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The Board of School Trustees of the Centerville-Abington Community Schools met at 7:00 p.m. in the Spencer Administration Building. The following members were physically present: Todd Duke, Susan Hamilton, Brad Lambright, Andy Wandersee, and Renee Westover. The public observed the meeting via in-person or through Zoom. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Motion by Renee Westover, second by Andy Wandersee to approve the consent items as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Todd Duke thank Randal and Cheryl Ecker for their \$250 donation to the athletic department and girls' tennis team.

Mrs. Klein introduced the BPA students for celebration. Nine members attended the State Leadership Conference and two qualified for nationals in Dallas, Texas. No action required.

Todd Duke opened the floor to community comments. No one present chose to comment. Todd Duke opened the floor to those attending virtually. No one chose to speak. Todd Duke closed the floor to community comments

Old Business:

Dr. McCoy presented an agreement between the Wayne County Health Department and Centerville-Abington Community Schools for consideration. Susan Hamilton said in reading about it, it looks like the health department wants to monitor outbreaks, but they already vaccine data. She did not understand what this information will do to help them and that it could cause undue burden to the school. Todd Duke agreed that it seemed the health department would already have access to this data. Brad Lambright said he agreed with Susan Hamilton. Andy Wandersee said he does not care what the health department wants and they should not have access to this data. Todd Duke said the health department's argument is they are using the data to cross-reference information about the students. Dr. McCoy said it does not matter to him either way. Todd Duke requested a motion and none was made. No action required.

New Business:

Dr. McCoy presented options for the Transportation Center for consideration. Dr. McCoy thanked Jeremy Ogle, Ed Martin, Ken Harris, and others for looking at this entire contract and ways to save money. Dr. McCoy said the process would start with the board needing to declare an "emergency" because of the circumstances of receiving only one bid. The emergency tells everyone that the corporation does not want to neglect their duty and fault on the bonds. Dr. McCoy said that if the board would declare that emergency, then they can do a change order prior to construction taking place. The change order was a difference of \$346,000. Dr. McCoy said this number made him feel



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comfortable in using the bonds and some rainy day funds to complete the transportation building project. Ed Martin spoke at length about the definitions of an “emergency” and previous legislation and evidence. He said this change order would be in the best interest of the school and the tax payers. Todd Duke asked if there is any risk to the corporation of Thor Construction rejecting the new number and going back to the original \$3.1 million bid. Ed Martin said he did not see that risk since Thor Construction came to Dr. McCoy with this proposal and it was signed by all parties who are dealing in good faith. Ed Martin said this proposal is the best way to manage the corporation’s risk. Jeremy Ogle spoke about the change order and didn’t see the removal of any of the items causing detriment to the project and they could always be added later. He was appreciative of Thor coming to him and helping identify discrepancies where costs could be cut. The Board talked about a few of the options to help cut costs such as removing the drop ceiling and removing pavement.

Motion by Susan Hamilton, second by Renee Westover to declare an emergency due to receiving one bid, the tight market for supplies, and the need to ensure the school corporation fulfills the promise made to the community or local taxpayers that was issued with the bond. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Motion by Andy Wandersee, second by Renee Westover to award the bid to Thor Construction with Alternate 2. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Renee Westover left the meeting.

Dr. McCoy presented a proposal to add a part-time special education teacher at Centerville-Abington Junior High School for consideration. Mrs. Meagan Gillman said this proposal is being made because of an increased caseload that continues to grow each year. Dr. McCoy said he has spoken to the Centerville Education Association about it. Motion by Andy Wandersee, second by Susan Hamilton to approve the addition of a part-time special education teacher at Centerville-Abington Junior High. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Documentation follows.

Renee Westover returned to the meeting.

Dr. McCoy presented an overnight trip for the BPA to the national competition for consideration. Motion by Renee Westover, second by Andy Wandersee to approve the overnight trip for the BPA. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Dr. McCoy presented an update on the CAE building project. He reminded the board that board tours of all school buildings will be completed next week. He said he expects the board to be pleasantly surprised by the progress of the CAE building. He said the paint, ceiling tiles, and electrical work are all moving quickly and should be done in a month. He said the windows are being completed, and the windows for the main hall are ready to be set. No action required.



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Mr. Stevenson presented an update on support services. He gave his condolences to the family of Ron Moore. Ron has been a bus driver at Centerville for several years and after leaving his route a month ago to go on medical leave, Ron passed away last week. Mr. Stevenson said he was a great driver and good man. The shot put and discus area to the south of the track has been landscaped so there is sand for the shot put and a walkway to the throwing pads. Mr. Stevenson also thanked the Centerville Police Department and Wayne County Sheriff's Office for assistance with stop-arm violations on buses. No action required.

Additional Items:

Todd Duke presented the additional overnight trip for the cheerleading team. Motion by Renee Westover, second by Brad Lambright to approve the overnight trip. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Todd Duke presented the additional employment report. Motion by Andy Wandersee, second by Renee Westover to approve the additional employment report. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Dr. McCoy gave a report on Kindergarten Roundup. He said the number of people who attended were originally low. However, they are currently at 83 if you include the pre-school students who are currently at Centerville.

Susan Hamilton said that Indiana is going to give parents a \$500 voucher for tutoring. She suggested that it may warrant some investigation on what a pre-approved tutor is and how the school could help.


Andy Wandersee said he was concerned about a survey his son had taken in P.E. class. Dr. McCoy said he would look into it.

Brad Lambright said Rick Moore contacted him about the FMS/EMT program for high school programs. Dr. McCoy said he will ask about the program at the next Connersville meeting on May 16.

Todd Duke is requesting another executive session after the board meeting on April 27. Motion by Todd Duke, second by Susan Hamilton to approve the executive session on April 27 to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

Todd Duke adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

  
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Todd Duke, President

  
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Susan Dell Hamilton, Secretary



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