

December 2011

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Trojan Topics

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December Board of Education Meeting Notes

Centerburg Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 12. All board members and administrators were present, as well as several guests. Following the approval of the minutes and the treasurer's report, the board honored the coaches and players of fall sports who won MBC titles this year, this included Nathan Altizer for varsity boys golf, Ami Stevens for varsity volleyball, Dan Stevens for 8th grade volleyball and Belinda Pinkerton for high school girls cross country. The coaches were presented with certificates for themselves and their respective team members. Elementary Student Council officers, Chloe Jarrett, President; Elise Tucker, Vice President; and Violet Miller, Secretary, updated the board on their activities this year, as well as offered a brief history of last year, and plans for the rest of this school year.

Dave Dwyer of Solar Planet spoke with the board about the solar panel project his company is completing for Centerburg School. The panels are being installed and the project is proceeding on schedule.

Board vice president Leroy Bumpus presented outgoing board president Ed Lambert with a plaque honoring his eight years of service on the Centerburg Board of Education.

Superintendent Mike Hebenthal informed the board of current maintenance projects being completed, including installation of new lights in the gymnasium and also spoke about the work being done with the Race to the Top grant.

The board set the date, time and place for the organizational meeting and budget hearing as Monday, January 9 at 6:00 in the board office at 119 South Preston Street. Vice president Leroy Bumpus will serve as president pro tem until a new president is elected. New board member Colby Clippinger will be sworn in at the January meeting.

In other business the board accepted a \$100 donation from the Knox County Pork Council for the Family and Consumer Science Department. A contract was approved with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio for services as required by law. The school calendar for 2012-13 was approved. The board renewed membership in the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) and the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund.

In personnel matters a stipend was approved for elementary secretary Jeanette Nichols to coordinate the volunteer program. One extra hour per day was added to Susan Sparks' bus route to allow for extra routing. FLMA leaves were approved for Will Gentry and Ami Stevens. Will Ellis, Jennifer Purdy and Jill Spearman-Macklin were approved to work with the 21st Century Grant. Deb Sykes' resignation as 21st Century Grant Coordinator was accepted, however, she will continue to work with the program. Susan Chesnut will serve as coordinator for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year.

Following the principal's reports on their respective buildings a legislative report was given by Leroy Bumpus. Jason Rogers presented a report on the Knox County Career Center. The meeting was adjourned with no further business.



GUIDANCE NEWS

Nancy Hull, Guidance Counselor

Lori Lybarger, Social Worker
625-6385

Christine Clark, Secretary

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Financial Aid Night - Wednesday, January 9, 2012 - 7:00 in the High School Cafeteria.

At least one parent of students grades 9-12 should attend at least one financial aid night. I especially need one **senior** parent if your student plans to further his/her education, unless you have been through this with another child. Every student who will attend college must complete the FAFSA form and it must be done in February. The new FAFSA form will transfer the information from the IRS to the FAFSA form making the process much easier. Come find out about it.

I'm often told by senior parents that they wished they had attended a financial aid night earlier - so I am encouraging any high school parent to feel free to come to the meeting.

Power School is upgrading to Power School 7. This will be done over Christmas, so after Christmas the Parent Portal will be:

ps7-ce.treca.org/public

(if you have it bookmarked it will take you in)
It can only be accessed through Internet Explorer
The passwords will be the same.

ACT/SAT Testing

The ACT/SAT testing is a very integral part of the college application process. The scores are used for acceptance, placement in classes, and financial aid help. One point can mean the difference in thousands of dollars of aid. Most students should take it at least twice and several should take it three times. A student cannot wait until their senior year to do this. Every junior that thinks they might further their education someday should take an ACT at least once in their junior year and then once in their senior year. Those who are reaching for a certain score may need to take it three times and need to plan accordingly. Waiting until spring of their senior year is too late because they have missed the financial aid deadlines. I still have seniors who tell me they are going to college who have not taken an ACT. The ACT and SAT are given five times a year. The ACT is used mostly in the midwest but Kenyon, Oberlin, and Case Western Reserve may want the SAT. The Centerburg code is **360845**. Make sure that is on the registration so we can receive the scores and put them on the transcript.

These are the remaining test dates for the 2011-12 school year:

Test Date

February 11, 2012

April 14, 2012

June 9, 2012

Registration Deadline

January 13, 2012

March 9, 2012

May 4, 2012

Registration is available online at www.actstudent.org and requires a credit card. The fee for the regular test is \$34.00 and with the Plus Writing \$49.50. The list for which schools require the writing part is in every English classroom, the guidance office as well as online.

For those taking the SAT

Test Date

January 28, 2012

March 10, 2012

May 5, 2012

June 2, 2012

Registration Deadline

December 30, 2011

February 10, 2012

April 6, 2012

May 8, 2012

The cost is \$49.00 and registration can be done at www.collegeboard.com. Practice test are available for both in the guidance office. The computer practice test is a good Christmas present.

If a student plans on participating in the PSEO program next year and is not currently in the program, he/she must take the ACT and get a score of 22. If they plan on attending OSU as a PSEO student, they need a 26. So sophomores and any juniors who plan on being in PSEO need to take the ACT this spring. The PSEO meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 in the cafeteria and anyone who is considering PSEO must attend.

All of the testing results are back and have been given to the students. That includes the EXPLORE (8th graders), PLAN (10th graders), and PSAT (11th graders who took it). These tests are given to inform students how they are doing and if they are on track to meet their goals. I am hoping the students showed you the information but if they did not, please ask to see the results, as the information is important for you to see. Students should be able to tell you what the results indicate, if not, feel free to call me after Christmas Break.

Enjoy your family during the holidays.

Menu is subject to change when necessary

January 2012

2011-12 Lunch Prices
 Grades 1-5 \$2.25
 Grades 6-12 \$2.50
 Milk \$.40
 Adult \$2.75

Elementary may substitute a hot dog for main entree
 MS/HS may substitute a hot dog or pizza for main entree

A La Carte Items
MS/HS Only

Basket Dinners \$3.50
 Sandwich, Fingers
 or Wraps all w/Fries
 Hamburger Sandwich \$1.50
 Cheeseburger Sandwich \$1.75
 Salad (when available) \$2.50
 Hot Dog Sandwich \$1.25
 Pizza/Pizza Pockets \$2.50
 (type may vary)
 Extra Sauce/Dressing \$.75

Dates to Note

- January 9 • Board of Ed Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Board Office
- Financial Aid Meeting
7:00 p.m.. HS Cafeteria
- Athletic Boosters Mtg. 7:00
Booster Building
- January 13 Ceremony honoring Jim Simpson
halftime of JV/Var Boys Game
- January 16 No School, Martin Luther King Day
- January 25 Two hr. delay for teacher training
- January 26 Blood drive @ HS
- January 31 T2M Family Night

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Happy New Year! 2	Cheeseburger Sandwich Oven Fries Fruit Milk 3	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn Bread & Margarine Fruit Milk 4	Elementary Pizza & Salad MS/HS Build a Sub Sandwich Fruit/Snack/Milk 5	Texas Straw Hat Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Fruit Milk 6
Chicken Sandwich Cheesy Potatoes Fruit Milk 9	Nacho Supreme Salad Breadsticks Fruit Milk 10	Turkey & Noodles Green Beans Roll & Margarine Fruit Milk 11	BBQ Rib Sandwich Oven Fries Fruit Snack Milk 12	Fish Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Peas Fruit Milk 13
No School Martin Luther King Day 16	Cheeseburger Sandwich Oven Fries Fruit Snack Milk 17	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn Bread & Margarine Fruit Milk 18	Coney Dog Sandwich Baked Beans Cole Slaw Fruit/Snack/Milk Popcorn Day 19	Walking Taco Salad Breadstick Fruit Milk 20
Elementary Chicken Nuggets MS/HS Chicken Fingers w/Dip Oven Fries Fruit & Milk 23	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Bagel Tater Tots Fruit Milk 24	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Salad Breadstick Fruit Milk 25	Elementary Pizza & Salad MS/HS Build a Sub Sandwich Fruit/Snack/Milk 26	Nacho Supreme Salad Breadsticks Fruit Milk 27
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Centerburg Staff Continues Race to the Top

In late October and early November, several members of the Race to the Top (RttT) committee attended training opportunities to address various district needs. Four members went to Value-Added training to learn how to use student data to help both staff and students increase achievement. The information learned will be used in training the staff in February. Currently Centerburg ranks 25th out of the 609 school districts whose growth was measured. Two members of the RttT committee attended Ohio's RttT Annual Statewide Conference in Columbus. The conference was divided into many different topics related to meeting our school district's obligations to RttT. This information, regarding what lies ahead and planning accordingly, was shared with the rest of the committee.



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www.centerburgschools.org

centerburgsuperintendent.blogspot.com

centerburgelementary.blogspot.com

centerburghsms.blogspot.com

Former Players, Coaches, Fans.....

Jim Simpson , who retired from coaching last season, will be honored for his basketball coaching career between the JV and varsity boys basketball game on Friday, January 13, 2012.

Former players are invited to a reception following the game.
