

CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES
March 18, 2015

The Central Lyon Board of Directors met for a budget hearing in the Board Room of the Central Lyon Community School at 4:50 P.M. with the following members present: President Steve Sieperda, Vice President Judy Gacke, Directors Chet DeJong, and Scott Postma and Superintendent/HS Principal Dave Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Steve Harman, Julie Boekhout, Jason Engleman, Stephanie Baker, Emily Deutsch, Jerry Pytleski, Peggy Groves and Jessica Jensen. Director David Jans was absent.

The hearing was opened at 4:50 P.M. by President Steve Sieperda. After no discussion from the general public, the hearing was closed at 4:59 P.M.

The Central Lyon Board of Directors met in regular session in the Board Room of the Central Lyon Community School at 5:00 P.M. with the following members present: President Steve Sieperda, Vice President Judy Gacke, Directors David Jans, Chet DeJong, and Scott Postma and Superintendent/HS Principal Dave Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Steve Harman, Julie Boekhout, Jason Engleman, Stephanie Baker, Emily Deutsch, Jerry Pytleski, Peggy Groves and Jessica Jensen.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

DeJong moved to approve the agenda with additional item 2b in Personnel; Postma seconded, carried 4-0.

Postma moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 regular board; Gacke seconded, carried 4-0.

Director Jans arrived at 5:03 P.M.

Gacke moved to approve the financial report through 2/28/15 and DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

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

In recognition, congratulations to the wrestling team for qualifying for state duals, the girls basketball team for qualifying for the state tournament, Jazz I for advancing to state, and individual speech participants for "I" ratings and advancing to state. The following students were recognized for success in their sport: Sarah Halse, Ivy Sieperda, Angel Rasmussen, Shaylee Struckman, and McKenzie Leuthold. Congratulations were made to Gable Sieperda, Colby McIntire and Travis VanderStreek on their individual state qualifications and finishes. Emily DeJong was recognized for placing in the top 12 out of 160 NASA trip competitors and has been invited to the international competition held at the Kennedy Space Center in July, 2015.

In reports, Principal Kruse presented an Iowa Core Curriculum report and applicable test results, which indicated the district was above AEA and state average in all grade levels. Mr. Kruse reported that the incoming Kindergarten is predicted to be 53, 16 Transitional Kindergarteners and 46 in preschool. Next year's first grade options were also discussed and a letter from two concerned parents was reviewed regarding keeping the current Kindergarten class in 4 sections as it transitions to first grade. More discussion will take place as numbers and class details are

finalized. Mr. Kruse reported that there will be multiple breakout sessions for Monday's in-service for staff education and resources. Postings have been made for extended school year and the summer reading program.

Assistant Principal/Activities Director Steve Harman reported that 15 activity accounts are currently negative due to the success of district students and programs. Mr. Harman will present more information in April so that decisions can be made of how to correct the balances.

HS Principal/Superintendent Ackerman reported that the legislature hasn't passed allowable growth for 2015-2016 and there are still unknowns with school start date. Mr. Ackerman will ask the planning committee to finalize a calendar with a start date of August 31st but prepare for a possible start date of August 23rd as well. The construction project is going well and Mr. Ackerman reported that the Elementary entrance will be closed as of April 6th. Students, staff and community will need to use door #2 by the Central Office for the duration. Mr. Ackerman reported that greenhouse updates have been completed and can now be used for classroom activities. Discussion took place on possible hiring needs due to increased class sizes and TLC positions. Administration proposed advertising for a full time science position, a full time MS Generalist position and moving a part time staff member to full time to cover the current openings.

In Old Business, DeJong moved to approve the Kids Club easement plat revision as proposed and Gacke seconded, carried 5-0. Jans moved to approve the door access and Aiphone wiring proposal for \$15,863.20 and Postma seconded, carried 5-0.

In New Business, Postma moved to approve continuation of the sharing agreement with Rock Valley for K-6 Guidance for 2015-2016 and Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

Jans moved to approve the FFA trip to Little International on Friday, March 27; DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

Postma moved to approve the Spanish trip to Costa Rica April 1-9 and Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve an on-going annual \$1500 contribution to After Prom and After Grad programs and Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

DeJong moved to adopt the 2015-2016 School Budget with the tax rate at \$13.46718 and Jans seconded, carried 5-0. The tax rate will be adjusted downward as the legislature approves allowable growth.

Sieperda introduced the 101% Budget Guarantee Resolution and moved its adoption. Gacke seconded and in a roll call vote, 5 aye, 0 nay.

Discussion took place on administrative principal reassignment and future administrative needs. DeJong moved to approve the reassignment of Assistant Principal/Activities Director Steve Harman to PK-4 Principal and advertise for the position of 5-8 Middle School Principal/Activities Director. Gacke seconded, carried 5-0.

In personnel, Gacke moved to approve the voluntary transfer of Julie Boekhout from Kindergarten to 2nd grade, Ashley Rypkema from Kindergarten to Title I, and Megan Whitsell from TK to Kindergarten; Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve the resignations of Bruce Eckenrod, Head Girls' Basketball Co-Coach, pending suitable replacement. Jans seconded, carried 5-0. Gacke moved to approve the resignation of Andrew Stegemann, Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach and Assistant Track Coach, pending suitable replacement. Jans seconded, carried 5-0. DeJong moved to approve the hiring of Grant Engel, Industrial Technology Teacher and Postma seconded, carried 5-0. DeJong moved to approve the hiring of Billy Kirch, Long Term Substitute for Voc Ag and Volunteer Track Coach. Jans seconded, carried 5-0. Postma moved to approve the hiring of the following TLC Lead Teacher positions for 2015-2016: Sue VanWyhe, Technology; Chris Wright, Math; Bill Allen, STEM and Data Analysis. Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the Central Lyon board room.

DeJong moved to adjourn at 6:16 P.M. and Postma seconded, carried 5-0.