MS & HS Boys' Wrestling Coach – Effective at the end of the 2024-2025 School Year
3. Kathryn Brown – SPED Aide – Effective April 23, 2025
4. Courtney Campbell – SPED Aide – Effective April 25, 2025

Employment/Contracts

1. Aaron Beeson – HMS Assistant Football Coach - \$TBD – Effective August 18, 2025 – Replacing Tony Endress
2. Tea Lindquist – HS Assistant Volleyball Coach - \$TBD – Effective August 11, 2025 – Replacing Addison Westercamp
3. Garrett Owens – HS Head Girls' Wrestling Coach - \$TBD – Effective November 3, 2025 – Replacing Brad Warren
4. Kim Mitchell – Head 6-12 Robotics Sponsor - \$TBD – Effective July 1, 2025 – Replacing Mark Bishop

Volunteer Agreements

1. Nickole Archer – FFA Volunteer – Effective April 29, 2025
2. Destiny Nathaniel – HMS Assistant Softball Coach – Effective May 1, 2025
3. Natalie Felkner – LKV Volunteer – Effective April 29, 2025
4. Emily Felkner – LKV Volunteer – Effective April 29, 2025
5. Brandon Clark – Assistant Varsity Football – Effective August 11, 2025

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

Superintendent Report

Mr. Taylor reported out on the “Teach to Heal” workshop and recent intruder drills done in the buildings.

Board Takeaways

Takeaway items included: sub orientation on intruder drills, impressed with the new window graphics and their important purpose for safety, impressed with the increase in attendance percentages, spring concerts went well & appreciation to staff that make those happen, appreciation for parents that volunteer to help with activities throughout the district, appreciation for PTO, and question on signage for the street in front of CHS.

Closed Session authorized by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student.

It was moved by Kevin Wiskus and seconded by Carol Heffron to go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student. Roll call:

Ayes: Tim Burger, Derek Carter, Carol Heffron, Tom Johnson, Mike Moore, Mike Thomas, Kevin Wiskus

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The board moved into closed session at 6:18 pm.

Other persons present for the closed session were:

Mark Taylor, Superintendent

Lisa Swarts, Chief Financial Officer

Jarred Johnston, Assistant High School Principal

Mother and Father of student

It was a consensus of the board to move out of closed session and return to open session at 6:52 pm.

Consideration and Action on Student Disciplinary Agreement

It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Derek Carter to approve the Agreement to Intervene in Lieu of Expulsion Tier One with the student who was the subject of the closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

It was moved by Carol Heffron and seconded by Kevin Wiskus to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Board President, Mike Thomas

Board Secretary, Lisa Swarts