

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
May 19, 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, Chris Olson, Andy Schuler and Jason Thomas. Also present were: Dwight Stricklin, Superintendent/ High School Principal; Paul Deters, Elementary/ Junior High Principal; Patti Thomas, recording secretary. There were seven visitors present.

Tom Frazier, Director of the Bloomington Area Career Center addressed the board along with Aaron Bakaitis, a Lexington High School student that has been attending the Bloomington Area Career Center for the past two years. Tom wanted to present Aaron to the board on his recent Skills USA competition award. Aaron competed in the computer skills competition and won first place in the State of Illinois. Aaron was one of seventy-two students representing the BACC at the competition. He will now be competing at the National level in Louisville, KY this summer. A big congratulations goes out to Aaron on all his accomplishments and good luck at Nationals.

Andy Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) April 21, 2016, regular session minutes.
- B.) Lexington May 19, 2016, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in April, 2016, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for April, 2016.
- C.) District Finances: April 30, 2016 Treasurer's Report.
- D.) Approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution
- E.) Approved the letter of resignation from Erika Leake as high school assistant volleyball coach and 7th grade girls' volleyball coach.
- F.) Approved the letter of resignation from Rob Haslett as 8th grade boys' basketball coach.
- G.) Approved the letter of resignation from Kalin Huston as LEAP after school instructor.
- H.) Approved keeping closed session minutes closed.
- I.) Approved moving the June board meeting to June 30, 2016.
- J.) Approved setting June 30, 2016 at 7:00 pm as the hearing on transferring money from Life Safety to the Operation and Maintenance Fund.
- K.) Approved setting June 30, 2016 at 7:05 pm as hearing for the FY 2016 Amended Budget.

Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Olson	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Stricklin reported on the following:

- The state still has no budget agreement in place, hopefully by the end of May they will have one in place. Early tax receipts will start coming in next week as expected.

- We are expecting a busy summer with several projects planned to update and maintain the building.

Dwight Stricklin, High School Principal, reported the following:

- Senior Awards will be taking place tomorrow, May 20, 2016 at 11:15 am.
- Girls softball team will be competing in the Regional Championship this week. Good Luck to the girls.
- Girls Track team had several members qualify for the state track meet this week.
- HS Graduation will take place next Friday, May 27th, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- The Pre k- 8 Enrollment: 340
 - Preschool: 14
 - Kindergarten: 33
 - 1st Grade: 30
 - 2nd Grade: 41
 - 3rd Grade: 46
 - 4th Grade: 33
 - 5th Grade: 41
 - 6th Grade: 32
 - 7th Grade: 35
 - 8th Grade: 35
- Congratulations to Mrs. Ellen Fuller (19 years) and Mrs. Judy Wick (14 years) on their upcoming retirements.
- Congratulations to Sean Rourke for winning the Elementary Spelling Bee!
- We have agreed to host three student teachers from Illinois State University for the Spring 2017 semester.
- We will be implementing a new 8th grade exploratory course next year. The course called STEM: “Medical Detectives” will be taught by Margiejo Werfelman and is a course that centers around providing students more background in biomedical sciences.
 - 8th Grade: Computer Applications/ STEM: Medical Detectives
 - 7th Grade: Agriculture/ Art
 - 6th Grade: Health/ Music
- JH Girls Track: 8th Grade Girls won the SVC Conference Track Meet
 - IESA State Meet Finishes:
 - Jayden Standish is a State Champion in 8A Discus with school record of 102’-6”
 - 8th Grade Girls 4x400 relay team are State Champions.
 - Layken McGuire in the 1600m finished 7th.
 - 8th Grade Girls 4x200 relay team finished 7th.
- JH Boys Track: 8th Grade Boys won the SVC Conference Track Meet
 - IESA State Meet Finishes:
 - Grant VanVickle in the 400m finished 7th.
 - 8th Grade Boys 4x200 finished 8th.

- JH Promotion will be taking place next Thursday, May 26th 2016 at 7:00 pm in the HS Gym.
- A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Strating and Mrs. Grunloh for organizing the Service Day which took place on Friday, May 6th. All students, grades 6th thru 12th participated in the event. Each student was assigned a project either here at the school or out in the community to help spruce up the surroundings. Some students helped spread mulch on the walking trail, some pulled weeds at the cemetery along with others helping out here at school with painting, and cleaning projects. The students did a wonderful job and it was greatly appreciated.

The facility and maintenance committee reported that the repairs to the retaining wall on the east side of the high school had been completed and looks great.

Mike Hawkins moved to employ Emily Miller as part-time elementary computer teacher and part-time substitute teacher pending completion of course work to obtain proper certification. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins move to employ Sam Williamson as high school varsity boys basketball coach beginning with the 2016-17 season. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to employ Rob Haslett as high school junior varsity boys basketball coach beginning with the 2016-17 season. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- yes	Olson	- yes
Beard	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to employ Kyle Gogoel as junior high baseball coach beginning with the 2016 season. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Thomas	- yes	Olson	- yes
Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to employ Emily Miller as high school assistant volleyball coach and 7th grade volleyball coach beginning with the 2016 seasons. Seconded by Mike Beard.

Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Olson	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Schuler moved to employ Nelle Stover and Karen Edwards as co-after school LEAP instructors. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to authorize to change from contract busing. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to employ Les Thomas as Transportation Director pending final compensation. Seconded by Andy Schuler

Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- abstain	Olson	- yes
Beard	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve a 4 year bus/ activity bus lease with Midwest Transit. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Thomas	- yes	Olson	- yes
Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve a fuel contract with Ken's Oil Service. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Olson	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the new substitute teaching pay scale. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to approve Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm for the special board meeting to appoint the new board members. Seconded by Andy Schuler
Motion carried.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve the transfer of \$35,000 from Working Cash to the Education Fund as budgeted. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to approve Nichol Short as part-time kitchen staff. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote

Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- abstain	Olson	- yes
Beard	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to approve Ashley Hardman as part-time kitchen staff. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

Thomas	- yes	Olson	- yes
Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

The board held a discussion on future co-op opportunities with Ridgeview. What would be the best options for our students here at Lexington as well as the students at Ridgeview.

Andy Schuler moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Seconded by Mike Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.