

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
February 20, 2018

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 School Principal, Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There were no visitors present.

There was no public participation.

Mike Beard moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the January 18, 2018 Regular Session Board Meetings,
- B.) Minutes from the January 27, 2018 Board Retreat,
- C.) Minutes from the January 27, 2018 State of the District.
- D.) Lexington's February 2018, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in January 2018, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for January 2018.
- E.) District Finances: January 31, 2018, Treasurer's Report.
- F.) Retirement notice from Nann Leake.

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed some financial incentives to attract new bus drivers. We are currently in short supply on drivers and are looking for ways to attract new drivers to the district. The board discussed raising the rate of pay and also adding incentive bonuses to match area school districts.

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

- The Governor gave his budget address last week. He is wanting the school districts to pick up the state's contribution towards TRS. He wants to implement this over a four-year span. For us that would amount to roughly \$54,000 a year for four years, bringing the total of \$216,000. We don't know if it will get passed but it is on the table.
- The girls' basketball team made it to the Sectional Finals. This is the furthest any girls' basketball team has advanced. With the majority of the players being sophomores, we hope to repeat this success. The boys' team lost their regional game last night and have finished their season. Track starts February 21st and we are hoping for the same success as last year.
- Friday, February 16th was a school improvement day and the entire teaching staff went to ISU to listen to a speaker the HOIC sponsored. It was a good motivational speech. As everyone is aware of the school shooting in Florida last week, we will be discussing School security and safety.

- Enrollment as of 1/18/18
 - 9th- 37
 - 10th- 31
 - 11th- 28
 - 12th- 41
 - Offsite: 4

Total 141 Total District 511 End of last school year 491

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 8th Enrollment 370
 - Preschool: 22
 - Kindergarten: 40
 - 1st Grade: 36
 - 2nd Grade: 37
 - 3rd Grade: 32
 - 4th Grade: 42
 - 5th Grade: 48
 - 6th Grade: 36
 - 7th Grade: 41
 - 8th Grade: 34
- Offsite: 2

- PARCC testing preparations are being finalized. We are tentatively looking to run testing April-4th through April 20th.
- The 2016-17 Illinois Science Assessment scores and the 2017 Physical Fitness Assessment scores were presented to the board.
- The 7th grade boys' basketball team finished their season with a trip to the IESA State Tournament and the 8th grade boys' basketball team bowed out during regionals.
- The 7th grade girls took 2nd place in the SVC tourney. The 8th grade girls SVC tourney is coming up this weekend. Regionals will begin next week.
- Junior High regionals are coming up this weekend.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Feb 21st: JH Winter Sports Awards Banquet
 - March 3rd: PTO Winter Carnival
 - March 9th: Fine Arts Festival
 - March 9th: End of 3rd Quarter

The board discussed school safety and what measures we can take to make sure our students are feeling safe in their classroom. A buzzer system was discussed along with other options.

Andrea McBurney moved to approve the 2018-19 school calendar. Seconded by Karin Atkins.

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins motioned to hire Sarah Verdun as high school math/ science teacher beginning with the 2018-19 school year at BS+21 years. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Jamie Farrell motioned to approve the authorization for the architect to solicit bids for kitchen and library repairs. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Killian motioned to hire Kristyna Smith as a Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson motioned to approve the authorization to purchase 180 new chrome books and 4 charging carts up to \$40,000. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard motioned to approve the authorization to seek bids to purchase new furniture for the library. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andrea McBurney motioned to approve the authorization to seek to hire an elementary guidance counselor. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard motioned to approve a five year copier lease agreement with Watts Copy System. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson motioned to go into closed session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Andrea McBurney

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins motioned to go into open session at 9:17 p.m. Seconded by Jamie Farrell.

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary