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Board of Education News

The Centerburg Board of Education met on Monday, January 11, 2010 for their organizational meeting, budget hearing and regular session. Present were Leroy Bumpus, Roger Clark, Ed Lambert, Lynn McCann, Jason Rogers, Mike Hebenthal, John Morgan, Chuck Davis, Ellen Scott, Dorothy Holden, Wendi Higgins, Pam Schehl, Mary Beth Lee and Anne Teschler.

Newly elected board member Jason Rogers and reelected board members Roger Clark and Leroy Bumpus were administered the oath of office.

During the organizational meeting the board:

- elected Roger Clark Board President for 2010;
 - elected Ed Lambert Vice President for 2010;
 - set the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the administrative building as the day, time and location of board meetings;
 - Leroy Bumpus was appointed legislative liaison;
 - Jason Rogers was appointed Knox County Career Center representative;
 - the Mount Vernon News was designated the official newspaper for the district;
 - Dennis Sykes was appointed the district's representative to the Centerburg Joint Recreation District, replacing Barry Hartman whose term has expired;
- Following the budget hearing the board continued with the regular board meeting and conducted the following business:

- ✓ approved December, 2009, monthly financial reports;
- ✓ approved the budget for the 2011 fiscal year;
- ✓ amended the certificate of estimated resources for FY 10 as follows: Fund 002 +\$46,203
- ✓ the board was presented with certificates of appreciation for their board service;
- ✓ the dedication of the Middle/High School Library as the "Jacqueline McCalla Cordle Learning Center" will be held on Sunday, January 24 at 3:00 at the high school library;
- ✓ a service fund of \$3,500 was established to be used for paying the expenses of board members or their respective representatives when on business to promote the welfare of the Centerburg Local School District;
- ✓ the superintendent was designated as the official purchasing agent for the school district;
- ✓ the treasurer was authorized to secure tax advances from the county auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district;
- ✓ the monthly bill payment resolution was dispensed with and the treasurer was authorized to pay all debts within the limits of the board approved appropriations;
- ✓ the superintendent was authorized to approve the attendance of all employees at professional meetings, unless she feels the need for board authorization;

The public is invited to the dedication of the Jacqueline McCalla Cordle Learning Center Sunday, January 24 3:00 p.m. HS Library

- ✓ the treasurer was authorized to invest interim and active funds at the most productive rate whenever such moneys are available to invest with First Knox National Bank, National City Bank, Star Ohio or for U.S. Treasury Bonds, providing they are legal investments for school districts; all other investments require prior board approval;
- ✓ the use of board funds was approved to pay for the transportation costs of approved extracurricular activities.
- ✓ the superintendent was granted the authority to hire temporary personnel as needed and report same at the next regular board meeting;
- ✓ the superintendent and treasurer were authorized to approve the activity account budgets and approve modifications when deemed appropriate, and accept all state and federal grants that the district may be eligible to receive;
- ✓ the board accepted the following donations: \$150 from the Centerburg Salvation Army to FCCLA \$415.12 from AmVets to the AmVets Trust Fund
- ✓ the treasurer and superintendent were appointed the designees to receive the required public records training specified in HB 9 for all the elected board members for each new term of office;
- ✓ the board adopted the following resolution: WHEREBY, The State Legislature in Ohio has mandated that public school districts implement full-day, everyday Kindergarten Programs for the 2010-11 school year in all Ohio school districts, and WHEREBY The Ohio Department of Education has given school districts the opportunity to request a waiver for one year, and WHEREBY, The Centerburg Local School District is currently experiencing significant deficit spending for current program operation, and WHEREBY, The Centerburg Local School District has no available classroom space to accommodate an additional two required classrooms at a ratio of twenty-to-one, and WHEREBY, Significant Kindergarten enrollment fluctuations yearly makes it difficult to determine program and space needs, and BE IT RESOLVED, The Centerburg Local Board of Education has determined that it does not have the resources, and that it is financially detrimental to the district to implement all-day Kindergarten classes during the 2010-11 school year, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Centerburg Local Board of Education does hereby request from the Ohio Department of Education a Waiver to delay the implementation of all-day Kindergarten classes for the 2010-11 school year.

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Guidance News

Nancy Hull, Guidance Counselor
Lori Lybarger, Social Worker
Christine Clark, Secretary
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Financial Aid

There was a nice turnout for the Financial Aid Night and I hope it was beneficial. I have also been to every senior English class discussing the financial aid process and given a financial aid packet to every senior who wanted one. Financial Aid is a long, serious process and I encourage all senior parents to complete your taxes as soon as possible so the FAFSA can be completed. If I can be of any help, please feel free to call me.

Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences at the Middle/High School will be held on February 18th and February 23rd from 4:00 to 7:00. It is a good time to come and meet with the teachers just to keep up to date on your child's progress. Call Sue at 625-6055 to set up an appointment after February 1, 2010.

The Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO) meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:00 in the High School Cafeteria. PSEO is the program where a high school student can attend college while still in high school. There are two options, one where the family pays tuition and the other where the state pays the tuition. The state requires I hold a meeting, which will be on the 10th, and then the family must let me know by March 31st that their child will participate in PSEO for the 2010-2011 school year in order for the tuition to be paid by the school district. Because of the economical crisis, we are unsure of state funding but we will proceed until notified otherwise.

To participate in the PSEO classes offered at Centerburg High School, a student must have a 3.0 GPA, the GPA will be on the unweighted scale, and the student must have an ACT score of 22. There are many ways to set up a PSEO program and it must be individual for each student. So the process will start on February 10th and continue until the 2010-2011 year is over.

Each college sets the requirements and here are the ones closest to Centerburg.

Ohio State - Newark GPA - 3.5, ACT of 26, or SAT of 1150, rank in the top 5%. Taking college prep courses

Central Ohio Technical College - GPA - 3.0, and qualifying score on the COTC. Compass Assessment Test.

Mt Vernon Nazarene - GPA - 3.4, ACT - 23, or SAT of 1050, and taking college prep courses.

Columbus State - GPA - 3.0, ACT - 22, or SAT - 1030, PLAN - 20, PSAT - V50 and M50, have passed all of the OGT tests

Otterbein College - GPA 3.0 and a 3.0 GPA for courses taken in the academic area to be attempted at Otterbein - not a PSEO program but a Pre - Freshman Program and the parents pay the tuition.

Marion Technical College - GPA 2.75, and qualifying scores on the Compass Assessment Test.

This program is designed for those students ready to move on to the college level. If an ACT is needed, it must be taken February 6, April 10, or June 12th, 2010, and can be registered for at www.actstudent.org. SAT can be taken March 13, May 1, or June 5, 2010 and can be registered for at www.collegeboard.com. If your family would like to explore the PSEO program, please attend the meeting on February 10th.

Seniors: There will be many scholarship applications that can be completed this spring. I sent the scholarship booklet home in September to help families. There is no way to know if one will receive a scholarship - all one can do is try. With the economic concerns this year, I would encourage all seniors who are planning on pursuing their education to please apply for the scholarships.



Trojan Cafe

February 2010

Menu is subject to change without notice

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Popcorn Chicken Bowl Cornbread w/ Margarine Fruit Snack Milk	Nacho Supreme Salad Breadstick Fruit Snack Milk	Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Sausage Taters Fruit Snack Milk	Texas Straw Hat Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Fruit Snack Milk	Chili Dog Sandwich Oven Fries Fruit Snack Milk
1	2	3	4	5
<u>Elementary</u> Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk MS/HS Jammer w/Sauce Salad Fruit & Milk	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Cornbread w/Margarine Fruit Milk	Breakfast Bowl Biscuit w/Sausage Taters, Scrambled Eggs Gravy, Cheese Fruit Milk	Walking Taco Salad Breadstick Fruit Milk	<u>Elementary</u> Chicken Nuggets Oven Fries Breadstick Fruit & Milk MS/HS Chicken Fingers Oven Fries Breadstick Fruit & Milk
8	9	10	11	12
No School Teacher Inservice	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Bagel Taters Fruit Snack Milk	Nacho Supreme Salad Breadstick Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Cornbread w/Margarine Fruit Milk	Texas Straw Hat Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Fruit Snack Milk
15	16	17	18	19
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22	23	24	25	26

2009-10 Lunch Prices
 Grades 1-5 \$2.00
 Grades 6-12 2.25
 Milk .40
 Adult 2.25
 Adult w/milk 2.65

Everyday A La Carte
 All Snacks \$.75
 Soft Pretzel 1.00
 French Fries 1.00

**Select Daily Entrees May
 Be Purchased A La Carte**

Texas Straw Hat \$2.00
 Nacho Supreme 2.50
 Hamburger 1.35
 Hot Dog 1.00
 Pizza (slice) 2.00
 Chicken Patty Sandwich 2.00
 Salad 2.25

Upcoming Events

Feb. 8 Board of Education Mtg
 6:00 pm, 119 S. Preston
 Athletic Boosters
 7:00, 175 Union Street
 Feb. 9 PTO Meeting 7:00
 Elementary School
 Feb. 15 No School, Teacher Inservice
 Feb. 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 4 - 7 pm
 Feb. 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 4 - 7 pm
 Feb. 26 No School
 March 2 High School Band
 and Choir Concert 7:00

PARENT /TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE FEBRUARY 18 AND 23
 PLEASE CALL THE ELEMENTARY, 625-6488 OR THE HIGH SCHOOL, 625-6055
 TO SCHEDULE YOUR CONFERENCE
 IT IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILDREN

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- √ approved a transportation agreement with Connie Levings;
- √ approved the revisions in Administrative Guideline 5460 - Graduation Requirements;
- √ approved the proposed school calendar for 2010 - 2011 as presented;
- √ approved the formation of a middle/high school Art Club and authorized the Treasurer to create a fund for the newly approved club;
- √ approved the replacement Policy 5722 and replacement Administrative Guidelines for Policy 5722 - Student publications and productions;
- √ approved the recommendation for awarding an Academic Letter to students in grades 9-12 who meet the developed guidelines and to modify Administrative Guideline 5430 - Class Rank & Honors - to reflect the addition of this recognition;
- √ approve an agreement with Cintas Corporation for door mats for the middle/high school building;

- √ approved the following supplemental contract for 10-11 Head Football Coach - Jim Stoyle
 - √ approved the following supplemental contracts for 09-10

Head Baseball Coach	Joe Smith
Assistant Baseball Coach	Brad Beeler
Assistant Baseball Coach	Todd Kish
Assistant Track	Angie Myers
Assistant Track	Belinda Pinkerton
Assistant Track	Bethany Beeler
Conditioning Coach (1/2)	Andy Colella
Conditioning Coach (1/2)	Ami Stevens
 - √ approved Ron Ross as a volunteer with the baseball team for 09-10;
 - √ severance pay was approved for Jeff Reynolds;
 - √ an FMLA leave was approved as requested by Amanda Meyhoefer;
 - √ accepted the resignation of Billie Salisbury, cook, effective January 8, 2010;
- Following the principals' reports and a legislative update by Mr. Bumpus the board adjourned into executive session. After returning to regular session no further action was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

January is School Board Recognition Month, schools across Ohio are celebrating School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society. School Board Recognition Month honors the members of Ohio's 719 city, exempted village, local and joint vocational boards of education and educational service centers governing boards for their commitment to providing quality public education to Ohio's school children. The Centerburg Local School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions school board members make to their communities.

Special Thanks to our Board Members

Leroy Bumpus, 36 years of Service ♦ Lynn McCann, 14 Years of Service

Roger Clark, 12 Years of Service ♦ Ron Ross, 12 Years of Service ♦ Ed Lambert, 6 Years of Service

And welcome to our new Board Member, Jason Rogers

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