

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District  
Lexington, Illinois  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 20, 2017

President Jason Thomas opened the regular meeting at 7:08 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, and Patti Thomas recording secretary. There were no visitors present.

There was no public participation.

Mike Beard moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the June 29, 2017, Special Board Meeting Public Hearing Amended Budget
- B.) Minutes from the June 29, 2017, Regular and Closed Session Board Meeting
- C.) Lexington July 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in June, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for June, 2017.
- D.) District Finances: June 30, 2017, Treasurer's Report.
- E.) Change August Board Meeting to Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.
- F.) Set September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. as hearing for the FY 2018 Budget
- G.) Accept the letter of resignation from Peggy Huston as Para Professional.

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

Atkins	- yes	Mc Burney	- yes
Beard	- yes	Olson	- yes
Farrell	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/ High School Principal Dwight Stricklin reported on the following:

- Even though the state has a budget, the education budget is still not determined. Within the spending budget, there is an increase of \$300 million more dollars for education based on the new Evidence Based Formula. However, this has not been sent to the governor because he has publically said he would veto it because it would significantly increase the amount of money going to Chicago. When the House and Senate passed it earlier in May, it did not pass with enough votes to override a veto. Because it changes the state aid formula in the spending bill, there is not a provision in School Code for an Evidence Based Formula so there is fear that unless a decision is made soon schools will not receive any money come August. The only hope would be that schools receive the same amount as last year, but not any of the increase of money allocated until a decision of Evidence Based Funding is resolved. Essentially schools still do not know what to expect come August.
- Currently we have nine students scheduled for BACC this year. Seven of them are scheduled for the same time with the other two each scheduled for a different time. We will be discussing whether to provide transportation for the one time slot, both or no transportation at all.

- Summer work is progressing. Most of the classrooms and hopefully hallways will be done by the end of the week. We will begin working on the locker room next Monday.
- Upcoming Events/ Dates,
  - August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> –Registration
  - August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>- Teacher’s Institute
  - August 14<sup>th</sup> – Open House
  - August 16<sup>th</sup> --First Day of School for Students

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

- A presentation was made about the fiscal year final figures for the Cafeteria program. We had a very successful year in the cafeteria ending in the black even with some large purchases that were made to upgrade the appliances.
- Molly Higgins has recently been awarded a \$500 grant from the “Dollars for Dairy” program. This grant program was put on by the St. Louis Dairy Council, which promotes 3 servings of dairy each day. The money awarded will be used to purchase some blenders for the cafeteria staff to be able to make smoothies for the students.
- A presentation was made about the end of the fiscal year figures for the LEAP program. This program was very successful this year. We saw some great responses from the parents and were full to capacity. For the first year in the past four years we have the same staff coming back to work with the program. We may be looking in to offering a before school program in the future.
- Online registration has begun and walk in registration will take place on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A discussion was held on whether or not to provide transportation for the upcoming year for the Bloomington Area Career Center.

Chris Olson moved to go into closed session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss the collective negotiations with the LEA along with the consideration of information regarding appointment, employment, or dismissal of a specific employee. Seconded by Karin Atkins.

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to go into open session at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Jamie Farrell.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve the food bid from Performance Food Service- Fox River Foods for the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve the milk bid from Prairie Farms for the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Andrea McBurney moved to approve the bread bid from Alpha Baking Company for the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Jamie Farrell move to approve the district's title plan for the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Chris Olson move to approve the Elementary, Junior High and High School handbooks for the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney moved to hire Jill Stutzman as a para-professional beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to approve a four year contract extension for Superintendent Dwight Stricklin. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Karin Atkins moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jason Thomas, President

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Andrea McBurney, Secretary