

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
November 14, 2017

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 one visitor.

There was no public participation.

Karin Atkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the October 19th, 2017 Regular Board Meetings
- B.) Lexington's November 2017, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in October, 2017, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for October, 2017.
- C.) District Finances: October 31, 2017, Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Andrea McBurney. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Senate Bill 851 did pass the House, but it was not called for a vote in the Senate. I talked to Dan Brady before the house voted about how this was a bad bill for schools. He did vote no. I talked again with him after the vote and his feeling is that this bill will not be going anywhere come January. Based on EAV projections, if this is passed it would cost the school district a little over \$200,000 a year plus an increase in the tax rate.
- So far budget projections are on target. There have not been any surprises so far.
- I have a company, Environmental Consultants, out of Collinsville coming Tuesday morning to sample our water. New school law states that any PreK-5 building built before 1987 must test its water. We have to take two 250 ml samples from each water source. We only have to test drinking fountains, kitchen sinks and any sinks in the classrooms. The goal is to have all water sources test less than 5 parts per billion (for lead). The cost will be about \$1500.
- The Volleyball team lost a close Super Sectional match. Even though we lost, they fought very hard. Our team is young and we should only get stronger over the next two years. Hopefully we will be able to make another run to State over these two years. Girls basketball starts on Monday with the opening of our tournament. The boys will start Tuesday, November 21st here at Lexington. We had a total of three students who signed up for wrestling: two students are junior high, we will be transporting them.

- The Veterans Day program went very well. Mr. Deters, Mrs. Strating, and the Learn Club did a great job of promoting the program. I know the Veterans were very appreciative of the program.
- To help raise money for the Lexington food bank, any staff member who makes a \$20 donation, may wear jeans through Thanksgiving. The food bank will use this money to provide meals for our 38 families at Christmas. One of the local churches is donating the food for Thanksgiving. When the food bank started, they only served 4-5 families and now they are at 38. That number will only continue to climb.
- Upcoming Events/ Dates
 - November 22-26th -Thanksgiving Break
 - December 19th & 20th- High School Semester Exams
 - December 21st- January 3rd- Christmas Break

- Enrollment as of 11/14/17
 - 9th- 36
 - 10th- 31
 - 11th- 29
 - 12th- 42

Total 138 Total District 508 End of last school year 491

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K- 8th Enrollment 367
 - Preschool: 19
 - Kindergarten: 40
 - 1st Grade: 36
 - 2nd Grade: 37
 - 3rd Grade: 32
 - 4th Grade: 41
 - 5th Grade: 49
 - 6th Grade: 36
 - 7th Grade: 41
 - 8th Grade: 34
- Offsite: 2
- Students and staff enjoyed themselves at the Annual Fall Festival on Oct. 20th. Students were treated with a variety of stations and got to spend the afternoon enjoying some wonderful fall weather.
- Our kindergarten students and their families recently enjoyed an afternoon of reading during our Be-A-Star program on November 3rd. This program helps to promote and encourage our kindergarten students and families to read.
- On Veterans Day, students and staff participated in variety of different activities to honor our Veterans and educate our students about their sacrifices. The actual ceremony was put on a live feed using Facebook. As of today, it had 943 views. The day was a great success!

- We have seen an uptick in Early Childhood referrals this year. Currently we have seven early childhood students out of a possible nineteen students. We have six more referrals for this spring. With these potential numbers, we will be looking to shift some personnel and responsibilities after the winter break to meet the needs of these potential students.
- Junior High Girls Basketball: 8th Grade girls are playing for the conference championship Thursday night at Colfax. Regionals begin next week for 7th Grade and the following week for 8th Grade girls.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - November 17th 2nd Quarter Midterms
 - November 30th Purple Pride Assembly 10:00 am
 - December 7th Elementary Holiday Program 7:00 pm
 - December 8th JH/HS Holiday Program 7:00 pm

Copies of the school report cards were handed out to look over to see how we compared to other schools in the area.

A discussion was held on what part if any the school district will play in the new rec center project the Park District along with the City are considering.

Chris Olson motioned to give authorization to display of the tentative levy. Seconded by Andy Killian. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Andrea McBurney motioned to approve a one-year contract for Julie Strating as Athletic Director/ Assistant Principal. Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Jamie Farrell moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the district. Seconded by Mike Beard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to adjourn to open session at 7:59 pm. Seconded by Jamie Farrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Adrea McBurney moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Andy Killian. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Andrea McBurney, Secretary