CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES

**November 19, 2020**

The Central Lyon Board of Directors met in special session in the Board Room of the Central Lyon Community School at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: Vice-President David Jans, Directors Joel DeWit, Scott Postma and Keri Davis, Superintendent Brent Jorth and School Business Official Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were PS-4 Principal Steve Harman, 5-12 Principal Jason Engleman, Kristi Wright, Kelli Docker, Tana Meyer, Molly Oedekoven, Craig Hohn, Melissa Stillson, Nicole Gerleman, Heather Grafing and Jessica Jensen. The meeting was made available by virtual session for viewing and listening at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLqCdy0NJjM>. President Andy Koob joined by teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Postma moved to approve the agenda and Davis seconded, carried 4-0.

Vice-President Jans reviewed the topic of the mask requirement and the options to consider, discussion from health professionals and public participation.

Director DeWit arrived at 5:35 P.M.

Superintendent Jorth reviewed his recommendation that students and staff in grades PS-12 be required to wear a face mask while at school, regardless of the student or staff’s ability to socially distance with exceptions of participation in PE, band, outdoor recess and athletics as well as when eating and drinking. Mr. Jorth reviewed district COVID19 data tracking and surveys of staff PS-4 and 5-12, with the majority in favor of additional mask requirements.

Craig Hohn of Avera Clinic and Hospital reviewed Iowa COVID19 statistics, hospitalizations and addressed the board in support of Superintendent Jorth’s recommendation.

Melissa Stillson of Lyon County Public Health reviewed Iowa COVID19 statistics, Iowa and CDC guidelines and addressed the board in support of Superintendent Jorth’s recommendation.

In public participation, Molly Oedekoven addressed the board in support of Superintendent Jorth’s recommendation.

In New Business, discussion took place on a PS-12 mask requirement by the board of directors with concerns about social distancing allowances, 15 minute time limitations, community spread, interference in education, management of students’ masks in grades PS-4, discipline and ‘gray areas’ with mask requirements, close contact issues when eating and drinking, supporting local healthcare organizations and professionals and Iowa and CDC recommendations and guidelines regarding the spread of COVID19.

Postma moved to approve a mask requirement for students and staff in grades 2-12 when unable to socially distance with the exception of participation in PE, band, outdoor recess, athletics and eating and drinking. Davis seconded, motion carried 5-0.

DeWit moved to approve a mask requirement for students and staff in grades PS-12 when unable to socially distance with the exception of participation in PE, band, outdoor recess, athletics and eating and drinking. Koob seconded, motion carried 4-1.

DeWit moved to approve a mask requirement for students and staff in grades PS-12 when unable to socially distance including hallways, lunch lines and other common areas, with the exception of participation in PE, band, outdoor recess, athletics and eating and drinking. Koob seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Koob moved to approve a mask requirement for students and staff in grades PS-12, regardless of the student or staff’s ability to socially distance with exceptions of participation in PE, band, outdoor recess and athletics as well as when eating and drinking. DeWit seconded, motion failed 2-3.

President Koob thanked the healthcare professionals for their input and time and the board of directors for the respectful debate regarding the recommendation.

Superintendent Jorth thanked the healthcare professionals and the board of directors for their input and time and wished the Central Lyon football team and coaches good luck at tomorrow’s state finals game.

The next regular board meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Central Lyon Board Room.

DeWit moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. and Postma seconded, carried 5-0.