

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 18, 2016

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, 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 were two visitors present.

Chad McCue addressed the board on behalf of the fund raising committee to offer any assistance they can with getting the word out in hopes that the community votes yes on the upcoming referendum. He also spoke about the annual raffle they organize and that they plan on starting up the raffle a little earlier in the summer than last year.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) January 21, 2016 regular session minutes and closed session minutes.
- B.) January 30, 2016 special session minutes.
- C.) Lexington February 18, 2016, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in January, 2016, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for January, 2016.
- D.) District Finances:
  - January 31, 2016 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Accept the retirement letter from Lucinda Kraft.

Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Stricklin reported on the following:

- We currently are right on track with the expenditures and revenue based on the budget. The biggest impact on the budget will be what percentage of early tax dollars we actually receive.
- I felt like our State-of-the-District Meeting went well. I have only heard positive feedback from those who attended. My sincere thanks to Mr. Hawkins for his speech. Listening to Mr. Hawkins and his passion for our school and our community was the highlight of the meeting.
- I had spoken with the Student Council earlier this year about making video for school spirit. We were able to tape the video today that involved every student and teacher from pre-k to high school. After it is edited, we will have it available on the website and we will also send it out to all the parents.

- We are currently looking into updating our student database with a new system in both offices. The new system will be more user friendly and less time consuming. We plan on using Title II funds to pay for the new system.

Dwight Stricklin, High School Principal reported on the following

- High School Enrollment
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 32
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 44
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 35
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 31
  - Total 142

Paul Deters, Elementary School Principal reported the following:

- The elementary enrollment number for the end of January are as follows:
  - Total Enrollment 290
    - Preschool: 14 Kindergarten: 34
    - 1st Grade: 29 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 40
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 45 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 32
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 40 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 32
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 35 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 35
- Staff and students participated in an all school lockdown drill last week. We will follow this up with an unannounced drill with law enforcement sometime this spring.
- Preparations are being made to get ourselves ready for the PARCC assessment.
- PTO is selling “We Are Lexington” apparel
- JH Boys basketball ended their seasons in the Regionals
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade ended with a record of 1-19
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade ended with a record of 4-16
  - Both grades levels made a lot of improvements during the season.
- JH Track: currently 28 boys and 34 girls indicated interest in competing this season
- The cafeteria scored a 95% on its most recent health inspection.
- Upcoming Dates
  - February 22-26: Bullying Prevention Week
  - February 26: Fine Arts Night 6:00 p.m.
  - February 29: Purple Pride 1:30 p.m.
  - March 5: Winter Carnival 4:00 pm
  - March 7-18: PARCC Assessment

A discussion was held on updating the old phone systems in the school and how we may be able to update them with no additional cost to the district. More details will be presented at a future board meeting.

Chris Olson moved to approve the proposed school calendar for 2016-17. Seconded by Andrea Hoggins.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein move to authorize the administration to employ a JH Track Coach at their discretion. Seconded by Mike Hawkins.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Klein move to approve the addendum to the negotiated agreement to include an additional twenty five sick days for Lucinda Kraft, of which the Board is expected to turn eleven of these days into Teacher Retirement System when she retires at the end of the 2018-19.

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

Mike Beard moved to go into closed session at 7:37 pm to discuss the collective negotiations with the LEA along with the superintendent evaluation. Seconded by Andrea Hoggins. Roll call vote

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

Motion carried unanimously

Bruce Klein moved to go into open session at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andrea Hoggins moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Mike Beard.  
Motion carried unanimously.