

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
January 18, 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 School Principal, Patti Thomas recording secretary; and thirty one visitors.

Public Participation was as follows:

- Mike Surma addressed the board with questions about how much money the wind farm will generate for the school district and will the state reduce their funding if we receive the money from the turbines. He also questioned if there was any other way of generating the funds without bringing in the wind farm.
- Randy Jacobs addressed the board and asked for the Resolution to be read to see why the board was trying to pass it. He also questions why the change in the wording from the last meeting.
- Matt Standfield addressed the board with a question on why separate the Wind Farm funds with only the city set-back turbine revenue going to pay off existing debt.
- Sara Emberton addressed the board on why the board was committing to the figures before a decision has been made. She also questioned how many times the state has changed its formula in the past 25 years and Sara questioned the board if they had considered the children living near the wind farms and the health effects it could have on them.
- John Mohr addressed the board on why the school board feels the need to be involved with the wind farm project and why to pass the resolution.
- Jim Alexander addressed the board on why the board was using the figure of nine turbines with-in the city set-back and not the eighteen that was previously used.

All questions were answered by the board.

Andrea McBurney moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the December 19, 2017 Regular & Closed Session Board Meetings
- B.) Lexington's January 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in December, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for December, 2017.
- C.) District Finances: December 31, 2017, Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Policy Updates 2:260, 4:15, 4:110, 4:150, 4:170, 5:20, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:220, 5:240, 5:290, 6:50, 6:60, 6:150, 6:300, 6:340, 7:10, 7:15, 7:20, 7:70, 7:180, 7:190, 7:250, 7:260, 7:270, 7:305, 7:340.

Seconded by Jamie Farrell. 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:

- We should find out how much additional dollars we are to receive from the Evidence Based Funding model at the end of March. Projections are on target.
- On January 5th we had our annual Life Safety inspection by the Regional Office of Education. No findings were made in the elementary building. For the junior high/high school building, we have to remove an extension cord and we also need to install a fire detector in the athletic training room. They did comment on how nice our building looks.
- The high school girls' basketball team is playing in the semi-finals of the HOIC/ County Tournament. It has been twenty years since this has happened. We have a really good chance of winning tonight.
- I was hoping to give the 5-essential Illinois survey, but because we are not required to give it this year, our school is not listed. I have to call the ISBE to help get us on the list. If they cannot, then we will give the survey next year.

- Upcoming Events/ Dates
 - January 27th- Board Retreat 8:00 am in the district office
 - January 27th- State of the District 1:00 pm in the gym

- Enrollment as of 1/18/18
 - 9th- 37
 - 10th- 31
 - 11th- 29
 - 12th- 42
 - Offsite: 2

Total 141 Total District 512 End of last school year 491

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 8th Enrollment 369
 - Preschool: 21
 - Kindergarten: 40
 - 1st Grade: 36
 - 2nd Grade: 37
 - 3rd Grade: 32
 - 4th Grade: 42
 - 5th Grade: 48
 - 6th Grade: 36
 - 7th Grade: 41
 - 8th Grade: 34
- Offsite: 2

- Junior High staff continue to meet and collaborate as we explore ways to improve our current system for our students. Today was the 2nd of a series of meetings and discussions on this topic. I hope to be able to share the ideas from these meetings with you soon and implement any possible changes that may stem from these meetings later this spring or next year.
- Our English Language Arts department continues to work on exploring a new curriculum for all levels next year. The staff are engaged in working with Mrs. Strating and textbooks companies to begin the final process of narrowing it down to what is best for our K-5th and 6-12th grade students. We hope to bring a recommendation to the board later this spring.
- Results from the Illinois Science Assessment and the Physical Fitness Assessments are finally available. These are required assessments by the Illinois State Board of Education given to 5th, 7th and 10th graders. I will share those results with the board at our next meeting.
- Junior High Boys' Basketball: Both 7th and 8th grade teams are still playing in the Sangamon Conference Tournament. Regionals begin this Saturday, January 20th for 7th grade.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Feb 7th : JH Winter Sports Awards Banquet 5:30 pm
 - Feb 8th: Pre-K Family Night 6:00 pm.
 - Feb 9th: 3rd Quarter Midterms

The 2018-19 school calendar was discussed including a few changes.

Chris Olson moved to un-table the motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Financial Impact of Wind Farm Development. Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson made the motion to amend the Resolution in Support of the Financial Impact of Wind Farm Development as read by President, Jason Thomas. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Mike Beard motioned to approve the Resolution in Support of the Financial Impact of Wind Farm Development. Seconded by Jason Thomas. Roll call vote:

Killian	- no	Atkins	- abstain
McBurney	- yes	Beard	- yes
Olson	- yes	Farrell	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson motioned to hire Jonathan Meints as assistant high school baseball coach beginning with the 2018 season. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

The approval of the 5-year Copier Lease with Watts was tabled.

Jamie Farrell motioned to change rounding the grades from the nearest hundredth to nearest tenth for the current school year for valedictorian and salutatorian. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Seconded by Karin Atkins. Motion carried unanimously.