

CENTRAL LYON BOARD MINUTES
January 13, 2014

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 Judy Gacke, and Directors David Jans, Scott Postma, and Chet DeJong, and Superintendent Dave Ackerman and Board Secretary Jackie Wells. Other individuals present were EL/MS Principal Dan Kruse, Stephanie Baker, Emily Deutsch, Tammy Hoppe, Marcus Ditsworth, Tana Meyer, Jaci Van Veldhuizen, Jason Engleman and Jessica Jensen.

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

Gacke moved to approve the agenda with an additional item under Personnel and an additional list of bills; Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

Jans moved to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2013 regular meeting and Postma seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve the financial report through 12/31/13; DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

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

In recognition, the Steen Reformed Church, United Methodist Church and Van Zee Enterprises were recognized for their donations to the district for the students of Central Lyon. Lisa and Terry Dieren were recognized for their donation to the district with a matching donation from Frontier Bank. Congregational United Church of Christ Mayflower Guild, United Methodist Church and Kiwanis Club were thanked for their donations to the Backpack Program. Chris Wright was recognized for being selected to serve as an AP Reader at this year's annual AP Reading by the College Board's Advanced Placement Program AP and Educational Testing Service. Dan Kruse was recognized for being named Northwestern College Alumni Coach of the Year. FFA members and advisor Dwayne Postma were recognized for a successful crop show.

In reports, HS Principal/Superintendent David Ackerman informed the board that sports facilities and capital outlay recommendations will be forthcoming for specific sport improvements. Mr. Ackerman reviewed a letter from Holy Name Catholic Church with board members and asked for guidance in response. Mr. Ackerman will meet with Holy Name representatives to continue land acquisition negotiations. Mr. Ackerman asked for board support in retaining a grant writer to pursue multiple grant opportunities for security updates, capital improvements and Teacher Leadership Compensation. The TLC grant is estimated at \$310 per student and will be approved from the state over the course of 3 waves over 3 years to all districts in Iowa who apply. Central Lyon would look to utilize TLC dollars for implementation of but not limited to lead teachers, curriculum coordinators, technology integrationists and other supplemental contracts. Mr. Ackerman informed the board that the architect will make drawings available by early spring so that bids can be obtained in late spring/early summer for approved capital improvements and reconstruction.

Tammy Hoppe presented information on a potential mural project for an outdoor classroom project. She asked for board support to obtain an Iowa Artisan Residency to assist in sketching the project for students to paint this spring. The board suggested she research grant opportunities and provide an update at the next board meeting.

In Old Business, casino funds were discussed. No action was taken.

In New Business, future staffing needs of the district were discussed. The district was made aware of possible openings due to district need, early retirement requests and the voluntary transfer language from Master Contract. Due to the complexity of the situation, multiple rounds of transfer requests may be available and accepted. Advertisement for qualified replacements will also take place with recommendations to fill vacancies brought to the board for approval in late spring.

Business Manager Jackie Wells presented last year's Audit Report completed by East, VanderWoude, Grant & Co., PC. No weaknesses, deficiencies or areas of non-compliance were noted, but the board asked for clarification of cash balances in relation to increases of revenues over expenditures. A written explanation will be provided by the next regular board meeting. DeJong moved to approve the FY13 Audit Report and Financial Statements; Jans seconded, carried 5-0.

Gacke moved to approve a resolution to support Sanford Health and Lyon County Health Services in an application grant to distribute flu shots to students. Postma seconded, carried 5-0.

In personnel, Jans moved to approve the early retirement requests, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year from the following: Angie Keizer, Nancy DeJongh, Lila Kennedy, Patricia Verrips, and Joleen Metzger. DeJong seconded, carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 10, 2014 in the Central Lyon board room.

DeJong moved to adjourn at 8:43 P.M. and Postma seconded, carried 5-0.