

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

Vice President Chris Olson called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Karin Atkins, Mike Beard, Mike Hawkins, Chris Olson, and Andy Schuler. Also present were: Dwight Stricklin, Superintendent/ High School Principal; Paul Deters, Junior High/ High School Principal and Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There was one visitors present.

There was no public participation.

Andy Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the June 30, 2016 Special Board Meeting Public Hearing on Transfer of Life Safety to O & M
- B.) Minutes from the June 30, 2016 Special Board Meeting Public Hearing on the Amended Budget
- C.) Minutes from the June 30, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.
- D.) Lexington July 2016, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in June, 2016, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for June, 2016.
- E.) District Finances: June 30, 2016 Treasurer's Report.
- F.) The change of the August Board meeting to Monday, August 15th.
- G.) Set Thursday, September 15th, 2016 at 7:00 pm as the hearing for the FY 2017 Budget.

Seconded by Mike Hawkins. Roll call vote:

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| Atkins | - yes | Olson | - yes |
| Beard | - yes | Schuler | - yes |
| Hawkins | - yes | Thomas | - yes |
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Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Stricklin reported on the following:

- We are still waiting on McLean County Glass to install the windows for the elementary wing.
- The bathroom floor project will begin on Monday, August 1st with the removal of the old tiles which test show they contain asbestos. Ideal Environmental will be removing the tiles and a new epoxy floor will be installed later in the week.
- The steps outside the elementary office are scheduled to be replaced next week with new steps that will be up to code along with a handrail.
- Paul Lunsford did a walk through last week for our 10 year Life Safety Plan. He gave the building across the street an A. His initial thoughts are that over the next 10 years, there may be about \$100,000 worth of work to do. There is nothing immediate, just recommendations.

However, there is one item that has to be done now. The visitors' bleachers at the football field needs to have all of the wood replaced and a fence put around the sides and back. After taking with Duane and Dan about this, their fear is that the bleacher are so old and rusted that once we started replacing the wood we would have to start replacing the metal. The cost alone for the wood was going to be around \$1,200. So instead of spending the money for the wood, and then potentially more money on the metal, Duane contacted David Leake about taking them down, removing the concrete and filling the holes in with rock. This cost is around \$800-\$1,000. We will move the two bleachers from the baseball field to the football field during the season.

- PARCC testing will not be given next year at the high school level. All juniors will take the SAT. Grades 3-8 will still be required to take the PARCC in language arts and math, along with a science assessment in grades 5th, 8th, and high school biology.

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- The final Cafeteria report for 2015-16 school year was presented with a profit of approximately \$5,800.
- The food bids and milk bids have been coming in but not in time to be put on the agenda for July so they will be on the August agenda.
- Some minor changes to the Pre-K handbook was presented.

Mike Hawkins moved to employ Kelley Kinsella as part-time special education teacher beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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| Beard | - yes | Olson | - yes |
| Hawkins | - yes | Atkins | - yes |
| Schuler | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins move to employ Stephen Szabo as full-time special education teacher beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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| Hawkins | - yes | Atkins | - yes |
| Olson | - yes | Beard | - yes |
| Schuler | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to employ Denise Jones as bus driver beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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| Olson | - yes | Beard | - yes |
| Schuler | - yes | Hawkins | - yes |
| Atkins | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Schuler moved to employ Jim Groth as bus driver beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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| Schuler | - yes | Hawkins | - yes |
| Atkins | - yes | Olson | - yes |
| Beard | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to employ Cheryl Shelton as bus driver beginning with the 2016-17 school year. . Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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| Atkins | - yes | Olson | - yes |
| Beard | - yes | Schuler | - yes |
| Hawkins | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to employ Ron Ackerman as substitute bus driver beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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| Beard | - yes | Schuler | - yes |
| Hawkins | - yes | Atkins | - yes |
| Olson | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to employ Ron Mann as substitute bus driver beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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| Hawkins | - yes | Atkins | - yes |
| Olson | - yes | Beard | - yes |
| Schuler | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved employ Jim Dooley as substitute bus driver beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Seconded by Karin Atkins.

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| Olson | - yes | Beard | - yes |
| Schuler | - yes | Hawkins | - yes |
| Atkins | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins move employ Darrin Frye as assistant junior high baseball coach. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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| Schuler | - yes | Hawkins | - yes |
| Atkins | - yes | Olson | - yes |
| Beard | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the changes to the district's student handbooks. Seconded by Andy Schuler.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the transfer of the football activity account fund to the Education fund in the amount of \$2,942.81. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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| Atkins | - yes | Olson | - yes |
| Beard | - yes | Schuler | - yes |
| Hawkins | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to approve combining the IHSA activity fund with the Athletic activity fund. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to approve the purchase of a set of chrome books with cart for the elementary. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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| Beard | - yes | Schuler | - yes |
| Hawkins | - yes | Atkins | - yes |
| Olson | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the adjustment of the school bus lease with Midwest transit to change out one full size bus with a bus that includes a wheelchair lift. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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| Hawkins | - yes | Atkins | - yes |
| Olson | - yes | Beard | - yes |
| Schuler | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to approve the authorization for the administration to research and purchase or lease a mini-van to transport special education students. Seconded by Andy Schuler.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the authorization to purchase a new stove and convection oven for the kitchen. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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| Olson | - yes | Beard | - yes |
| Schuler | - yes | Hawkins | - yes |
| Atkins | - yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

The board held a discussion on the softball and track coop with Ridgeview that will be on the agenda in August. The board also discussed the situation with storage issues for past trophies and plaques. They discussed having a silent auction or a community giveaway for the items in the fall. They also discussed recognizing Alex Tanney for his accomplishments in college and advancing into the NFL.

Mike Hawkins moved to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Mike Hawkins, Secretary