

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 19, 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; and two visitors.

There was no public participation.

Robin Yockey, from Mose, Yockey, Brown and Kull LLC, presented the annual audit for fiscal year 2017 to the Board, explaining the various sections of the report. The district received a financial recognition rating again this year.

Mike Beard moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the September 21, 2017 Special and Regular Board Meetings
- B.) Lexington's October 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in September, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for September, 2017.
- C.) District Finances: September 30, 2017, Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/ HS Principal, Dwight Stricklin, reported on the following:

- Financially everything is going well so far. The EAV is expected to have a 5% increase this year. The budget approved for this year was based on a 0% increase so as of right now I feel confident that our Education Fund surplus for the year will be around \$400,000.
- The building updates are going well. The hallway between the old boys locker room and the old gym is finished. It looks great! Dave and Grant still have some work to finish the old locker room, but that should be finished soon. I have only received one bid for the work on the junior high locker room bathroom. That bid came in and was double what I was expecting. A representative from the IESA will be here next Wednesday to look at our facility and I will ask him how much of an issue it would be to not have a bathroom in the locker room.
- This week I spoke with Guy Gradert from Ridgeveiw about the sports co-ops and how we can possibly host the football program in the future.
- Girls volleyball is competing in the HOIC tournament this week. We are the #4 seed and play tonight. Regionals are set to begin next week in Danville and we have a good possibility of winning it.
- Tomorrow is senior night for football. The game is here in Lexington so come out if you are available.

- Upcoming Events/ Dates
  - Oct 20th- Senior Night for Football
  - Nov 10<sup>th</sup>- Veteran's Day Program
  - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Break -NO SCHOOL
  
- Enrollment as of 10/19/17
  - 9<sup>th</sup>- 36
  - 10<sup>th</sup>- 31
  - 11<sup>th</sup>- 29
  - 12<sup>th</sup>- 42

**Total 138    Total District 508    End of last school year 491**

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 8<sup>th</sup> Enrollment 370
  - Preschool: 19
  - Kindergarten: 41
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 36
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 38
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 32
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 41
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 50
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 36
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 41
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 33
- Offsite: 3
- Junior High Boys Basketball began practice this week. The early number are as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 12, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- 20, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- 10.
- At our recent teacher in-service, staff took part in a Trauma Based Training and the effect of trauma on young children. Staff also took part in desegregating MAP data and looking at possible options for a new ELA curriculum for next year.
- Last night we hosted the second one of our Preschool Parent Nights. The topic was "Choosy Eaters". A speaker from the University of Illinois extension office came out to speak to the parents about how to navigate the battles with feeding young children as well as working with parents about the nutritional needs of young developing children. We had 10 families participate.
- Plans are underway on hosting the Veteran's Day ceremony for our community as well as incorporating other events with our local Veterans and their families. The ceremony will be occurring on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. More details will be on our website and in the Lexingtonian very soon.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - Oct 20<sup>th</sup>- Fall Festival 1:00 pm
  - Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>- Red Ribbon Week/ Learn Club Week
  - Oct 26<sup>th</sup>- Purple Pride Assembly 2:00 pm
  - Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>- Be-A-Star (Kindergarten Family Reading Event) 1:00 pm
  - Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>-Jr. High Learn Club Dance 7:00 pm.

A discussion was held on whether or not teachers should have keys to the schools' offices.

Karin Atkins motioned to approve January 27, 2018 at 8:00 am as the time and date for the annual school board retreat. Seconded by Andrea McBurney.  
Motion carried.

Andrea McBurney motioned to approve January 27, 2018 at 1:00 pm as the time and date for the annual State-of-the-District meeting. Seconded by Chris Olson.  
Motion carried.

Mike Beard motioned to approve the fiscal year 2017 audit report as presented.  
Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson motioned to approve the changes to the Athletic Handbook regarding the transportation policy. Seconded by Andrea McBurney.  
Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson moved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Seconded by Andy Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Andrea McBurney, Secretary