

Lexington Community Unit #7 School District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
October 25, 2016

President Jason Thomas opened the board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the following members present: Karin Atkins, Mike Beard, Mike Hawkins, Andy Killian, Chris Olson, Andy Schuler and Jason Thomas. Also present were Dwight Stricklin; Superintendent/ High School Principal, Paul Deters; Elementary/Junior High School Principal, Teresa Vollmer recording secretary; and five visitors.

Jeremy Lopshire and Scott Wissmiller, wrestling coaches from Ridgeview, addressed the school board to encourage Lexington to participate in a coop for wrestling beginning with the 2016-17 school year if possible. Jon Lock expressed his concerns over equal opportunities to participate in sports currently not offered here at Lexington even with low numbers.

Robin presented the fiscal year 2016 Annual Audit to the Board, explaining the various sections of the report.

Andy Schuler moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A.) Minutes from the September 15, 2016 Special Board Meeting
- B.) Minutes from the September 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.
- C.) Lexington October 2016, regular bills, the payroll liabilities and necessary additional payments made in September, 2016, and ratify Tri-County Special Education Association's bills for September, 2016.
- D.) District Finances: September 30, 2016 Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Chris Olson. Roll call vote:

Atkins	- yes	Olson	- yes
Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on a possible coop with Ridgeview for High School Wrestling.

Superintendent/ High School Principal Stricklin reported on the following:

- The Football team completed their season Friday night. We finished the year 3-6. This was the most wins Lexington has had over the last several seasons (we went 0-9 last year). The HOIC divides football into two divisions-large and small. Unfortunately we are in the large division due to Blue Ridge being part of the coop when the divisions were drawn up. I believe we would have made the playoffs if we had been in the small division this year. We have one more year in the large school division and then beginning in 2018 we will move down to the small school division.
- Volleyball begins regional play tomorrow. We are the top seed for our regional and I expect up to playing (and winning) the regional championship game on Thursday, October 27th. If I can find a chaperone, we will be offering a free fan bus for the championship game.

- McLean County Glass installed the new windows on the 7th. So that project is finally completed. I have spoken with Mr. Lunsford and he will be here in November to present the new 10- year life safety plan.
- We did receive the highest designation of Financial Recognition. Over the last five years, our rating has slowly improved:
 - FY12 2.55 Watch
 - FY13 3.0 Early Warning
 - FY14 3.0 Early Warning
 - FY15 3.35 Review
 - FY16 3.7 Recognition
- The School report cards will be released on October 31st. However, ISBE sent out a spreadsheet to all schools with a summary of scores for the entire state. Our composite score was 77.5%. We had the highest composite of all area schools. In fact, it looks like we finished with the 4th highest composite score in the state at the high school level. The scores will not be made public until after the 31st due to the fact that schools can still make corrections.
- Enrollment as of October 25, 2016
 - 9th Grade 31
 - 10th Grade 29
 - 11th Grade 45
 - 12th Grade 35
 - Total HS Enrollment 140

Elementary Principal Paul Deters reported on the following:

- Pre-K-8th Grade Enrollment as of October 25, 2016
 - Preschool- 11
 - Kindergarten- 36
 - 1st Grade- 34
 - 2nd Grade- 32
 - 3rd Grade- 41
 - 4th Grade- 48
 - 5th Grade- 34
 - 6th Grade- 41
 - 7th Grade- 33
 - 8th Grade- 34
 - Off Site: 3
- We had another great turnout for parent/ teacher conferences.
- At our recent teacher inservice, our staff was given time to work on a variety of individual projects in the morning. In the afternoon, our staff used video analysis to learn more about teacher evaluations and instruction.

- A big thank you to our teachers, parent volunteers and the PTO for another great Fall Festival this past Friday. Our elementary students enjoyed the afternoon and the nice weather while having fun with their classmates.
- Fifth grade and first grade enjoyed their recent field trips. Fifth grade took a trip to Brookfield Zoo and first grade took a trip to Curtis Orchard.
- Mr. Stricklin and I will be attending the EIU job fair on Tuesday, November 2nd.
- Athletics,
 - Junior High Boys Basketball: The season has begun with the following numbers: 6th Grade- 16, 7th Grade- 9, 8th Grade- 6
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Oct 24-28: Red Ribbon Week
 - Oct 27: Purple Pride Assembly 2:00 p.m.
 - Nov 4: Be-A-Star (Kindergarten Family Reading Event) 1:00 p.m.
 - Nov 7: Pre-K Family Night- “Sensory Night” 6:00 p.m.
 - Nov 11: Veteran’s Day Assembly 10:00 a.m.

Mike Hawkins moved approve the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Audit. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Beard	- yes	Schuler	- yes
Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
Olson	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to hire Katie Flach as Elementary Paraprofessional. . Seconded by Karin Atkins. Roll call vote:

Hawkins	- yes	Thomas	- yes
Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hawkins moved to change the November school board meeting to Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30 p.m. Seconded by Mike Beard. Roll call vote:

Killian	- yes	Atkins	- yes
Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Olson moved to set the State-of-The-District school board meeting for January 28, 2017. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Roll call vote:

Olson	- yes	Beard	- yes
Schuler	- yes	Hawkins	- yes
Thomas	- yes	Killian	- yes
Atkins	- yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beard moved to adjourn at 8:14. Seconded by Andy Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Thomas, President

Mike Hawkins, Secretary