

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 18, 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, 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 three visitors present.

Elementary Principal, Paul Deters introduced the two new teacher candidates to the board that are currently on the agenda to be hired beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Chris Olson moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the April 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
- B.) Minutes from the April 26, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- C.) Minutes from the May 1, 2017 Special and Closed Session Meetings.
- D.) Lexington May 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in April, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for April, 2017.
- E.) District Finances: April 30, 2017 Treasurer's Report.
- F.) Accept the letter of resignation from Jill Watt as elementary teacher.
- G.) Accept the letter of resignation from Kristin Swearingen as elementary teacher.
- H.) Approve the prevailing wage resolution.
- I.) Approve moving the June board meeting to June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- J.) Set June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. as the hearing for the FY 2017 amended budget.
- K.) Approve press policy updates 2:100; 3:70; 4:15; 4:130-E; 5:120; 5:230; 5:285; 5:300; 6:70.

Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrollment as of April 20, 2017
  - Total Enrollment: 358
    - Preschool- 13
    - Kindergarten- 36
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 34
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 32
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 42
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 51
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 35
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 41
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- 31
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- 36
    - Off Site: 6

- Congratulations to Ella Wittier for winning the Elementary Spelling Bee!
- A big thank you to Julie Strating, Rita Grunloh, JH Students, HS Students, and our JH & HS staff for another successful Community Service Day! Enough cannot be said about this day.
- We will be installing three new Promethean smart boards in the elementary over the summer. The boards will be placed in our preschool room and two special education rooms. Donations from LEAF, PTO and individuals have offset the entire cost of purchasing and installing these new boards.
- We had several junior high track students earn a trip to the IESA State Track Finals this past weekend. While we did not have any medals, our tracksters performed well on the big stage.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup>- PTO Honor Roll Breakfast. Junior High Awards, Elementary Awards
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Field Day, Amazing Race, Early Dismissal 2:15 p.m.
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.
  - May 26<sup>th</sup> – Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- Paul Deters presented the board with a survey taken recently about the amount of interest the students may have in a wrestling coop with Ridgeview at both the junior high and high school levels.

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

- .There is still 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 do not be surprised if the State pro-rates the last 1-2 payments or does not pay them at all. We have been told that we will receive only one categorical payment for FY'17. Out of the four we should have received I budgeted only three. Each categorical generates \$56,822. So in the education fund we will receive \$113,644 with the State owing us a total of \$170,466 in the Education fund. In transportation, each payment generates \$36,598. We will receive \$73,196 less from the budget with the State owing a total of \$109,794. The outlook for the remainder of the year: Even with the lack of payments, we are still trending to end the year at \$200,000 in the black in the Education fund, \$30,000-\$35,000 in O & M, and \$5,000-\$7,000 in transportation. We still have 1 ½ months left and I will keep you updated if these numbers change.
- The girls 4x200 relay advanced to the State Finals in track. Boys' sectional is tonight. Girls' softball lost last night in regionals. We competed in 2A this year. We will be close to being 1A next year. Boys' baseball is competing in their regional game tonight.

- Starting June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be running summer hours for the office staff and custodians. Hours will be Monday thru Thursday, 6:00am – 4:00pm.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - May 19<sup>th</sup>- Senior Awards
  - May 19<sup>th</sup>- Senior’s Last Day of School
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Senior Trip Six Flags in Chicago
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>- Semester Exams
  - May 24<sup>th</sup>- Teacher’s Institute
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.
  - May 26<sup>th</sup>- HS Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- Enrollment:
  - 9<sup>th</sup>- 29
  - 10<sup>th</sup>- 28
  - 11<sup>th</sup>- 43
  - 12<sup>th</sup>- 37
  - Total 137

The board discussed whether or not to allow the seniors to decorate their graduation caps for the ceremony. At this time the board agreed to keep it a formal event by not decorating caps. A new club request for the high school was also discussed.

Karin Atkins moved to go into closed session at 7:31p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of a specific employee. Seconded by Andrea McBurney.

Motion carried unanimously

Mike Beard moved to go into open session at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Chris Olson.

Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson moved to hire Emma Havrilka as elementary teacher beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to hire Ashley Bolin as elementary teacher beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to renew the competitive cheer coop with Ridgeview for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to table the rehiring of coaches for the 2017-18 school year until June to check over the contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve the new K-6<sup>th</sup> grade math series. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to approve a 2 year lease renewal with Midwest Transit Equipment for our white activity bus #1. The current lease is scheduled to run out in July.

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

Thomas	- yes	Killian	- yes
Atkins	- yes	McBrney	- yes
Beard	- yes	Olson	- yes

Motion carried unanimously.

The board appointed new committee members. They are as follows:

Personnel Committee-

- Chris Olson
- Jason Thomas

Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee-

- Mike Beard
- Andy Killian

Finance Committee

- Chris Olson

Technology Committee

- Jamie Farell
- Andy Killian

Mike Beard moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Chris Olson. Motion carried unanimously.