

**C.S. Lewis Academy  
Governing Board Meeting  
November 12, 2008  
7:30 P.M.**

**I. Special Session – Policy Governance Meeting**

**II. Introduction**

- a. Welcome 7:35 pm

Present: Board Members – Tracy Roberts (conducting), Lauren Ploeger, Gwen Heath, Lena Barney, Karen Monsen, Reba Vest, Principal – Jason Finch, Business Manager – Brynn Janke, Sheila Watkins

- b. Approval of minutes – postponed pending minutes being submitted

**III. Open Forum**

**IV. Report from Principal**

- a. General Status

Completed CUSAP, IEPs completed before Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

- b. Report on leveled reading & math

Movement within classes up & down for leveled math & reading due to keeping needs in the forefront. More movement in math than in reading, students gaining confidence. All teachers, specialists are teaching leveled classes. Parents helping with math to help move kids up. PTO working to find more volunteers. Discussion: how will we determine if a teacher is effective? Teachers stay at the same level and kids are moved up & down. Teachers are providing class plans. If a certain level isn't performing we can look at the reasons.

- c. CUSAP approval – 3 documents submitted – Motion to approve by Reba, seconded by Gwen, unanimous vote

Motion to move item 6A up on the agenda by Lauren, seconded by Reba

**V. Combining am & pm Kindergarten/Reinstating PE –**

we have 28 am/pm students enrolled in kindergarten which makes this no longer possible.

**VI. Report from Business Manager**

- a. 401K Retirement Plan Changes

Report from Renee Tribe on benefits of going through the John Hancock (currently through the Hartford), providing better education to participants, details, wrap it to the school year instead of calendar year. Discussion: Tracy – concerns about pulling from one plan to another now when values are low. Renee responded that it would be a wash since you're buying low; Time frame would be to switch at the beginning of the year. Decision tabled until next meeting.

- b. Budget Update

No numbers received from state yet – were expected November 1<sup>st</sup>. Locally raised revenues higher than budgeted, Federal Implement grant came in higher than budgeted, worked out with Scott to get rental concessions. After legislative session we may need to renegotiate.

- c. Lunch Program Update

Chef Anthony Stephens is out of business, PTO is checking into options like offering pizza day similar to last year. Hogi Yogi meets federally funded guidelines. We will hold on anything federally funded until next school year.

d. Other

Sidewalk won't be put in since there will be no continuation of the sidewalk – at a later date when other sidewalks are in place along the road, we will need to put it in. Landscape is moving forward. Discussion: What will we do about the low point where the “pond” is forming?

**VII. Change in Board Meeting day/time** – motion to discuss by Gwen, seconded by Reba  
Decision tabled until December meeting so members can determine personal schedules and what might work.

**VIII. Other**

- a. Choice Magazine – we have \$1,700 left in our advertising budget. The cost for Choice Magazine would be \$1,500 for a cover plus story; 3 months columns for \$1,500 or a cover story in July? Discussion: We need to determine advertising strategy by the end of the year in order to implement and make decisions on where to spend advertising funds.
- b. Chances of a Waiver for 9<sup>th</sup> grade? Discussion: When do we ask – we were denied mainly on a lack of test scores. We will have scantron pre, mid & post year scores, IOWA scores in December. Decision: We wait until we have more test scores before going before the state to ask for 9<sup>th</sup> grade with no increase in students.

**IX. Executive Session** – 9:30pm – 10:15pm. Motion by Gwen, seconded by Reba, unanimous vote.

**X. Adjourn – 10:16pm** – Motioned by Reba, seconded by Lauren, unanimous vote.