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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 present at the Spencer Administration Building: Todd Duke, Renee Westover, Susan Hamilton, and Andy Wandersee. The following member was present via Zoom: Brad Lambright. 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. Those voting in favor were: Todd Duke, Renee Westover, Andy Wandersee, Susan Hamilton and Brad Lambright. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Todd Duke opened the floor to community comments. Steve Brassfield from VFW Post 1108 presented a donation for \$2,000 to Centerville Athletic Department to jump start spring sports after the missed spring sports season in 2020. Athletic Director Shane Osting and the board were very appreciative of the donation. After the donation and with no one else desiring to speak, Todd Duke closed the floor to community comments.

Old Business:

Dr. McCoy shared the recently changed Fayette County Schools 2021-2022 school calendar and contrasted it with ours for 2021-2022. Centerville students attending the Whitewater Career Center will be impacted by this change. For the fall semester, our students will miss at least 7 days of classes at WWCC. In the spring semester our students will miss at least 4 days of classes, and possibly more since snow make-up days and professional development days vary between the corporations. In addition, the Fayette County Schools calendar has an imbalance between the days in the semesters with 88 days in the fall semester and 92 days in the second semester. In addition, the Christmas break is shorter than the usual two complete weeks in prior calendars. Susan Hamilton thought a calendar with 8% absenteeism 'built in' is not desirable. Dr. McCoy will share the conflicts between the two calendars with the CEA discussables committee and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

New Business:

Mr. Sean Stevenson provided the Centerville-Abington Elementary construction update. He had photos of the work in progress and shared what was accomplished during spring break. The east addition walls and roof steel are in place. Trees have been removed for the south addition construction to start. The south entrance is closed and the revamped CARES door is the new entrance for bus students. Storm water drainage is a concern between the existing classroom building and the new east addition. One project during spring break had the potential to delay the resumption of classes on Monday, March 29th. Frontier was moving phone lines near the southwest corner of the elementary gym on Friday, March 26th. The contractor accidentally cut both the phone line and the fiber optic line that provide phone and internet to the administration office, Rose Hamilton, and Centerville-Abington Elementary's two buildings. In addition, the contractor fell and required ambulance transport to the hospital. When Frontier resumed



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work on Saturday, over 400 feet of fiber optic cable was missing to repair the cut fiber optic line. Doug Ford purchased cable from Parallax to make the repair. Travis Tollett used the corporation's equipment for handling the cable. Both individuals did whatever was necessary to keep the repair process on track. The splicing jobs were completed on Sunday so school could resume on Monday. Dr. McCoy and many board members thanked Doug Ford and Travis Tollett for their efforts to complete the repairs and assure that all schools could open after spring break.

Dr. McCoy and Mrs. Tyna Stover presented funding options for future possible projects. The Federal CARES Act provided for reimbursable Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds which are overseen by the Indiana Department of Education. For our school corporation, funds up to \$995,000 may be reimbursed by ESSER II funds. Between \$2 million and \$3 million may be reimbursed with the ESSER III funds.

Dr. McCoy will attend training on how these funds may be used. The current understanding is the funds may be used to repair the school environment such as windows, floors, or HVAC systems as well as addressing issues with student learning loss during the COVID period.

In addition, due to the favorable bond sale the CAE construction, our corporation has an estimated \$5 million in bonding capacity. Moake Parke Group has provided budget figures for four projects: masonry restoration at CAE, window replacement at CAE, Annex building demolition, and transportation center. In addition, Mr. Stevenson and Dr. McCoy and other administrators are developing a list of necessary maintenance and upgrade projects for athletic facilities and school buildings. Requirements on how to advertise, combine funds, timing, and other legal concerns will be addressed as more information on the ESSER funds and bonding becomes available.

To best understand the upcoming project needs, a motion by Susan Hamilton, seconded by Andy Wandersee to have a work session tour of athletic facilities and all school buildings starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7. The tour will start from the Junior High entrance. Those voting in favor were: Andy Wandersee, Brad Lambright, Todd Duke, Susan Hamilton, and Renee Westover. Motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Tyna Stover presented the Technology Common School Loan application. The biannual loans for technology are based on student population. Doug Ford develops the projects to be funded for each loan using the corporation technology plan. This \$173,200 loan will be used to upgrade elementary school Smartboards, replace faculty laptops which are 4 years old, refresh the graphic arts iMacs which are 8 years old, and replace two servers. Motion by Susan Hamilton, second by Renee Westover to submit Technology Common School Loan application. Those voting in favor were: Susan Hamilton, Brad Lambright, Renee Westover, Andy Wandersee, and Todd Duke. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Mr. Sean Stevenson presented the Summer Cares calendar and the proposed staff wages for the Summer Cares program. Motion by Renee Westover, second by Andy Wandersee to approve the Summer Cares program and staff wages. Those voting in favor were: Todd Duke, Brad Lambright, Andy Wandersee, Susan Hamilton, and Renee Westover. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.





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Mr. Sean Stevenson provided an update on support services. One groundskeeper has been hired for the mowing season; another groundskeeper is needed. All bus driver positions have been filled so administrators are no longer driving busses.

Additional items:

Dr. McCoy presented an additional employment report. Motion by Andy Wandersee, second by Renee Westover to accept the additional employment report. Those voting in favor were: Renee Westover, Susan Hamilton, Andy Wandersee, Brad Lambright, and Todd Duke. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation follows.

Dr. McCoy shared that Doug Ford is working with outside consultants on the new corporation website. Todd Duke will provide input and feedback on the new design.

Andy Wandersee reported that he attended the CHS school improvement committee meeting on Monday. The group reviewed a student survey and compared it to previous years. Most of the concerns were related to COVID.

Renee Westover questioned if scholarships could be made available for the Ready, Set, Go! summer program at Rose Hamilton. Dr. McCoy will contact Mr. Pritchard.

Todd Duke suggested that information for school board meetings should be distributed electronically using a Google Docs folder. Dr. McCoy will try this for an upcoming meeting.

Brad Lambright questioned when the junior high principal opening will be posted. The posting will go up on Thursday, April 1st. Brad congratulated Mr. Stevenson on his new position as Assistant to the Superintendent.

Motion by Andy Wandersee, second by Brad Lambright to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Those voting in favor were: Renee Westover, Susan Hamilton, Andy Wandersee, Todd Duke, and Brad Lambright. Motion passed 5-0.

Todd Duke, President

Susan Dell Hamilton, Secretary

