

CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES
March 14, 2011

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 EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Julie Boekhout, Jaci VanVeldhuizen, Kristi Wright, Stephanie Baker, Jodie Hoogendoorn, Vicki Clasen, Angie Keizer, Laureen Schram, Peggy Groves, Emily Deutsch, Michelle VanWyhe, Geneva Grooters, Barb Foltz, Joleen Metzger, Linda Wessels, Dave Jans, Cindy Witt, Jamie Helmers, Jackie McCarty, Amy Sieperda, Sara Groen, Jill Pytleski, Jerry Pytleski, Jason Engleman, Randy Waagmeester and Jennifer Elbert.

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

McCarty moved to approve the agenda with additional bills presented; Gacke seconded, carried 4-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 regular board meeting; McCarty seconded, carried 4-0.

Gacke moved to approve the financial report through 2/28/11 and McCarty seconded, carried 4-0.

McCarty moved to approve the summary list of bills; Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

In recognition, Anne Bosler thanked the district for the hotel room for her son and another student for the state speech competition. Max DeJong and Caleb Schriever were recognized for their success at the NASA competition. Max was awarded the exceptional leadership award and was chosen to compete in international competition. Caleb is an alternate. Clayton Busch and Luke DeJong were recognized for All State Recognition in Speech.

In Correspondence, rebates received from Rock Rapids Utilities, Iowa Educator's Consortium and the IASB Safety Group Dividend were presented.

In reports, Principal Kruse reported there will be a Summer Reading program lead by Mrs. Schram. This will be approved in April. Mr. Kruse reported 97% and 93% participation in Parent Teacher conferences for the Elementary and Middle School respectively. The PTC's Soup & Pie Supper will be on March 24 from 5-7 P.M.

Superintendent/HS Principal Ackerman informed the board that a May Term review and next year's schedule will be presented at the April board meeting.

In Board Member Reports, Director McCarty presented information in regard to the purchase of tractors, lawn mowers, snow removal equipment. The search has been expanded outside the area, to used equipment and other makes/models of equipment. Mr. McCarty presented information regarding an advisor/student issue from State Wrestling. Superintendent Ackerman and other board members agreed this issue should be discussed and resolved with the personnel committee.

Director DeJong arrived at 7:22 P.M.

Superintendent Ackerman presented potential budget adjustments and staffing recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year. He presented information regarding enrollment projections, unspent balance, current conference tax rates, district solvency ratio, FY12 budget adjustments, high school staff reductions to date, student head counts, and student/coach ratios. Discussion took place on New Business items before board members were asked to approve, deny or table the considerations until a future board meeting.

In New Business, McCarty moved to approve the reduction of Assistant Principal position. The HS Principal position will be combined the Superintendent position. DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

McCarty moved to *table* consideration of the alternative school/At-Risk position/Director of On-Line Coursework, located at the Activities Center. Gacke seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve utilizing high school staff with open hours to supervise HS At-Risk room and monitor on-line coursework. McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

DeJong moved to approve absorbing HS Media Center/.5 FTE Technology position, (Current .5 FTE Technology Coordinator to 1 FTE, Media Center to be Supervised by Existing Classified and Certified Staff). Gacke seconded, carried 5-0.

McCarty moved to approve adding a fourth section of 1st Grade for the 2011-2012 only, utilizing Federal Education Jobs Funding. Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve adding a third section of 4th Grade for the 2011-2012 only, utilizing Federal Education Jobs Funding. Gacke seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve the reduction of Transitional Kindergarten from two sections to one section/3 days per week or from 1.0 FTE to .6 FTE. Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.

DeJong moved to *table* any action on Preschool pending further legislative action. McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

Director DeJong left at 8:24 P.M.

Van Berkum moved to approve the 2012 Spanish Trip(s). McCarty seconded, carried 4-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the 2011-2012 calendar. Gacke seconded, carried 4-0.

McCarty moved to approve the 3 year contract with Premier Communications for 25mbps dedicated connection. Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

In personnel, Gacke moved to approve the hiring of Bill Kroon, substitute bus driver. McCarty seconded, carried 4-0. McCarty moved to approve the resignation of Megan Raman, 2nd Grade Teacher and Head VB Coach. Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

A public hearing regarding the FY12 Budget is scheduled for 6:50 P.M. on April 11, 2011 in the Central Lyon Board Room. The next regular board meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 11, 2011 in the Central Lyon board room.

Van Berkum moved to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. and McCarty seconded, carried 4-0.

