

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 14, 2017

President Jason Thomas opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Karin Atkins, Mike Beard, Jamie Farrell, Andy Killian, Andrea McBurney, Chris Olson, and Jason Thomas. Also present were Dwight Stricklin; Superintendent/ High School Principal, Paul Deters; Elementary/ Junior High Principal, and Patti Thomas recording secretary. There were two visitors present.

There was no public participation.

Karin Atkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the July 20, 2017, Regular Board Meeting
- B.) Minutes from the August 2, 2017, Special Board Meeting
- C.) Lexington August 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in July, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for July, 2017.
- D.) District Finances: July 31, 2017, Treasurer's Report.
- E.) Set September 21<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. as hearing for the FY 2018 Budget

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

Atkins	- yes	Mc Burney	- yes
Beard	- yes	Olson	- yes
Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/ High School Principal Dwight Stricklin reported on the following:

- Legislators are scheduled to meet in an effort to either overturn the governor's veto or begin working on a new education budget. The Senate voted to override the governor and the House will be meeting on Wednesday. Schools did not receive their first state aid payment on August 10<sup>th</sup> and I do not expect to receive any money from the state anytime soon. Again, the good news for us is that we do not have to worry as much as other districts. We will eventually receive state money but we have the reserves to last the entire year. Hopefully there will be some resolution by the September board meeting so I can have a semi-accurate budget to present to the board.
- We are having Teachers Institutes on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with the open house beginning at 5:30 on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The building looks great for the start of the school year. The playground area has been resealed and new mulch put down. The old boys locker room remodel will be completed soon. We are done with our portion and are waiting for the carpet and tile to be installed. When the carpet is completed then the custodians will finish installing the bathroom stall area. This will be a great work space. The trees we planted around the trash dumpster area are looking pretty good however two of the trees have died. We're looking into finding replacements for them without spending too much money. I hope everyone is excited to start a new year.

- Our enrollment to begin the school year is up from last year. We will be starting with 508 students for the district. We ended last school year with 491 students so we are happy that we are finally back over 500. We had two families that have moved out of the district who took seven students so we could have been closer to 514. In addition to increasing our number of students, it is also encouraging that houses are selling at a fast pace in Lexington. All of this is great news.
- Sports numbers for the fall seasons:
  - Football Cheerleaders: 8
  - Football: 15
  - Volleyball: 28
  - Golf: 1
  - Swimming: 2
- Upcoming Dates:
  - Teacher's Institutes- August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Open House- August 14<sup>th</sup>
  - First Day of School- August 16<sup>th</sup>

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Enrollment Beginning 2017-18 School Year
  - Pre-K- 8<sup>th</sup> Enrollment 365
    - Preschool: 15
    - Kindergarten: 41
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 36
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 36
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 32
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 41
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 50
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 36
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 42
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 32
  - Beginning Enrollment for PreK-8 last school year was 340
- Athletics:
  - Junior High Baseball: They currently have 26 players, consisting of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. As of now there are 3 "B" games set up and extra innings after each contest in which other teams are willing to play.
  - Junior High Softball: They currently have 15 players, consisting of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. As of now there are no "B" games set up as many of the younger players are playing in the regular contests. There are extra innings after each contest in which the other team is willing to play.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - Aug 16<sup>th</sup>: First Day of School
  - Aug 17<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Orientation
  - Aug 21<sup>st</sup>: Eclipse
  - Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>: First Day of Preschool

- Aug 29<sup>th</sup>: New Student Breakfast
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup>: Purple Pride Assembly 1:00 p.m.
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup>: Curriculum Night 5:30 p.m.
- Congratulations to Riley Palmer for being chosen as essay winner from the Scholastic Magazine program called “Storyworks” during the 2016-17 school year.
- This year we will be implementing the new K-8<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum and a new JH science curriculum.

Chris Olson moved to approve a new junior high wrestling coop with Ridgeview for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:  
Motion carried.

Andrea McBurney moved to approve a new high school wrestling coop with Ridgeview for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:  
Motion carried.

Andy Killian motion to approve moving Kelley Kinsella from 3/8 time to full time beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Olson	- yes
Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
McBurney	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins move to approve the district’s property/casualty/liability insurance renewal with Selective Insurance with a .1% increase. Seconded by Chris Olson.

Roll call vote:

Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
McBurney	- yes	Beard	- yes
Olson	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously

Mike Beard move to approve hiring Corey Brown as a Paraprofessional beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
McBurney	- yes	Beard	- yes
Olson	- yes	Farrell	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney motion to approve moving Emma Long from step 7 to step 9 on the pay scale. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

McBurney	- yes	Beard	- yes
Olson	- yes	Farrell	- yes
Thomas	- yes	Killian	- yes
Atkins	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Andrea McBurney, Secretary