

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting
October 15, 2015

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, Andy Schuler 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.

No Public Participation.

Andy Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) September 17, 2015, regular and special session minutes.
- B.) Lexington October 15, 2015, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in September 2015, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for September, 2015.
- C.) District Finances: September 30, 2015 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Accept the letter of resignation from Alyssa Doyle as High School softball Coach.
- E.) Accept the letter of resignation from Emma Long as 8th grade girls' basketball coach.
- F.) Approve board policy updates 2:160; 2:160-E; 2:260; 4:50; 5:50; with both options; 5:170; 5:270; 5:290; 6:140; 7:10; 7:140;7:310; 7:325 option B; 8:10 option 1 and 2; 8:80.
- G.) Approve Paul Deters as voting representative for Lexington at Tri-County meetings.

Seconded by Andrea Hoggins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Stricklin reported on the following:

- Our ten year life safety plan expired in 2013. I will be working with Russell Francois, the district's architect, on a new plan that will include everything possible so we will not have to do any future amendments.
- There is nothing new to report from the state. Madigan and Rauner are not budging on anything. I do not expect the State budget till next year.
- So far, we are on schedule with our expenses. My only concern going forward is the transportation fund. There will be some options we will need to look at that I will bring to the board later in the school year.

Junior High/High School Principal, Stricklin, reported on the following

- High School enrollment as of October 15, 2015 is as follows:
 - 9th grade- 36
 - 10th grade- 46
 - 11th grade- 36
 - 12th grade- 31
 - With a total enrollment of 146 including three foreign exchange students.
- Congratulations to Ms. Newbold for securing a \$1,000 IEA Score Grant!! Ms. Newbold plans to use the funds to help with the Backpack Program. The Backpack Program is designed to help students who need food on the weekends. She has sixteen families utilizing the program. This is a great program because even in a small community like Lexington, children go hungry.
- I met with the leadership team on teacher institute day and we are working on a high school improvement plan. I hope to have it ready for our next board meeting.

Elementary Principal, Paul Deters, reported on the following:

- Elementary/ Junior High enrollment as of October 15, 2015 are as follows:
 - Preschool-13
 - Kindergarten- 37
 - 1st Grade- 28
 - 2nd Grade- 40
 - 3rd Grade- 44
 - 4th Grade- 32
 - 5th Grade- 39
 - 6th Grade- 34
 - 7th Grade- 35
 - 8th Grade- 37
 - With a total enrollment of 338
- We had another great turnout for our recent parent/teacher conferences. Staff are on track to have contacted 100% of our families by the end of the first quarter.
- At our recent teacher in-service, our staff worked on learning how to analyze data from MAP assessments, writing SLO's for student growth performance, and working towards goals on our student improvement plans.
- Ms. Bissey's horticultural class is taking on a project of redoing the landscaping on the east side of the elementary school. The class is involved in the planning, budgeting, and labor involved with trying to improve the aesthetic look on the east side of our campus.
- Congratulations to Ms. Long securing a \$1,000 IEA Score Grant!! Ms. Long plans to use the funds to create a Visual Library.
- The junior high baseball team advanced to the Regional Championship. They finished the season at 10-9.

- The 8th grade girls’ basketball team won the Lexington Tip-Off Tourney.
- The junior high boys’ basketball parent meeting was held Tuesday night. Practice begins next week. Early numbers are as follows: 8th -12, 7th- 6, 6th-8.
- The booster club has agreed to replace the Sangamon Valley Conference Pennants on the east wall of the small gym with some new vinyl banners. With some of the recent changes in the conference, we felt it was a good time to make this change.
- The cafeteria has had some major appliances go down in the past few weeks. We have had to replace one of our large chest freezers and one of our main refrigerators.
 - End of 1st Quarter, Fall Festival- October 16th
 - Red Ribbon Week- Oct 26th-30st
 - Purple Pride Assembly- October 30th @ 2:30 p.m.
 - Kindergarten Be-A-Star Program- November 6th

Chris Olson moved to employ Nelle Stover as elementary paraprofessional. Seconded by Mike Hawkins Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to employ Mike Keagle as the junior high girls’ basketball assistant coach beginning with the 2015 season. Seconded by Andrea Hoggins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved increase Catalina Drew’s teaching time 1/8 of a school day. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The board decided to table the decision on naming the baseball field until further notice.

A discussion was held about the Heartland dual credit courses. Heartland has had a grant that has paid for the instructor(s) coming to our school district to teach these courses. Beginning next school year, the grant will no longer be available. We recommend continuing to offer the classes, but the students will have to pick up the costs involved. Currently, the courses instructors cost around \$9,000 per year. The board also held a discussion on whether or not to discontinue paying for the senior class's cap and gowns for graduation along with their senior yearbooks that have been purchased by the board in the past. Those funds could help offset some expenses for the Heartland courses.

Andy Schuler moved to go into closed session at 8:03 p.m. to consider information regarding the possible appointment, employment, or dismissal of a specific employee. Seconded by Mike Beard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to go into open session at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Mike Beard
Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Schuler moved to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Seconded by Chris Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Michael F. Hawkins, Secretary