

CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES
February 13, 2012

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 Gail Van Berkum, Judy Gacke and David Jans and Superintendent Dave Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Stephanie Baker, Jamie Helmers, Denise Kirchhoff, Julie Boekhout, Sue VanWyhe, Michelle VanWyhe, Steve Breske, Emily Deutsch and Kristin Snell.

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

DeJong moved to approve the agenda with an additional list of bills and an item in personnel; Gacke seconded, carried 5-0.

DeJong moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2012 regular meeting and Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the financial report through 1/31/12; Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve the summary list of bills; Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

In recognition, Nathan Warner was recognized for winning the Northwest Iowa Reading Council's Creative Writing Contest. The wrestling team and coaches were recognized for a great season and three wrestlers qualified for state; T. Geerdes, C. McIntyre, and B. Klinkenborg. The Jazz Band was recognized for its outstanding performance and qualification for state.

In correspondence, Superintendent Ackerman reviewed the disqualification letter from the State of Iowa regarding the district's BEEP Grant application. The bus failed to meet the necessary qualifications for replacement under this program.

In reports, Principal Kruse reported that TK/K screening will take place on February 15th. Enrollment projections were reviewed as well as a possible need to increase the art position for TK-8th. Mr. Kruse presented information on a new reading series for TK-6th and what products/services are included.

Superintendent Ackerman reported a new science series for anatomy and biology will be needed next year. He reported that the city is still reviewing the need for a street study for the Greene Street and surrounding areas. Mr. Ackerman met with Kids Club representatives to discuss the room needs for next year. The insurance renewal preliminary quote is 9.49% for 7/1/12-6/30/13. Mr. Ackerman will be a chaperone on the HS Spanish trip to Costa Rica March 30 – April 9. Mr. Ackerman reviewed the new Special Education caseloads and reported that student/teacher ratios will continue to be reviewed as will the ability to co-teach. Potential building project options were discussed including ground work on the east side of the elementary to repair drainage issues, a loading dock/storage areas, new classroom space east and west, renovation of the multi-purpose room and a wrestling room. The board members asked administrators to prioritize the list based on needs of the district, review available fund balances and report back in March. Discussion took place on calendar ideas including additional 2:20pm dismissals and built in snow days. The calendar committee will begin meeting on February 15, 2012.

In Old Business, no additional items were added to the Casino Funds discussion. Mr. Ackerman reported on May Term and will continue to report changes, improvements and issues with the program as the year progresses and next year's calendar is finalized.

In New Business, Van Berkum moved to approve the staff reduction notification for the 2012-2013 school year. Gacke seconded, carried 5-0.

Jans moved to approve agreements with SOCS and Hickory Tech for web hosting and local/long distance discounted services under USAC's ERate program for the funding year 7/1/12-6/30/13. DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve the School Improvement Advisory Committee; Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the Class of 2012 Graduates with an additional student pending all satisfy the district's educational requirements; DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

In personnel, DeJong moved to approve the hiring of Allie Ladd, part-time special education paraprofessional through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in the Central Lyon board room.

Jans moved to adjourn at 9:08 P.M. and Van Berkum seconded, carried 5-0.