

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Special & Regular Board Meeting  
December 19, 2017

President Jason Thomas called the special meeting to order in the district office 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/ HS Principal, Paul Deters, Elementary/ JH Principal, and Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There were twelve visitors present.

There was no public participation.

Superintendent Stricklin reviewed the Truth in Taxation on the 2017 Tax Levy.

Karin Atkins moved to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Seconded by Chris Olson  
Motion Carried

President Jason Thomas opened the regular meeting at 7:03 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/JH School Principal, Patti Thomas recording secretary; and twelve visitors.

During public participation Tommy Kinsella addressed the board on his concerns with the wind farm encroaching within the mile and a half city setback. He believes the wind farm will affect city growth and therefore negatively impact the school's growth.

Randy Jacobs also addressed the board with a question on what the school wished to accomplish by passing the resolution vowing support for the wind farm development within the city setback.

Jim Alexander addressed the board on his concerns as well with the wind farm development within the city setback. He believes the wind farm will decrease the city's future growth and therefore decrease the value of homes already existing. He also believes the school will benefit enough from the turbines outside the city's setback that we don't need the additional 18 turbines within the city's setback.

Chris Olson moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the November 14, 2017 Regular and Closed Session Board Meetings
- B.) Lexington's December 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in November, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for November, 2017.
- C.) District Finances: November 30, 2017, Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Accept the letter of resignation of Mike Keagle as JV Baseball Coach and Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach.
- E.) Approve Policy Updates 2:220-E3; 2:260; 6:80; 6:210; 8:70

Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/ HS Principal, Dwight Stricklin, reported on the following:

- We received a lot of compliments for our hosting of the Girls 1A 8<sup>th</sup> Grade State Basketball Tournament. Mrs. Strating did a fantastic job of organizing the tournament.
- Upcoming Events/ Dates
  - December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>- High School Semester Exams
  - December 21<sup>st</sup>- January 3<sup>rd</sup>- Christmas Break
- Enrollment as of 12/19/17
  - 9<sup>th</sup>- 37
  - 10<sup>th</sup>- 31
  - 11<sup>th</sup>- 29
  - 12<sup>th</sup>- 42

**Total 139    Total District 508    End of last school year 491**

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 8<sup>th</sup> Enrollment 367
  - Preschool: 21
  - Kindergarten: 40
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 36
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 37
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 31
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 41
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 48
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 36
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 41
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 34
- Offsite: 2
- The annual holiday music programs took place on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The students, Ms. Hess, and Mr. Bonny all did wonderful jobs and put on entertaining programs.
- Today our elementary students were given a special chance to practice their “manners” at the annual manners luncheon. Students will be encouraged to display their best manners at this event and to carry these manners throughout the rest of the holiday season and beyond. Thank you to the PTO, our cafeteria staff, and Mrs. Kaiser for organizing this wonderful event.

- Junior High Learn Club hosted a locker decoration and “Reindeer Games” this week to share in the holiday spirit.
- Junior High Girls Volleyball has begun. The early numbers are:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 13
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 16
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 13
- Upcoming Dates:
  - December 20<sup>th</sup>: District Breakfast 7:30 am
  - December 20<sup>th</sup>: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
  - January 8<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: Winter Benchmarking
- A few months ago we sent out a survey about what interest there would be in a before school program for kids. The survey was very positive and we had 33 people interested in sending their students to the program when it started. We looked into starting the program when we came back in January but then the actual signup only contracted 3 students so we have put the program on hold until at least the fall.
- A discussion was held on an issue we have been having lately with students who are currently failing multiple classes in the junior high attending extracurricular activities as spectators. Do we need to implement a policy against attending the events until they have passing grades? If not then how can we motivate them to improve their grades?

A discussion was held on the lack of good sportsmanship that is being shown at ballgames and what we can do to improve our fan reputation. The Wind Farm Development was also discussed and the financial advantages it will have on the district including a quick debt reduction plan that would take place because of it. Also, the negative effects that the turbines will have on the community was also discussed.

Andrea McBurney moved to approve the 2017 Tax Levy. Seconded by Andy Killian.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Karin Atkins motion to table the vote on the Resolution in Support of Wind Farm Development until January 18<sup>th</sup> to further research. Seconded by Andrea McBurney.

Roll call vote:

Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
McBurney	- yes	Beard	- no
Olson	- no		

Motion carried.

Andrea McBurney motion to approve a pay rate of \$15.23 per hour for Dave Schneider effective immediately. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson moved to approve the Optional TRS Service Adjustment 99607 and 99608 in the amount of \$2636.20 for Nann Leake. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

No action was taken on the 5- year contract renewal with RK Dixon for copiers.

Mike Beard moved to go into closed session at 8:11 pm to consider information regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of employee. Seconded by Jamie Farrell  
Motion carried.

Mike Beard moved to go into open session at 9:10 pm. Seconded by Andy Killian  
Motion carried.

Andrea McBurney moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Motion carried.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Andrea McBurney, Secretary