

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 19, 2018

President Jason Thomas opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Karin Atkins, Mike Beard, Jamie Farrell, Andy Killian, Andrea McBurney, Chris Olson, and Jason Thomas. Also present were Dwight Stricklin; Superintendent/ High School Principal, Paul Deters; Elementary/ Junior High Principal, Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There were fifteen visitors present.

Steve Simpson along with nine of his Geology students shared with the board their experience on the recent spring break trip to Big Bend National Park in Texas. They talked about camping at Davis Mountain State park on the way down along with camping at Big Bend. They showed pictures of their hiking trips in the mountains during the week. The total cost to the district for 12 people for the entire week was only \$1,200.

Jamie Farrell moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the March 15, 2018 Regular session board meeting.
- B.) Minutes from the Special and Closed session from the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meetings.
- C.) Lexington's April 2018, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in March 2018, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for March 2018.
- D.) District Finances: March 31, 2018, Treasurer's Report.
- E.) Approve renaming the Golf activity account to Robert Price Memorial Fund and transfer \$786.98 to the Educational Fund.
- F.) Approve transferring \$182.63 from Ag Education activity account to FFA activity account.
- G.) Approve transferring \$18.70 from Peer Pals activity account to FLOATS activity account.
- H.) Approve transferring \$249.38 from Track activity account to the Education Fund.
- I.) Approve the letter of resignation from Dave Schneider as custodian.
- J.) Approve the renewal of the IESA membership.
- K.) Employment of non-tenure staff for 2018-19.
  - Melissa King- 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The State released the amount of "new" money the school districts are to receive from the additional \$300 million appropriated in the budget. Our new amount is \$12,651. The original amount would have been closer to \$15,000; however, after they had to change some language, more money went to Chicago, which lowered every other district in the state.

- Looking ahead at summer projects for the buildings are as follows: Kitchen floor, library carpet, junior high windows, and gym floors. All these projects will be contracted out. Our summer custodial staff will do the normal cleaning and painting.
- Congratulations to Emma and Will White on recently being chosen to attend the Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Luncheon at the Hancock Stadium Club on ISU campus. These students were chosen by their teachers for their outstanding efforts in and out of the classroom.
- Enrollment as of 4/19/18
  - 9<sup>th</sup>- 38
  - 10<sup>th</sup>- 31
  - 11<sup>th</sup>- 29
  - 12<sup>th</sup>- 42

**Total 140 Total District 511 End of last school year 491**

- Upcoming Dates;
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> – Prom
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> – After Prom
  - April 27<sup>th</sup> – Service Day

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reporting on the following:

- Pre-K- 8<sup>th</sup> Enrollment 371
  - Preschool: 22
  - Kindergarten: 40
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 36
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 35 (-1)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 32
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 42
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 48
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 36
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 41
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 35
- Offsite: 4 (+1)
- PARCC testing is complete. Students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment next week.
- Developmental screenings have been completed. We were able to screen 21 students at the community center and 20 students at St. Paul's Preschool. We will host another round of developmental screenings at the school in late August.
- Kindergarten Orientation took place this evening. Parents were able to meet the kindergarten staff, listen to a presentation about our program, and briefly review registration requirements for kindergarten. As of now, we have 30 students signed up to attend next fall.
- The last day of school for our Pre-school and Early Childhood students will be Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Students and their families will celebrate with a small ceremony at 6:00 pm that evening.

- Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Rachel Olson and Addis Coffman, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders Josie Thomas and Riley Palmer on recently being chosen to attend the Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Luncheon at the Hancock Stadium Club on ISU campus. These students were chosen by their teachers for their outstanding efforts in and out of the classroom.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - April 20<sup>st</sup>- Purple Pride 1:15
  - April 27<sup>th</sup>- ELE Spelling Bee 9:00 am
  - April 27<sup>th</sup>- JH/HS School Service Day
  - May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Spring Concert 7:00 pm
  - May 7<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
  - May 15<sup>th</sup>- JH Spring Sports Awards Banquet 5:30 pm

Andrea McBurney made the motion to approve purchasing 2000 gallons of fuel from Ken's Oil for the 2018-19 school year. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The approval of the job responsibilities for the elementary guidance counselor has been tabled until May.

Chris Olson made the motion to hire Wendy Bachman as elementary guidance counselor beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andrea McBurney made the motion to authorize the administration to hire a full-time or part-time custodian(s). Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Deters presented to the board some upcoming changes that are going to be implemented to the junior high schedule for next school year.

Chris Olson moved to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Andrea McBurney, Secretary