

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 16, 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, Mike Hawkins, Andy Killian, Chris Olson, Andy Schuler, 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 seven visitors present.

Kris Peacock addressed the board to speak on behalf of herself and other parents in the district on their disagreement with the administration on the denial of an elementary teacher's request for a yearlong maternity leave. They would like for them to reconsider their decision on the request.

Tim Sennett disagreed with the administration on their reasoning they gave that they would not be able to get as quality of a teacher for a yearlong leave as they would if they hired a new teacher altogether.

Chris Sweet and Julie McArdle both addressed the board and the administration to ask if they would reconsider their decision based upon the how valuable the teacher is to the district.

Andy Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the February 16, 2017 Regular Board Meetings.
- B.) Lexington March 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in February, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for February, 2017.
- C.) District Finances: February 28, 2017 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Approve Tri-County Personnel Matters
  - Resolution for Reduction in Force
- E.) Accept the letter of resignation from Carlie Newton as guidance counselor.
- F.) Accept the letter of resignation from Dan Palmer as custodian.
- G.) Approve the renewal of the IHSA membership.
- H.) Employment of non-tenure staff for 2017-18
  - Kinsella, Kelly- 2<sup>nd</sup> year (part-time)
  - Miller, Emily- 2<sup>nd</sup> year (part-time)
  - Schroeder, Al- 2<sup>nd</sup> year (part-time)
  - Szabo, Stephen- 2<sup>nd</sup> year
  - Drew, Catalina- 3<sup>rd</sup> year (part- time)
  - Haslett, Rob- 3<sup>rd</sup> year
  - Ketelsen, Emily- 3<sup>rd</sup> year
  - Bissey, Christina- 4<sup>th</sup> year
  - Peters, Shannon- 4<sup>th</sup> year
  - Armitage, Mike- 5<sup>th</sup> year
  - Richart, Alyssa- 5<sup>th</sup> year
  - Stauter, Kristin- 5<sup>th</sup> year

Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

Atkins	- yes	Olson	- yes
Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- There still is no movement with the legislators and the governor. I would not expect any action until the summer. So far we are receiving our State Aid on time, but there still has been not been any movement on the categoricals. We did receive last fiscal's year's payment in December, but we have not received any money for FY17. I did receive the final Tax Computation Report. Our rate setting EAV is \$73,563,968. This came in lower than the initial estimate but it is still higher than I anticipated in September. The total EAV, which includes the TIF district, is \$80,247,815.
- After receiving authorization to purchase up to 7,000 gallons from Ken's Oil for next year, I did sign a contract for \$6,500.
- Alex Tanney night was a huge success. It was wonderful to see the gym packed to honor Alex.
- Spring sports have started. The numbers are as follows:
  - Baseball- 21
  - Softball- Lexington 15, Ridgeview-11
  - Track- Lexington 21, Ridgeview- 19
- On April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the basketball team will be hosting donkey basketball as a fundraiser. It should be a lot of fun.
- Upcoming Dates
  - Spring Musical- March 17-19
  - Spring Break- March 27-31
  - SAT Test (Juniors)- April 5
  - Heart Screening- April 21
- Enrollment as of March 16, 2017
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade- 30
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade-30
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade- 43
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade- 37
  - Total HS Enrollment- 140

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrollment as of March 16, 2017
  - Total Enrollment: 355
    - Preschool- 12
    - Kindergarten- 36
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 35
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 32
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 41
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 51
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 35
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 41
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- 32
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- 35
    - Off Site: 5
  
- Another job well done by Ms. Hess, Mr. Bonny, and Ms. Long and all the students who participated at the Fine Arts Festival. The students did a great job showcasing their many talents with their artwork and performances.
- Students and staff participated in our annual “Anti-Bullying Week” during Feb 28- March 3. The YWCA was brought in to work with our students by teaching them skills and strategies on how to stop and prevent bullying, the difference between bullying and being mean, and treated to some special activities such as “Mix-It-Up” at lunch.
- We had 100% of our preschool families meet our newly added requirement of attending at least one family education night. The feedback from these evenings has been very positive from the parents and the staff.
- JH Girls Volleyball teams finished their seasons in the regionals. Both groups made good progress and upset higher ranked teams during the regionals.
- JH Track currently has 57 students that are participating this season.
- We are currently in the process of PARCC testing. Mrs. Newton has done a great job getting things set up and running well.
- The PTO Carnival was a huge success this year with raising approximately \$5,000.
- Tyler Klein has been in touch with Julie Strating about starting a Fellowship of Christian Athletes program with the junior high students.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - March 17<sup>th</sup>- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
  - March 24<sup>th</sup>- FFA Animal Fair
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> - Purple Pride 9:30 am
  - April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>- Developmental Screenings
  - April 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fair
  - April 20<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Orientation 6:00 p.m.

Mike Hawkins moved to hire Kim Yates as part-time kitchen staff. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
Olson	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to hire Grant Miller as custodian. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve Thursday, May 25, 2017 as the Junior High Promotion date and Friday, May 26, 2017 as the High School Graduation date. Seconded by Karin Atkins.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to hire Erica Davis as assistant junior high track coach for the 2017 season. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve an amended contract for Paul Deters beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- yes	Killian	- yes
Atkins	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by Mike Beard. Motion carried unanimously.