

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 21, 2016

President Jason Thomas called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Mike Beard, Mike Hawkins, Andrea Hoggins, Bruce Klein, Chris Olson, and Jason Thomas. Also present were: Dwight Stricklin, Superintendent/ High School Principal; Paul Deters, Junior High/Elementary School Principal and Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There was one visitor present.

Mark Ummel addressed the board about Ridgeview's recent vote on the football co-op and how there may be other opportunities for the districts to work together in the future.

Chris Olson moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) December 17, 2015, special session minutes, regular session minutes and closed session minutes.
- B.) Lexington January 21, 2016, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in December 2015, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for December, 2015.
- C.) District Finances: December 31, 2015 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Accept the resignation from Bryn Holevoet as Junior High Boys' Track Coach.
- E.) Approve the board policy updates 2:150; 2:200; 2:260; 4:170; 5:90; 5:100; 6:15; 6:50; 6:60; 6:160; 7:50; 7:100; 7:130; 7:140; 7:290; 7:300; 7:305; 7:340; 8:30.

Seconded by Andrea Hoggins. Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Klein	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Olson	- yes
Hoggins	- yes	Thomas	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Dwight Stricklin reported on the following:

- The Illinois State Superintendent is purposing a plan to shift funds that the school districts are already receiving to the general state aid formula to look like the state is funding general state aid at 100%. It may mean a little more funding for the school districts in the long run, but not as much as it would be if they would leave the money where it is and actually fund the general state aid at 100%.
- The district's finances are on track this year as planned. We are hoping the early tax receipts come in at the same percentage as last year.
- We are hosting a "State of the District Meeting" on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.in the HS gymnasium. The purpose of the meeting is to update all the parents and community members on where we are as a district in regards to academics and our current financial situation. We have posted notice of this meeting in the Lexingtonian, on the school's website along with the school's Facebook page.

HS Principal Dwight Stricklin reported on the following:

- High School Enrollment as of January 21, 2016 is as follows:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade- 32
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade- 45
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade- 35
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade- 31
  - With a total of 143 students including three foreign exchange students.
- Earlier this year I changed the weight of an A+. Previously this weighted every class that a student took; however, after looking at the report cards that went out on January 8<sup>th</sup>, I have adjusted this slightly. By changing every grade level to this new standard, students who were making straight A's actually had their grade point averages drop. After consideration, I have decided to keep sophomores, juniors and seniors on the old system and begin the new system with the current freshman class.
- We currently have six students taking classes through APEX, our alternative school program. One student that dropped out last September is one of the students that are currently enrolled in the program. We also have two seniors taking classes to make sure they get all of their credits so they can graduate on time.
- Our high school competitive cheerleading squad competed in the ICCA state cheerleading competition last Saturday finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place. They were hoping to finish in the top five but to win the championship was a wonderful accomplishment.

Junior High/ Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Enrollment figures; totals are as follows: Pre-K-13, Kindergarten-34, 1<sup>st</sup> grade-27, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-39, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-44, 4<sup>th</sup> grade-32, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 39, 6<sup>th</sup> grade-32 7<sup>th</sup> grade-35, 8<sup>th</sup> grade- 35.  
Currently: 330.
- Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team for winning the IESA Class 1A State Championship!! The girls were honored at the McLean County board meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The girls will also be honored at the IHSA Girls Basketball State Tournament on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The PARCC Assessment window has been set for March 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. We are moving up the testing window to allow our students to finish the assessment prior to spring break this year, in hopes of better effort and improve overall scores.
- After reviewing all junior high students' grades from the first semester, currently all of our students are on track to be promoted to the next grade level.
- Congratulations to our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their teachers, who wrote to the Lexington City Council earlier this year in regards to the district losing its recycling dumpster. Through a combination of our students and the efforts from the City Council, our school will be receiving a recycling dumpster at no cost to the district later this week.

- During our teacher in-service this past Friday, the staff participated in the following workshops:
  - Writing and Implementing Student Learner Objectives (SLO's)
  - Accommodations and Modifications in the Classroom
  - Speaker Jamie Vollmer, The Power of Communication and Public Schools.
- The JH Boys' Basketball regionals start this weekend.
- The JH Girls' Volleyball has started with the following number participating:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade-16
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade-13
- Upcoming Dates
  - Jan 28<sup>th</sup>- Purple Pride Assembly 12:50 p.m.
  - Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterms.

A discussion was held about the 2016-2017 school calendar options.

Bruce Klein moved to employ Rob Haslett as the high school assistant track coach beginning with the 2016 season. Seconded by Chris Olson.

Hawkins	- yes	Olson	- yes
Hoggins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Klein	- yes	Beard	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to employ Kristin Stauter as high school head volleyball coach beginning with the 2016 season. Seconded by Andrea Hoggins.

Hoggins	- yes	Beard	- yes
Klein	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Olson	- yes	Klein	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve the football co-op with Ridgeview High School for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 seasons. Seconded by Andrea Hoggins.

Klein	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Olson	- yes	Klein	- yes
Beard	- yes	Hoggins	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve the four recent FOIA requests that the school district has recently honored. Seconded by Mike Beard.

Olson	- yes	Klein	- yes
Beard	- yes	Hoggins	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Klein	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to approve our formal request to the Lexington City Council in the amount \$90,000 of donated funds. Seconded by Chris Olson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss collective negotiation matters between the district and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, along with the superintendent evaluation. Seconded by Chris Olson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to go into open session at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Chris Olson

Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Chris Olson.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Michael F. Hawkins, Secretary