

**CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES**  
**March 18, 2010**

The Central Lyon Board of Directors met for a budget hearing in the Board Room of the Central Lyon Community School at 6:50 P.M. with the following members present: President Steve Sieperda, Vice President Chet DeJong, Directors Judy Gacke, Gail Van Berkum and Patrick McCarty, Superintendent David Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were HS Principal Curt Busch, EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Julie Boekhout, Sara Groen, Jaci VanVeldhuizen, Jeff Benson, Kristi Wright, Stephanie Baker, Abby Warner, Jodie Hoogendoorn, Vicki Clasen, Angie Keizer, Heather Springer, Amy Schulte, Kari Davis, Laura Steven, Michael Foltz, Anita Dieren, Bruce Eckenrod, Heather Stubbe, Laureen Schram, Curt Fiedler, Lori Fiedler, Terry Dieren, Lisa Dieren, Denise Snyders, Emily Eben, Teresa Hoogendoorn, Polly McDonald, Tana Meyer, Jan Meester, Peggy Groves, Tara Vonk, Kristi Kahl, Emily Bisbee, Erin Groen, Jen Pedersen, Jill Devitt, Kristi Funk, Ryan Funk, Jill Estes, Terri Pedersen, Michelle VanWyhe, Geneva Grooters, Megan Raman, Stacy Dieren, Jessica Jensen, Dennis Winkowitsch, Barb Foltz, Joleen Metzger, and Lori Rath.

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 P.M. Gacke moved to approve the agenda and DeJong seconded, carried 3-0.

After no discussion from the general public, DeJong moved to approve the proof of publication and adjourn the budget hearing at 7:00 P.M. and McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

The Central Lyon Board of Directors met in regular session in the Board Room of the Central Lyon Community School at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: President Steve Sieperda, Vice President Chet DeJong, Directors Judy Gacke, Gail Van Berkum and Patrick McCarty, Superintendent David Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were HS Principal Curt Busch, EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Julie Boekhout, Sara Groen, Jaci VanVeldhuizen, Jeff Benson, Kristi Wright, Stephanie Baker, Abby Warner, Jodie Hoogendoorn, Vicki Clasen, Angie Keizer, Heather Springer, Amy Schulte, Kari Davis, Laura Steven, Michael Foltz, Anita Dieren, Bruce Eckenrod, Heather Stubbe, Laureen Schram, Curt Fiedler, Lori Fiedler, Terry Dieren, Lisa Dieren, Denise Snyders, Emily Eben, Teresa Hoogendoorn, Polly McDonald, Tana Meyer, Jan Meester, Peggy Groves, Tara Vonk, Kristi Kahl, Emily Bisbee, Erin Groen, Jen Pedersen, Jill Devitt, Kristi Funk, Ryan Funk, Jill Estes, Terri Pedersen, Michelle VanWyhe, Geneva Grooters, Megan Raman, Stacy Dieren, Jessica Jensen, Dennis Winkowitsch, Barb Foltz, Joleen Metzger, and Lori Rath.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Gacke moved to approve the agenda with one additional Personnel agenda item; McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 regular board meeting and the March 1, 2010 special meeting; DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

McCarty moved to approve the financial report through 2/28/10 and Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the summary list of bills; McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

In recognition, several students were recognized for their success in basketball, wrestling, Math Bee and speech. Sieperda-Foltz Insurance Agency was thanked for its recent donation of \$100 to the MS Band Uniform purchase. The high school Mock Trial team was recognized for their performance by a US District Court Judge.

In public participation on non-agenda items, Curt Fiedler, Varsity Cross Country Coach, presented information gathered from other area schools and coaches on junior high cross country programs, advantages to having such a program, and how beginning a "feeder program" earlier on will only help the high school program grow and succeed. It also gives middle school students another option to find their niche and keep students involved. The junior high program would become part of the sharing agreement and the no additional coaching should be necessary to fund the program. The next step will be presenting the information to the sharing committee of Central Lyon and George-Little Rock for review.

The kindergarten teachers presented a letter expressing their support of keeping Transitional Kindergarten at as many days as possible. Two letters were presented signed by parents expressing their support of keeping Transitional Kindergarten at as many days as possible. Several parents of transitional kindergarten and pre-school age children in the district expressed concerns regarding Transitional Kindergarten and the district's schedule. The parents are concerned about the district's decision to host TK for two days and every other Friday for 2 sections of students versus this year's set-up of three days and an optional fourth day. Parents and staff want consistency in the program from year to year.

In reports, Principal Kruse reported a 94% and 95% participation in Parent Teacher conferences for the Elementary and Middle School respectively. The PTC's Soup & Pie Supper will be on March 25 from 5-7 P.M. The district will once again apply for the Statewide Preschool Grant and is already working on the application. Principal Busch reported approximately 58% participation at the high school Parent Teacher conferences. Mr. Busch reviewed the 2010 HS May Term schedule. He presented a review of the Houston trip from Mr. Allen who will use some of their findings in a May Term class.

Superintendent Ackerman welcomed the Foundations of Education class to the meeting. He reviewed the process for the rooftop heating/cooling unit project. A special board meeting may need to be called to accept contractor bids to move the project along in time for this summer. The Central Lyon and George-Little Rock sharing committee will be meeting to finalize the athletic sharing agreement. The Iowa Legislation session ends next week Friday.

In New Business, McCarty moved to adopt the 2010-2011 School Budget with the tax rate at \$13.71636 and Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the 101% Budget Guarantee resolution and Gacke seconded. In a roll call vote, 5 aye, 0 nay.

DeJong moved to approve the application for 4-year old preschool grant and assurances; McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

Mr. Ackerman presented potential budget cuts and staffing recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year. He asked board members to consider the information before a work session and the next regular board meeting in April.

DeJong moved to approve extending the 2010-2011 TK contract and scheduling from .80FTE to 1.0FTE and Gacke seconded. McCarty and Sieperda voted nay with Van Berkum abstaining from the vote. Motion failed. Van Berkum moved to approve tabling the motion. DeJong seconded; carried 5-0.

DeJong moved to approve the 2010-2011 Bargaining Agreement with the Central Lyon Education Association. McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

DeJong moved to approve the first reading of Policies 200 Series with no second reading required. Gacke seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve the employee group health insurance renewal and addition of a Section 125/Cafeteria Plan for 2010-2011 through Sanford Health Plan, McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

McCarty moved to approve the 2010-2011 calendar. Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.

In personnel, Van Berkum moved to approve the hiring of Laureen Schram, Sheila Maxwell, Sara Groen, Summer Reading Teachers; Vicki Slack, Summer Reading Paraprofessional and Heather Grafing, Assistant Softball Coach for 2010. Gacke seconded, carried 5-0. DeJong moved to approve the resignations of Shannon Thedens, Cheerleading Advisor; Eldon Maxwell, MS Softball Coach, and Shawn DeStigter, HS Science and Activities. McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

There will be a board work session on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 6 P.M. in the Central Lyon Board Room to discuss budget and staff recommendations for 2010-2011. The next regular board meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 12, 2010 in the Central Lyon board room.

McCarty moved to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. and DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.