

CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES
January 8, 2018

Prior to the regular meeting, there was a buildings and grounds tour of the auditorium and fine arts department.

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 David Jans, Vice President Andy Koob, Directors Scott Postma, Joel DeWit and Keri Davis, and Superintendent Dave Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were Elementary Principal Steve Harman, MS/HS Principal and Activities Director Jason Engleman, Stephanie Baker, Jaci VanVeldhuizen, Michelle Van Wyhe, Michael Groen, and Jessica Jensen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M.

Koob moved to approve the agenda with an additional list of bills; DeWit seconded, carried 4-0.

Director Postma arrived at 7:08 P.M.

DeWit moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 regular meeting and Koob seconded, carried 5-0.

DeWit moved to approve the financial report through 12/31/17 and the summary list of bills; Postma seconded, carried 5-0.

In recognition, the United Methodist Church was thanked for donations to the Backpack Program, the Rock Rapids United Fund was thanked for an \$873 donation to the Backpack Program, Carroll Street Treats was recognized for a \$210.49 donation to the district, and the Rock Rapids Fire Department was thanked for donations in the amount of \$600.

In reports, EL Principal Steve Harman reported that a playground addition plan is being finalized and bid information will be forthcoming to the board in February or March.

Superintendent David Ackerman reported that JMC notices will now be transmitted in Spanish in addition to the regular announcements due to the number of Spanish speaking families in our district. Mr. Ackerman reported that a grant is being written for a digital anatomy table that would allow for viewing of 400+ species, digital dissection and surgeries and potential uses for all students, K-12 as well as community health organizations. The district is working with the grant writer on this possibility.

Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Engleman presented a proposal to expand the duties of Assistant Activities Director. The assistant AD would be more involved in day-to-day duties, scheduling, and help with conflicting appointments and meetings. Communication is very important and roles between the AD and Assistant AD should to be clearly defined.

Mr. Ackerman presented enrollment information in relation to future staffing needs of the district. As of current enrollment and needs including special programs, Special Education, counseling services and ESL/ELL, the district is adequately staffed. The district is reviewing the need for an increase in Elementary Guidance services.

Mr. Ackerman reported that the early retirement deadline was January 7th and no staff took advantage of this option for 2017/2018. The equivalent savings to the district for this program since its 2011 inception has been approximately \$1.8M.

In New Business, DeWit moved to approve the 'need to rent basis' rental agreement with Town & Country for a Kubota tractor and Davis seconded, carried 5-0.

In Personnel, Postma moved to approve the resignation of Jill Kroon, Individual Speech Advisor at the end of the 2017-2018 school year and the resignation/retirement of Pamela Attig, Head Start Bus Driver as of May 9, 2018. Koob seconded, carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 12, 2018 in the Central Lyon board room.

Davis moved to adjourn at 8:04 P.M. and Postma seconded, carried 5-0.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, the board of directors met for a work session regarding mid-year review of district goals.