

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting  
September 17, 2015

President Jason Thomas opened the budget hearing 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; Elementary/Junior High School Principal, Patti Thomas recording secretary; and three visitors.

Superintendent Stricklin reviewed the projected budget

Andy Schuler moved to close the budget hearing at 7:05. Seconded by Chris Olson  
Motion carries.

President Jason Thomas called the regular meeting to order in the district library at 7:05 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, Elementary/ Junior High School Principal, and Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There were three visitors present including, Robin Yockey, CPA, the District's Auditor.

Chad McCue and Christina Clark representing the Count-Me-In Campaign presented the school district with the check in the amount of \$5639.00 which was raised from the 50/50 fundraiser that took place during the months of July and August.

Robin presented the fiscal year 2015 Annual Audit to the Board, explaining the various sections of the report.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) August 17, 2015, regular session minutes.
- B.) Lexington September 17, 2015, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in August 2015, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for August, 2015.
- C.) District Finances: August 31, 2015 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Approve Applications for Recognition of Schools with ISBE.
- E.) Approve the Risk Management Plan
- F.) Approve Administrator/ Teacher Salary & Benefit Report.

Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Stricklin reported on the following:

- The preliminary results from the state level achievement tests were presented. They are low as what was expected by the state.
- Joe Roan from Doors Unlimited was here today to fix the exterior door to the boy's locker room.
- I did meet with Brent Appell from the Illinois State Board of Education, on Monday. Since our financial score was early warning last fiscal year, I will have to submit quarterly reports to the ISBE on our cash flow.

HS Principal Stricklin reported on the following:

- The high school enrollment is down just a bit from last month. There are a total of 146 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled including three foreign exchange students.

Elementary/ Junior High Principal Paul Deters reported on the following items:

- Fall enrollment numbers are as follows: Pre-K-12, Kindergarten-36, 1<sup>st</sup> grade-28, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-40, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-44, 4<sup>th</sup> grade-33, 5<sup>th</sup> grade-39, 6<sup>th</sup> grade 34, 7<sup>th</sup> grade 36, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 37.
- We conducted our annual Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The teachers provided information to the parents regarding the upcoming year's curriculum, expectations, parent-teacher conferences and questions and answer sessions.
- Fall Benchmarking is nearing completion. All students are assessed during this two week window using different measurements. Our kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> graders are assessed using a national assessment called AIMsweb. Our third-eleventh grade students are being assessed using nationally normed assessment called MAP. By using these consistent forms of assessment three times a year, we are better able to track our students' long term growth in the areas of literacy and math.
- The junior high baseball are playing in the IESA regionals this week.
- The junior high softball season came to a close last week with a regional victory. The first post season victory in many years. Congratulations to the girls and coach Doyle.
- The junior high girls' basketball season is set to begin next week with the Annual Lexington Tip Off Tourney. They currently have 24 players, including 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- We have had a large chest freezer go out in the kitchen and is no longer working. This freezer will need to be replaced.
- Upcoming Dates
  - September 30: Purple Pride Assembly 9:15 a.m.
  - October 2: Homecoming Parade/ Assembly 2:00 p.m.
  - October 6 & 8: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 p.m.
  - October 9: Teacher Inservice.

Chris Olson moved to adopt the Lexington CUSD #7 2015-16 budget. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the FOIA Monitoring Report stating a request from the IEA for specific information. Seconded by Mike Beard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the changes to the Junior High Handbook. Seconded by Andy Schuler.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein moved to approve the changes to the High School Handbook. Seconded by Andrea Hoggins.

Motion carried unanimously.

The board tabled the naming of the baseball field until a later date.

Andy Schuler moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Mike Beard.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Michael F. Hawkins, Secretary