

CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES
September 16, 2009

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 Chet DeJong, and Directors Judy Gacke, Gail VanBerkum, Superintendent Dave Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were HS Principal Curt Busch, EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Denise Snyders, Julie Boekhout, Laureen Schram, Vicki Clasen, Geneva Grooters, Barb Foltz, Emily Bisbee, Jim Kennedy and Jodie Hoogendoorn. Dave Heibult and Paul Duin of G&R Controls were also in attendance. Directory Patrick McCarty was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M.

DeJong moved to approve the agenda, Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2009 regular meeting; Gacke seconded, carried 4-0.

Gacke moved to approve the financial report through 8/31/09; Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

DeJong moved to approve the summary list of bills; Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

In recognition, Frontier Bank was thanked for a donation of school supplies, Schuyler Noteboom & Pizza Ranch were thanked for the staff lunch provided during opening workshop, USBank was thanked for providing activity calendars for registration and Arrow Manufacturing, Inc was thanked for the \$1,000 donation for lunch accounts.

In reports, Jim Kennedy of Frontier Insurance and Realty presented the property and liability insurance plan for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Kennedy reported an increase to workman's comp due to two large claims. Various improvements to the district's grounds have been added to the policy. Due to the F5 tornado at Parkersburg, Mr. Kennedy recommended increasing the district's additional coverage insurance to \$2,000,000 in the event of a natural disaster.

Dave Heibult and Paul Duin of G&R Controls presented a proposal for a retrofit of the district's lighting system. The proposal included all materials, labor, taxes, and lamp & ballasts disposal. The proposed simply payback on the retrofit is estimated at 4.82 years. The board will review the proposal as part of the capital outlay plan.

Principal Busch reported ACT scores were above the state average and the highest in over 5 years. Mr. Busch reported the Smartboards are providing immediate feedback and scoring which is appreciated by both students and staff.

Principal Kruse reported that a representative from the Family Crisis Center met with 5th-8th grade students regarding anti-bullying information. NWAEA has provided an instructional strategist and instructional coach to the district.

Director Van Berkum inquired about ELL students and whether the district has a program in place for assistance. Currently, the district does not have a great enough ELL population for a district program but NWAEA provides testing and support to the students that qualify. Director Van Berkum inquired about a continuing education program for seniors that graduate early.

Superintendent Ackerman informed the board that registration fees have been collected and disbursed to the proper areas, certified count day will be Thursday, October 1, 2009 and student numbers appear to have increased by approximately 20. Mr. Ackerman informed the board that a possible 5% across-the-board cut is a legislative option for the 09/10 school year. The CL/GLR sharing agreement is up for review and approval this year.

The board reviewed the canvass of votes from the recent school board election and noted that for the two positions of Director-at-Large, there were 629 votes cast as follows: Randy Bos received 169 votes, Chet DeJong received 225 votes and Gail Van Berkum received 233 votes and scattering received 2 votes. Chet DeJong and Gail Van Berkum were duly elected to the office of School Board Director for the Central Lyon School District, for the term of four years.

Gacke moved to conclude the activities of the retiring school board and adjournment at 6:14 P.M.; Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

The meeting of the new board was called to order at 6:15 P.M.

Gacke moved to approve the agenda, Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

The oath of office was administered to Chet DeJong and Gail Van Berkum as Directors-at-Large.

Sieperda asked for nominations for President and Vice-President. DeJong nominated Sieperda for President; Van Berkum seconded carried 4-0. Gacke nominated DeJong for Vice-President; Sieperda seconded, carried 4-0.

The oath of office was administered to Steve Sieperda as President and Chet DeJong as Vice-President as nominations ceased with the aforementioned officer positions.

DeJong moved to approve the Written Rules and Procedures that are to be followed in conducting board meetings with the addition of a 5 minute time limit placed on all public participation on non-agenda items and Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

Van Berkum moved to approve the following appointments and committees; Gacke seconded, carried 4-0. In Personnel, DeJong and McCarty; Transportation, Van Berkum and Sieperda; Buildings and Grounds, McCarty and Van Berkum; Policy, DeJong and Gacke; Budget, Sieperda and Gacke. DeJong moved to approve Judy Gacke as the Delegate to represent Central Lyon for the November 18, 2009 Delegate Assembly and Van Berkum seconded, carried 4-0.

Director Van Berkum left the meeting at 6:22 P.M.

DeJong moved to approve the regular scheduled board meeting will take place the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Lyon Board Room unless otherwise noted; Gacke seconded, carried 3-0.

In new business, Gacke moved to approve the horizontal lane advancements for 4 teachers who have fulfilled the necessary requirements; DeJong seconded, carried 3-0.

DeJong moved to approve to increase the substitute teacher wage to \$90.00 per day; Gacke seconded, carried 3-0.

DeJong moved to approve the early graduation request for 1 high school student contingent upon successful completion of all requirements and Gacke seconded, carried 3-0.

Discussion took place on the travel request from Middle School Band to attend a competition in Menno, SD. DeJong moved to approve the district paid request; Gacke seconded, carried 3-0. DeJong moved to approve the librarian stipend; Gacke seconded, carried 3-0. Gacke moved to approve the district developed service plan and committee members for the district; DeJong seconded, carried 3-0.

In personnel, discussion took place on procedures for volunteers within the district. Board members requested that volunteers be educated on district policies and procedures, background checks are performed and a simple orientation is completed. DeJong moved to approve the hiring of Kristi Kahl, Special Education Paraprofessional; Lori Fiedler, Assistant Cross Country Track Coach; Mark Lutmer, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; David Altman and Todd Dieren, Volunteer Football Coaches. Gacke seconded, carried 3-0.

Discussion took place on the scheduled Department of Education Site Visit November 17-19, 2009. Mr. Ackerman informed the board there is a lot of work to be done in advance, committees to form consisting of staff, students and parents and asked that board members spend at least one hour in the district prior to the next board meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be at 8:00 P.M. on Monday, October 12, 2009 in the Central Lyon board room.

Gacke moved to adjourn at 7:07 P.M. and DeJong seconded, carried 3-0.