

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 15, 2016

President Jason Thomas opened the budget hearing 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; and seven visitors.

Superintendent Stricklin reviewed the proposed budget.

Mike Hawkins moved to close the budget hearing at 7:03. Seconded by Chris Olson Motion carries.

President Jason Thomas called the regular meeting to order in the district office at 7:03 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, Junior High/ High School Principal and Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There were seven visitors present.

Michelle Hayes, one of our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers, along with two former students from last school year addressed the Board about their new reading enrichment program. This program focuses on the students learning about different topics written about in a Scholastic Magazine called "Storyworks". After the students spend a month going over the magazine and all its topics, the students then enter a contest at the end of the month by submitting an essay about one of the topics. Students from all over the United States enter into the contest. Last year we had two students from Lexington chosen as monthly winners. Congratulations to Hayden Sennett and Hayley Barnard for being chosen as essay winners during the 2015-16 school year.

Andy Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the August 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.
- B.) Lexington September 2016, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in August, 2016, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for August, 2016.
- C.) District Finances: August 31, 2016 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Approve the Application for Recognition of Schools with ISBE.
- E.) Approve the Risk Management Plan
- F.) Approve the Administrator/ Teacher Salary and Benefits Report.

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 Stricklin reported on the following:

- McLean County Glass is tentatively scheduled to install the new windows for the elementary wing on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- We had a couple of hiccups on the first day of school with the transportation, but these were corrected and since then the transportation has been going very smoothly.
- The auditors have spent the last week going over last fiscal year's books. Robin will be here on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October to present the audit and the financial score for the fiscal year.
- We have had our first of three fire drills on August 31<sup>st</sup>. We have also completed our mandatory bus evacuation drill on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- On September 7<sup>th</sup> I was able to take nine high school students to a student leadership/HOIC sportsmanship workshop in Washington. The workshop was sponsored by Jostens. The message essentially was to be a good person. The speaker was fantastic and I know our students have taken this message and are incorporating it back here at school.
- I am in the process of developing a new program called ACES (Adults Choosing Educational Success.) This program is designed to help adults obtain a diploma. More information will be coming in the near future.
  
- Enrollment as of September 15, 2016
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 31
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 30
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 45
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 35

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrollment as of August 15, 2016
  - Preschool- 11
  - Kindergarten- 38
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 33
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 33
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 41
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 48
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 34
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 40
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- 32
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- 34
  - Off Site: 3

- Fall benchmarking is complete. This year we have begun to use MAP testing with our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders as well. This will provide longitudinal data platform for our students in grades 1-11.
- Athletics,
  - Junior High Baseball: Final record 5-12. Lost in 1<sup>st</sup> round of Regionals.
  - Junior High Softball: Final record 3-9. Lost in 1<sup>st</sup> round of Regionals.
  - Junior High Girls Basketball: Season starts next week. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 3, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- 9, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- 7
- The cafeteria scored a 97% on our recent health inspection.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - Sept. 23- ELE Wildlife Assembly 8:30 am & 9:30 am
  - Sept. 27- Family Night “Love and Logic” 6:00 pm
  - Sept. 28- JH Fall Athletic Awards 6:30 pm
  - Sept. 29- Purple Pride Assembly 2:00 pm
  - Sept. 30- Homecoming Parade 2:00 pm
  - Oct. 4/6- Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Mike Hawkins moved to go into closed session at 7:55 to consider information regarding appointment, employment, or Dismissal of a specific employee. Seconded by Chris Olson.

Motion carried.

Mike Hawkins move to go into open session at 8:35. Seconded by Chris Olson.

Motion carried.

Chris Olson moved approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposed Budget. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to hire Stephen Szabo as Junior High Basketball coach. Seconded by Mike Hawkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to hire Julie Hardt for Amy Burcenski's maternity leave. .  
Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins made the motion to approve moving the October board meeting to Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Andy Killian.

Motion carried.

Mike Hawkins authorized the administration to hire new paraprofessionals as needed.  
Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve changing Nelle Stover from a part time paraprofessional to full time. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to adjourn at 8:41. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.