

CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES
January 11, 2010

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, and Directors Patrick McCarty and Gail VanBerkum, Judy Gacke, and Superintendent Dave Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were HS Principal Curt Busch, EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Julie Boekhout, Angie Keizer, Stephanie Baker, Jessica Harman, Jodie Hoogendoorn, Laureen Schram, Jill Christensen, Toby Lorenzen, and Emily Bisbee.

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

McCarty moved to approve the agenda with two additional New Business items; DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

VanBerkum moved to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2009 regular meeting and McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve the financial report through 12/31/09; McCarty seconded, carried 5-0.

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

In recognition, the board was informed that an anonymous donor contributed \$1,000 to the district and that the employer will match the donation with another \$1,000. The Steen Reformed Church, Kiwanis and United Methodist Church were recognized for monetary donations to the district of \$135, 200, and \$100 respectively. Ruth VanderLee and United Methodist Church Quilters were thanked for their donation of hats, scarves and gloves to the elementary students. Julie & Blair Metzger and Marlin & Shelli Overman were thanked for their donations to the STRIVE program. Steve & Diane Sieperda were recognized for their \$200 donation to the MS Band Program with a matching donation from Frontier Bank.

In reports, HS Principal Curt Busch presented information on curriculum maps and informed the board there are 12 students signed up for in district AP courses for 2010/2011. EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse reported the January 18th staff development day will concentrate on Iowa Core Curriculum. TK/Kindergarten screening will take place on January 27th and TK/Kindergarten Round-up will take place on February 25th.

Superintendent Ackerman informed the board that the Iowa Legislature is in session and the district will need to monitor information regarding allowable growth, bills for PPEL/SILO and a common start date for all schools.

Mr. Ackerman recommended the district increase revenues or cut expenditures equal to the 10% cut received earlier in the year. This would amount to approximately \$320,000. Specific recommendations will be presented in February or March.

Superintendent Ackerman reviewed the Department of Education Site Visit report. There were two areas of non-compliance and both have been corrected.

Mr. Ackerman reviewed the elementary roof top heating & air conditioning unit project. Under Iowa Law, any project greater than \$100,000 must be available to vendors through a Request for

Proposal (RFP). School districts are required to hire an electrical, mechanical, and structural engineer to evaluate and oversee the project. Mr. Ackerman will meet with the Buildings & Grounds Committee to begin this process.

Toby Lorenzen and Jessica Harman presented information on the ITBS/ITED testing results. Central Lyon students once again scored above average in most areas. Board members asked for more information on students' social studies and science test scores in various grades.

In New Business, McCarty moved to accept appointment as the Assessor's Conference Board Representative for Lyon County. VanBerkum seconded, carried 5-0.

McCarty moved to approve participation in the Race to the Top Grant with further consideration of information that becomes available from IASB, SAI and ISEA as well as the option to pull out of the application process as new information becomes available. VanBerkum seconded, carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8, 2010 in the Central Lyon board room.

McCarty moved to adjourn at 8:09 P.M. and VanBerkum seconded, carried 5-0.