

CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES
April 28, 2021

The Central Lyon Board of Directors met in special session in the Board Room of the Central Lyon Community School at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: President Andy Koob, Vice-President David Jans, Directors Keri Davis, Joel DeWit and Scott Postma, Superintendent Brent Jorth and HR Director Amanda Jorth as acting Board Secretary. Other individuals present were: PS-6 Principal Steve Harman, 7-12 Principal Jason Engleman, Bill Allen, Stephanie Baker, Kelli Docker, Heather Grafing, Craig Hohn, Jessica Jensen, Tana Meyer, Annie McMahon, Jen Pedersen, Krista Sprock, and Kristi Wright. The meeting was made available by virtual session for viewing and listening at <https://youtu.be/orQI6nP7SaQ>.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Jans moved to approve the agenda and Davis seconded, carried 4-0.

Director DeWit entered the meeting at 5:32 P.M.

In New Business, Superintendent Jorth reviewed the current mask requirement for students and staff, his recommendation is to continue the requirement for the remainder of the school year. He reviewed COVID19 data for Lyon County, positive case data for students and staff since January 1, vaccination of staff, and masking requirements for other schools in the Siouxland Conference.

Craig Hohn of Avera Clinic and Hospital addressed the Board in support of Superintendent Jorth's recommendation.

Kristi Wright, Central Lyon Education Association President, reviewed a staff survey from April 8 that indicated PS-12 teachers were in favor of relaxing the mask requirement, and elementary teachers felt it was appropriate for students to resume eating lunch in the elementary gym.

President Koob invited public input on the mask requirement. Annie McMahon addressed the board in support of continuing the mask requirement for students and staff.

Discussion took place on the mask requirement by the board of directors with concerns about following contact tracing guidelines from the Iowa Department of Public Health and Lyon County Public Health, community spread, enforcement of the policy by administration and staff, what classrooms are unable to socially distance, and the necessity to continue the requirement in hallways, lunch lines, and common areas.

Postma moved to eliminate the mask requirement for students and staff, eliminate contact tracing at school, and strongly encourage students and staff to wear a mask when unable to socially distance. The motion failed to receive a second.

Jans moved to continue the PS-12 mask requirement for students and staff when unable to socially distance, to eliminate the requirement to wear masks in hallways, lunch lines and other common areas, and continue to allow exceptions when participating in PE, band, outdoor recess, athletics, and while eating and drinking. Davis seconded. President Koob asked for a roll call vote:

- Mr. Jans, aye
- Mr. Postma, nay
- Mr. DeWit, nay
- Mrs. Davis, aye
- Mr. Koob, nay

Motion failed 2-3.

Discussion continued regarding Director DeWit's objections. DeWit expressed his desire to continue to require masks while in the hallways.

Jans made a motion to reconsider his earlier motion. Davis seconded, carried 5-0.

Jans moved to continue the PS-12 mask requirement for students and staff when unable to socially distance, to eliminate the requirement to wear masks in hallways, lunch lines and other common areas, and continue to allow exceptions when participating in PE, band, outdoor recess, athletics, and while eating and drinking. President Koob asked for a roll call vote:

- Mr. Jans, aye
- Mr. Postma, nay
- Mr. DeWit, aye
- Mrs. Davis, aye
- Mr. Koob, aye

Motion passes 4-1.

The next regular board meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 17, 2021, in the Central Lyon Board Room.

Dewit moved to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. and Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

The Central Lyon Board of Directors met in a work session in the Board Room of the Central Lyon Community School at 7:10 P.M. with the following members present: President Andy Koob, Vice-President David Jans, Directors Joel DeWit, Scott Postma and Keri Davis, Superintendent Brent Jorth and HR Director Amanda Jorth as acting Board Secretary. Others present were: PS-6 Principal Steve Harman, 7-12 Principal Jason Engleman, Teacher Leaders Bill Allen, Stephanie Baker, Krista Sprock, and Central Lyon Education Association Co-Presidents Kelli Docker and Kristi Wright.

The Board reviewed student achievement data, as well as data from a staff survey on the effects of the 2020 school shutdown on student achievement:

- Staff Survey presented by Mr. Allen.
- Iowa School Performance Profile presented by Mr. Jorth.
- Graduation Rate & Post-Secondary Enrollment presented by Mr. Jorth.
- Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Performance (ISASP) presented by Mr. Jorth.
- FAST: Literacy & Math presented by Mr. Harman, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Sprock.
- ACT presented by Mr. Engleman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.